



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 10th October 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Thursday 14th October 10am

Int of Siobhan Nelson, Sophie & Sean

Saturday 16th October 6pm

Nigel Appleyard (anniv) – Int of Catherine McMahon

Sunday 17th October 10am

First Communion Mass of Celebration

Daire Gallaher (seriously ill)

Mass intentions this weekend

Saturday 9th October – 6pm

Pat Daly RIP (Int of Margaret Kiely)

Sunday 10th October – 10am

Sheila Murphy (anniv)

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Masses and other liturgies can be located on-line.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/online-mass-directory/>

Our Lady Help of Christians:

www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth

DIAL-A-MASS - 01642 130120

(local rate call)

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Hands / Face / Space

- **Entry & Exit via main door**
- **Singing to resume at 10am Sunday Masses**
- **Mass books, hymn books and Newsletters available at entrance**
- **Collection basket will be at back of church for your kind donations as you leave**
- **Sanitise hands on entry and exit**
- **Wear a face covering, unless exempt**
- **Be aware of social distancing**

THURSDAY CLUB

10am Mass each week followed by refreshments in the Hall

Everyone welcome!

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

We are looking forward to next Sunday, when we shall welcome back the children who made their First Communion during the last two years, for their 'Mass of Celebration', or as it is often called, the 'Sending Forth' Mass. We renew our thanks to all who prepared them for this sacrament, and are getting ready to prepare next year's group.

The second reading this weekend is the second in our series of extracts from the epistle to the Hebrews. We saw last week that the author of that document began by presenting Jesus as the Son of God, superior to the angels and the leader who would take his brothers to their salvation. In the passage we read this weekend, he declares that nothing in creation can hide from the all-seeing 'Word of God'. By this phrase the author seems to mean both the text of the Bible and the power of God that inspired its writing.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS OF CELEBRATION

10am Sunday 17th October

We will be welcoming the children from both our 2021 and 2020 classes to join us for Mass, with refreshments in the Hall afterwards. We were unable to arrange this special Mass, normally held a week or so after the children make their First Holy Communion, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The parents of all the children should have received an email. Please get in touch to let us know whether you will be attending, if you have not already done so. Many thanks.

CONFIRMATION 2022

We will soon be inviting candidates who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation to register their interest.

Further details will be announced soon.

SECONDARY TRANSFER 2022 Certificate of Catholic Practice

Fr John will be available to sign forms for those applying to Catholic secondary schools from

6 – 8pm on Monday 11th October

It would be helpful if you are able to email us at

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk to let us know what time you wish to attend, to avoid unnecessary waiting.

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY AFTERNOON

Wednesday 13th October

1.45pm to 3.15pm

The senior members of our parish are invited visit the school for entertainment provided by the children. This will include singing and dancing performed by all the classes.

After the entertainment, tea and cakes will be served.

If you would like to attend please telephone the school office to book your place

Tel: 01923 226987

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Provisional plans for next year are now underway, and we invite parents of children who would like to make their First Holy Communion next year to register their interest.

Candidates must be 8 years of age (or older) during the current school year.

Weekly classes will take place at 4.30pm on Wednesday afternoons, commencing in January 2022, with proposed dates for the First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th May.

All dates are subject to change if the Covid-19 situation changes.

Please contact:

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk
or Tel: **01923 445163**

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Stay in touch by signing up to E-Alerts on the parish website.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION – a prayer for all who are unable to receive Holy Communion in person

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

PTO

Date for your Diary

PARISH GARDEN TIDY-UP

Saturday 13th November - 10am

Please come along to help out with the annual trimming back and general tidying up of the church grounds, ready for the winter.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Bring your gardening gloves and loppers, etc. for some fresh air and good company! Hope to see you there!

ONE SMALL CHANGE

Saturday 13th November – 7pm

organised by Croxley Baptist Church and St Oswald's

at CROXLEY DANES SCHOOL

Save the Date to Save the Planet

An evening together with family and friends to raise the profile of environmental challenges facing the world and to encourage "one small change" we can make locally that will make a big difference globally. The evening will include a quiz, posters display from local schools, a panel discussion (featuring our MP, a local politician, an environmental psychologist and a local minister and former climate scientist) along with a range of other inputs from local groups and from across the world to get us thinking and talking. **Bring your own drinks and glasses. Table snacks will be provided.**

PLEASE BOOK as a group, or individually by emailing:

bookingsosc@gmail.com or by calling **07932 339859**.

There is no charge for this event, but there will be an opportunity during the evening to make a donation to cover costs.

NEW TO THE PARISH or CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TEL NO

Please fill out a card (in church porch), or email your details to us.

ST JOAN OF ARC SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Weds 10th November 6 - 8pm

For students seeking education in Sixth Form College in 2022.

Further details available on the website:

www.joa.herts.sch.uk

or email:

admin@joa.herts.sch.uk

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Many thanks to Nora & Tim McCarthy for their generous donation towards flowers in church.

As things begin to return to a more normal way of life, we are asking for volunteers to join the flower rota. We are not seeking expert flower arrangers; though they would be very welcome. A simple vase of flowers brings a touch of beauty and colour to the church. Why not come along and try your hand. Help will be available if needed. If you are interested in learning more, please contact: **Louise – 01923 672799**

COP26 GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION

Saturday 6th November – 11am

CAFOD supporters will be gathering at St Mary, Moorfields, 4-5 Eldon Street, London EC2M 7L, before joining the main march outside the Bank of England.

PLEASE REGISTER and find full details at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/COP26-Day-of-Action-2021?>

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 1st October

Climate Crisis Appeal

If you haven't yet returned your envelope – it's not too late! You can also donate on the CAFOD website:

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

You can also add your voice to the online **petition** calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis at: **cafod.org.uk/climate**

VOLUNTEER PASTORAL VISITORS NEEDED

West Watford Hospitals NHS Trust

Would you be willing to consider offering an hour or two each week to visit patients in hospital?

Details on what is involved and required training available from:

westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net

ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021

Message from Bishop John Sherrington

This Private Members Bill is due its second reading on 22nd October, when there will be a full debate in the House of Lords.

If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to **PRAY** this Bill is defeated, **WRITE** to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and **SHARE** our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media. Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found at **parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/** Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, can be found at **<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>**

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

8th Dec 2020 to 8th Dec 2021

Declared by Pope Francis, in his apostolic letter 'Patris Corde', on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/>

Novena Prayer to St Joseph from the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, 'Patris Corde' (With a Father's Heart)

Hail, guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen