



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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THIS PARISH IS PART OF THE WESTMINSTER ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE TRUSTEE CHARITY NO. 233699

Feast of Christ the King – Sunday 21st November 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Thursday 25th November 10am

November Dead List

Saturday 27th November 6pm

Sunday 28th November 10am

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat 20th November 6pm

People of the parish

Sun 21st November 10am

John Walsh 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.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Many thanks to all who came in such good numbers last Saturday and gave your time to ensure that the church grounds are prepared for the winter. Our thanks to Louise for providing refreshments and the not-so-light lunches. Our thanks also go to all arranged the refreshments after Mass last Sunday morning. The attendance at all the events for Remembrance Sunday weekend was impressive and uplifting.

Our first two readings this weekend are both examples of the kind of writing called apocalyptic, in which visions of future events are given to a human seer by a heavenly messenger. Our second reading is from the book that has the name 'Apocalypse'. Just after the beginning of the book the author sends greetings from Jesus Christ to his readers, and gives praises to Jesus in words taken from famous passages in the Old Testament. Jesus is said to be coming on the clouds like the Son of Man in our first reading, and a few sentences later the author sees Jesus in a vision and describes him as 'Son of Man'.

MANY THANKS

To all who came along last Saturday to help with the gardening. Nearly 20 parishioners worked hard; pruning, weeding and tidying the church grounds, ready for winter. Special thanks to Louise for providing refreshments and a delicious lunch for the workers.

Many thanks also to Fabian, who recently organised the transformation of the patio area at the rear of the Hall.

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

Over the next few weeks we will be asking as many people as possible, both within and outside our parish community, to complete a simple questionnaire. The responses we receive will be collated by the Diocese and sent to Rome.

SYNOD – a late Middle English word, via late Latin, from the Greek word 'sunodos' (sun = together / hodos = way)

SYNODAL PATHWAY QUESTIONNAIRES

PLEASE DO FILL ONE OUT

These will be available at church. Copies will also be available on the parish website.

You can also get involved by attending one of the Listening Events:

With Bishop Paul McAleenan

Monday 29th November: 7–9pm

at Our Lady & St Michael's Church, Crown Rise, Garston, Watford WD25 ONE

Booking is required via catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Online Listening Event:

Wednesday 24th November:

7–9pm on Zoom.

Please register in advance at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/g/register/tZ0qcO2qpjsiGNJarxBh9nrqBt10MHESVCK0>

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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COFFEE IN THE HALL SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH after 10am Mass

Join us for coffee & refreshments in the Hall. A small donation towards the cost of refreshments would be very much appreciated.

Many thanks to Sally and her team for arranging the refreshments last Sunday – so lovely to be able to gather together again!

NEW TO THE PARISH or CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TEL NO

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Shirley & Lawrence Fanning

on the birth of Amelia Grace on 12th November 2021.

May God bless little Amelia and her parents.

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.

FAIRTRADE ADVENT CALENDAR

The Real Advent Calendar, including Fairtrade chocolate and 'The Christmas Story' booklet is available from:
<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>
The Kitchen Croxley also have some in stock.

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 VINCENT DE PAUL VINNIE PACKS

The SVP are distributing **11,500 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.70 per pack. Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **Sort code 60-60-04 Account No 4608 8237**
Thank you so much for your support.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

New volunteers to join the Flower Team are always 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**

FOCOLARE CENTRE

Welwyn Garden City
JOB VACANCY for Centre Manager

20 hrs per week for one year (temporary post).
Application deadline: 30th Nov
Contact: Mary Gateshill at
cfu@focolare.org.uk

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

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

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – GARSTON

Vacancy for Cleaners

15 hrs per week – term-time evenings, plus occasional weekends. Contact:

Mrs Josephine Arthur-Tinworth
sbm@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk
Tel: 01923 673760

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Westminster Cathedral
Weds 15th and Thurs 16th December at 7.30pm

A wonderful evening of music and readings for all the family, featuring Westminster Cathedral Choir and Orchestra; conducted by Simon Johnson, the Cathedral's new Master of Music.

Tickets start at £20 each available at Ticketmaster:
<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/westminster-cathedral-tickets-london/venue/254582>

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

VIRGIN MONEY GIVING

As you may know, Virgin Money Giving is closing down at the end of November, and we will no longer be able to receive donations in this way.

Many thanks all who have sent donations through VMG.

We are always grateful for your generosity, and donations can be made directly to the parish using the following bank details.

Sort Code: 40-05-20
Account No: 21095560
Account Name:
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