



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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First Sunday of Advent – Sunday 28th November 2021

MASSES

Tuesday 30th November	10am
Thursday 2nd December	10am
Saturday 4th December	6pm
Sunday 5th December	10am
Sunday 5th December	4pm

Sri Lankan (Sinhalese) Mass

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat 27th November	6pm
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Helen Buckley RIP (Int of Siobhan)

Sun 28th November	10am
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People of the parish

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.

10am TUESDAY Mass will be resumed this week.

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!

ADVENT COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 12th December after 10am Mass

Join us for coffee & refreshments in the Hall, plus Christmas Raffle, and craft stall in aid of the Peace Hospice.

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

Please also let us know if any of your contact details have changed.

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

Our thanks to those who have completed a Synodal Pathway questionnaire, and a reminder that forms are available at the back of the church and on the parish website. We have to prepare a statement for the diocesan authorities based on your replies, and it is important that this should reflect the views of the whole community, both within and outside the parish.

During Advent our first readings at Mass are naturally the prophecies of the 'One who is to come', the coming Christ. Most of these come from the book of Isaiah, and we read extracts from that book at the Advent week day Masses. But there are also predictions of the coming Christ in other books of the Old Testament, and we hear some of them at our Sunday Masses this year. The prophet Jeremiah is known as a prophet of doom, because it fell to him to predict the destruction of Jerusalem, but his works include the passage we read this weekend, in which he foretells the coming of a wise and just ruler, from the dynasty of the great King David.

PARISH REPOSITORY

Volunteer required

The Repository has remained closed for the sale of cards, etc. during the pandemic, but we hope to be able to re-open in the near future.

However, we need to find a

volunteer who is willing to organise the shop area and sales, with support from the Parish Team. If you can help please get in touch.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Christmas Voices from the Holy Land

Prayers, poems and reflections for Advent & Christmastide

by Fr Richard Nesbitt & 15 voices from the Holy Land - £9.99 from:

<https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/shop/>

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 are available at church and on the parish website.

You can also get involved by attending the Listening Event 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

Some parishioners have already registered to attend – come along and join us!

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.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC)

Our thanks to the volunteers who make up this Committee and assist Fr John with the running of the parish. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved with future plans and developments in the parish.

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FAIRTRADE ADVENT CALENDARS

The true meaning of Christmas presented in The Real Advent Calendar, including Fairtrade chocolate and 'The Christmas Story'. Available from:
<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>

THE PASSAGE - The Big Give 12noon Tues 30th November to 12noon Tues 7th December

The Passage is a Catholic charity working with homeless people; raising funds through the Big Give, which is a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online between the above times/dates makes £2 and, £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. At a time when The Passage's finances are stretched and they are helping more homeless people, please consider supporting this charity through this link: [tlink
https://bit.ly/PassageBG2021](https://bit.ly/PassageBG2021)

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.

CONFIRMATION 2022

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

Candidates must be 15 years of age this current school year (Year 10), or older.

**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**

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:
WRCDT St Bede Croxley Green**

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

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**