



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### FORTHCOMING MASSES

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 10am**

*Peter Sharpe (anniv) – Int of Edna Sharpe*

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 6pm**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 10am**

#### Mass intentions this week

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 10am**

*Intention of Siobhan Nelson, Sophie & Sean*

*John Noble (anniv)*

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 6pm**

*Nigel Appleyard (anniv) – Int of Catherine McMahon*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October – 10am**

*Daire Gallaher (serious ill)*

#### 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth)

#### DIAL-A-MASS - 01642 130120

(local rate call)

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

#### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We ask that you continue to adopt a HANDS, FACE, SPACE approach.

Please continue to wear a face covering in church, unless exempt, and ensure you sanitise your hands upon entry and exit.

#### MANY THANKS

Grateful thanks to Maryann Lowry for her generous donation for flowers in memory of her mother, Sheila Murphy, whose anniversary Mass intention took place last Sunday.

#### BAPTISM

Congratulations to the family of Lorenzo Christopher Hart, who was baptised last weekend. We welcome him and his family into the family of God and into our parish community.

#### 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.*

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

This Sunday we have one of the most enjoyable events in the First Communion programme: the closing Mass, often known as the Mass of Celebration or Sending Forth Mass. The pandemic restrictions made it impossible to hold this at the normal time, so we shall welcome many of the children who received this sacrament during the last two years. We renew our thanks to all who prepared them for this sacrament and are getting ready to prepare next year's group.

In the gospel reading for this weekend, Jesus says that he has come to give his life as a 'ransom for many'. He seems to be quoting from the prophecy in the book of Isaiah, that forms our first reading. We read the full text of this prophecy on Good Friday, and our second reading is also from a passage we hear on that day. It is our third extract from the letter to the Hebrews, and comes after the passage we heard last week. The author is beginning his presentation of Jesus as our high priest, and emphasises that Jesus, the Son of God, became fully human and was tempted in every way that we are. We can therefore approach him with confidence in our prayer.

#### FIRST COMMUNION MASS OF CELEBRATION

Many thanks to all who have prepared for this week's special Mass and refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

Please keep the First Communion children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

#### THURSDAY CLUB

10am Mass each week followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Do join us for a cuppa and a chat if you have some free time on Thursday mornings.

**Everyone welcome!**

#### WESTMINSTER SYNODAL PATHWAY

Further to the Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols (see link on parish website), read at Masses two weeks ago,

Pope Francis is offering us the opportunity to participate in a time of listening and reflecting. He hopes this will help us to discern how God's presence comes into our lives and what the Spirit of God is prompting us to do anew, so that we might be more alive and creative in our response to the call of Jesus, our Way, Truth and Life. Over the next few weeks we will be exploring the ways in which we can become involved at parish level.

#### CONFIRMATION 2022

We would now like to invite candidates who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation to register their interest.

#### Help needed

In order to run the Confirmation programme we require the assistance of adults who are willing to support our Lead Catechist.

***This role would prove to be very rewarding for parents of the candidates, so we urge you to consider offering your help.***

Volunteers are required to have DBS clearance, and full guidance would be offered.

**Contact: The Parish Office**  
[croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)  
Tel: Ursula – 01923 445163

#### COP26 GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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/Event/s/COP26-Day-of-Action-2021?>

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## 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 7<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

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

[croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)  
or Tel: 01923 445163

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

## NEW TO THE PARISH or CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TEL NO

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

## Date for your Diary

### PARISH GARDEN TIDY-UP

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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**

## ONE SMALL CHANGE

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**If you would like to attend with the small group from St Bede's, already registered, please let me know.**

**Ursula – 01923 445163 or email [croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)**

## ST JOAN OF ARC SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup> November 6 - 8pm**

For students seeking education in Sixth Form College in 2022.

Further details available on the website:

[www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk)

or email:

[admin@joa.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@joa.herts.sch.uk)

## 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](mailto:westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net)

## ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021

**Message from Bishop John Sherrington**

This Private Members Bill is due its second reading on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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/](https://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

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021**

Declared by Pope Francis, in his apostolic letter ‘Patris Corde’, on the 150<sup>th</sup> 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