



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Seventh Sunday of the Year – Sunday 20th February 2022

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 22nd February 10.00am

Thursday 24th February 10.00am

Intention of Shelia Warner

Saturday 26th February 6.00pm

Sunday 27th February 10.00am

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.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We will be continuing to ventilate the church as much as possible, so please wrap up warm when you attend Mass. You may wish to continue wearing a face covering in church, and hand sanitiser will remain available at the church door. Holy Communion under the one kind only, will continue for the time being.

You are urged to accept vaccinations, as and when these are offered. This will help to protect those who are most vulnerable.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Many thanks to Sally and her team for last Sunday's excellent refreshments.

All are invited to join us for tea, coffee and refreshments in the Hall **after 10am Sunday Mass** on the following dates:

Sunday 6th March – following the First Communion candidates' Mass of Election.

Sunday 10th April

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please 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

Congratulations to our teenage members who were formally enrolled as candidates for Confirmation last Sunday. Our classes for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates resume this Wednesday, and we are looking forward to the celebration of First Confession next Saturday. As always we thank our Lead Catechists, Anna Borrill and Imelda Cooper, and their helpers. We also thank Sally Blasi and her team for organising the refreshments after Mass last Sunday.

Our second reading continues the series from the chapter about the resurrection in St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Paul has written that the resurrection of Jesus would in due time be followed by the resurrection of all who believed in him. He now moves on to describe how the resurrection is to take place. He argues that all living creatures are given the kind of flesh that is appropriate to them. As the human race inherited mortal bodies from Adam, so from Jesus; risen from the dead, we inherit 'spiritual life'. At the end of time we shall be raised with a body, like that of the risen Jesus.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Next Confirmation class: 7 to 8pm

Wednesday 23rd February 2022.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Next class: 4.30 to 5.30pm

Wednesday 23rd February 2022.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 23rd April

Church Spring Clean

Further details to follow.

Quiz Night

Saturday 11th June

Further details to follow.

THURSDAY CLUB

After 10am Mass every Thursday.

Everyone welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 4th March – 2pm

All are very welcome to attend this service, at St Bede's, prepared this year by Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Light refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

Contact Michelle – 01923 211802

FRUGAL LENTEN LUNCH

Friday 4th March – 12noon

A simple lunch will be served in the Hall immediately before the **World Day of Prayer** Service. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID

'OMNIA' CHORAL EVENING

Saturday 19th March

All Saints - Croxley Green

7.30 for 7.45pm

This London-based vocal octet has performed at concerts in churches in and around London, Devon and Norfolk, as well as in care homes, hospices and for the Grenfell Tower Support Centre.

www.omniavoices.com

Tickets - £12.50 each (includes cheese and a glass of wine)

Contact: Chris Gregory on

01923 255364 or at

chris.gregory@tec-architecture.com

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

We are very grateful to those who donate towards the flowers in church, and to our Flower Team.

New volunteers to join the Flower Team are always welcome.

No experience needed – full guidance available. 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**

CAFOD AFGANISTAN APPEAL

CAFOD is combining efforts with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to assist the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal.

Donations can be made via the CAFOD website

cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal

**CAFOD Walk Against Hunger
Saturday 26th March
A great idea for your Lenten
Sacrifice**

Following the success of last year's 'Walk for Water' campaign, we are planning a parish effort to raise much needed funds for CAFOD's vital work across the globe. It is estimated that 200 million children are at risk due to malnutrition, and we cannot ignore this plea for help.

CAFOD is encouraging people to take a 5km walk each day throughout the 40 days of Lent, making a total of 200km, and on Saturday 26th March, parish communities all over the country will be participating together.

At St Bede's we are asking as many of you as possible to take a walk on 26th March. Our parish CAFOD representative, Fabian Hiscock, is defining a route of approximately 5km around Croxley Green that begins and ends at our church; takes in all our neighbouring Christian churches, and will be suitable for buggies, prams, wheelchairs, etc. This will of course just be a suggested route – you can choose to walk, jog or run, in any location of your choice. Those taking part will be encouraged to walk in small groups, to avoid complications with public liability insurance, etc. Light refreshments will be available in our church hall at some point during the day.

We will be setting up a group 'Just Giving' page, and hope that many of you will pass the details of this to your family and friends, so they can sponsor you as part the group.

WATCH THIS SPACE for further details of the suggested route and opportunity to invite sponsorship. Information about the Walk Against Hunger campaign can be found at: cafod.org.uk/walk

**ANNUAL MASS OF
THANKSGIVING FOR THE
SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Westminster Cathedral
Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, and would like an invitation, please pass the following information to Fr John or Ursula:

Full names
Wedding date
Full postal address
Email address
Contact phone number

**CROXLEY CHURCHES
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Currently, the following parishioners represent St Bede's on the Churches Together Committee:

Fr John
Anna Morris
David Reilly (Treasurer)
Ursula Bartlett (Vice Chair)
We are now appealing for new volunteers to join the Committee, as some of our officers are approaching the end of their term of office. We are very fortunate to enjoy excellent links with our neighbouring churches, and it is essential that we continue the important work of this group within the Croxley community. Committee members are required to attend meetings only 4 times per year. ***We would be particularly interested to hear from anyone who could fill the posts of Chair and Treasurer with effect from January 2023.***
Contact: Ursula – 01923 445163

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE (PDC)**

Our thanks to the volunteers who make up this Committee and continue to assist Fr John with the running of the parish during challenging times.

New volunteers are always welcome to join us in this task.
Contact: Ursula – 01923 445163

VOLUNTEER FOR CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD?

There are lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

In the parish - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.

In local schools – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. DBS Check & references part of application.

Co-ordinating volunteers to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Tony Sheen at tsheen@cafod.org.uk

PARISH FINANCES

We are very grateful to all who have continued to supported the parish financially during the past year. We extend our sincere thanks to David Reilly (Chair of Finance) and the other members of the Finance Committee, who have assisted Fr John in managing our finances during these difficult times.

A huge THANK YOU to all who donate via bank standing orders and planned giving envelopes. 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**