



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Thirtieth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 24th October 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Thursday 28th October 10am

Saturday 30th October 6pm

Sunday 31st October 10am

Mass intentions this week

Thursday 14th October – 10am

Peter Sharpe (anniv) – Int of Edna Sharpe

Saturday 23rd October – 6pm

Peter Lockyer (anniv)

Sunday 24th October – 10am

Renee Shearood RIP

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.

COFFEE IN THE HALL

(Second Sunday of the month)

Join us for coffee & refreshments in the Hall on **Sunday 14th November after 10am Mass.**

November after 10am Mass.

We are delighted to announce that we will be resuming this lovely opportunity to socialise on the second Sunday of each month.

We look forward to welcoming you.

A small donation towards the cost of refreshments would be very much appreciated.

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.

NEW TO THE PARISH or CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TEL NO

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

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

It was a tremendous pleasure to welcome back so many of the children who made their First Communion recently, for the Celebration Mass last Sunday.

Our sincere thanks to everyone involved in the preparations for the Mass, and for the party in the Hall afterwards.

We are now looking forward to preparing next year's children for these sacraments, and to inviting our teenage members to prepare for their Confirmation. Details of how to register for these courses are given in this Newsletter.

Our second reading is again from the letter to the Hebrews, and comes after the passage we read last week. It tells how Jesus, like every high priest, was taken out of mankind and appointed to offer sacrifice for human sins. To emphasise that Christ was appointed to this priestly position by God the Father, the author quotes lines from two psalms that were originally written to be sung at a king's coronation.

A REMINDER

The clocks go back 1 hour next weekend – 30th/31st October.

WESTMINSTER SYNODAL PATHWAY

Further to the recent Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols (see link on parish website), 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.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31st October to 12th November. Please pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS OF CELEBRATION

It was a joy to welcome the First Communion children from both the 2020 and 2021 classes for their special Mass last Sunday.

Our grateful thanks go to Edel, Sally and all who helped with the refreshments in the Hall afterwards, which were enjoyed by all.

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/Event/s/COP26-Day-of-Action-2021?>

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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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!

CONFIRMATION 2022

We would now like to invite candidates who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation to register their interest. Candidates must be 15 years of age this current school year (Year 10), or older.

A meeting for the parents of prospective candidates will be held on Weds 1st December at 7.30pm in the Hall.

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
Tel: Ursula – 01923 445163

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.

A Parents Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm in the Hall, when applications forms will be available.

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

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!

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER

WEBSITE Can you help?

The Committee is seeking a technically-minded volunteer to administer the Churches Together website. If you are able to assist please get in touch.
Contact: Ursula - 445163

PARISH NURSE TRUSTEE

Churches in Croxley Green CIO are seeking a new Trustee to join the team. If you have business ability and a talent for raising funds, and feel you can help, please get in touch.

Contact: Rev Lisa Kerry
lkerry@aol.com

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

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.

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
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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