

St. Bede's & St. Cuthbert's

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EASTER SUNDAY 2017

(15th-23rd April)

Thank you to all who attended the meeting about Fr John last Monday. For the benefit of those who weren't there, the following statements were read out:

Kathleen Smith, Diocesan Chief Operating Officer said:

"I think it is very important to note that Judge Prince, while sentencing Fr John, actually said,

'Those charged with financial responsibility cannot turn a blind eye to the behaviour of a priest. One recognises how challenging it would be. There must have been real shock and distress that they had to take dramatic steps and commence the process of a much loved priest being charged with these offences. There can be no criticism of those who reported this. Those who are responsible for reporting are not responsible for bringing Fr John to court.'

I feel it is extremely important to report this because I have total respect for the team who work alongside me in the Diocese and for your own parish Finance Committee. It is very important that we adhere to proper financial procedures so that all of our parishioners know that their generous offerings are treated justly and with total respect."

Fr Jim O'Keefe said, "Fr John sent me an email on Sunday evening, so I will read what he said:

'Dear Parishioners of St Cuthbert's and St Bede's

Now that the legal process has ended I wish to express my sincere apologies for all the distress and unrest my actions have caused. I accept full responsibility for the way the finances of the Parish were used. Sorry.

St Paul in 1 Corinthians 1 v10 asks that there be no divisions among you. This is the time to move on, draw a line and come together as the Body of Christ in this area. Please continue your support for Fr Chris and love one another as the good Lord has asked.

Thank you to all who prayed for me, had Masses said, those who wrote letters and sent cards. They were a great comfort to me.

May God bless you all.

John C L Reid' "

FROM FR. CHRIS

And now may we begin to heal our divisions and to move forward. There will be a day of recollection for our two parishes on Saturday 20th May at Stanbrook Abbey; please save the date.

In May we shall again make the Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots.

Please continue to pray at the two weekly opportunities for Adoration:

Thursdays 9-10am at St Bede's & Fridays 9-10am at St Cuthbert's

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Service of the Word & Communion at St. Cuthbert's Monday and Wednesday, 10am and at St. Bede's Thursday 10am.

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 6.30pm at St. Cuthbert's will be offered for Don Taggart.

Sunday: 9am St. Bede's People of the Parish; St. Cuthbert's 10.30am People of the Parish.

ST. CUTHBERT'S PIETY SHOP

The Easter Bible Alive is now available for recent new orders (names on the front of book). If you wish to place an order please write your name followed by (BA) in the order book. Happy Easter to everyone from all involved in the shop.

COLLECTIONS St. Cuthbert's: Loose plate: £339.22 Gift Aid: £282.90 Cafod: £124.23 Holy Places: £245.74

St. Bede's: Loose plate: £177.50 Gift Aid: £172.00 Holy Places: 118.75

ST. BEDE'S FOOD BANK COLLECTION

March: 24.72kg=approx 31 meals. Many thanks. Please donate foodstuffs only.

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