CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Eighth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 27th February 2022

MASSES

No Tuesday Mass this week
Weds 2nd March 10.00am
Ash Wednesday

Thursday 3rd March 10.00am
Saturday 5th March 6.00pm
Sunday 6th March 10.00am
First Holy Communion
Rite of Election

Sunday 6th March 4.00pm
Sri Lankan Mass

Mass Intentions this week
Thursday 24th February 10.00am
Int of Shelia Warner (Diamond wedding anniversary)
Saturday 26th February 6.00pm
People of the parish
Sunday 27th February 10.00am
Joan Wiley (anniv)

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 MORNING NEXT SUNDAY after 10am Mass (6 Mar)
All are invited to join us for tea, coffee and refreshments in the Hall.
Next Coffee Morning:
Sunday 10th April

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS
We encourage you to continue to exercise caution, and accept vaccinations as and when offered. 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.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN
This Newsletter is prepared ahead of the weekend, but we may surely congratulate our children who are making their First Confessions this Saturday morning, and renew our thanks to Anna Borrill and her helpers for their work in preparing them. This coming week sees the start of Lent, and full details of the events marking the beginning of this season are given in the Newsletter.
Our second reading for this weekend brings us to the end of the long passage about the resurrection in St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Paul has explained that at the resurrection the bodies of those redeemed by Christ will undergo a change that makes them imperishable. This will signal the defeat of death, the final enemy of the human race. Christ our redeemer has drawn the sting of death, like the sting of a serpent. All the toil of living is not pointless, because the Christian belongs to the Lord, who has won th4 victory.

CONFIRMATION 2022
Next Confirmation class: 7 to 8pm
Wednesday 2nd March 2022.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022
Next class: 4.30 to 5.30pm
Wednesday 2nd March 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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH
Please let us know if any of your contact details have changed.

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

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.

CAFOD Walk Against Hunger
Saturday 26th March
https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/st-bedes
Please join us to raise much needed funds for CAFOD's vital work across the globe. 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 5km walk on 26th March, IN SMALL GROUPS, AT A TIME OF YOUR CHOICE.
We have set up a group Just Giving page (link above). Please share if you are willing to raise funds through sponsorship.
Please get in touch if you would like us to add your name to the Just Giving page.
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. (further details to follow).
This will of course just be a suggested route – you can choose to walk, jog or run, in any location of your choice.
Information about the Walk Against Hunger campaign can be found at:
cafod.org.uk/walk

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

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

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

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

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