



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### MASSES

**Tuesday 10.00am**

**Thursday 10.00am**

*Followed by Thursday Club*

**Saturday 6.00pm**

**Sunday 10.00am**

**First Sunday of the month – 4pm**

***Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass***

#### Mass Intentions

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 6pm**

*Sister Carmel McCarthy RIP*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July – 10am**

*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/>

#### REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL

**After Sunday 10am Mass**

Next coffee morning will be in September – date to be announced.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate Hannah Humphrey & Christopher Wells who were married at St Bede's last Saturday. We wish them every happiness for the future. May God bless them.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA VOLUNTEER

**Can you help?**

We are looking for someone with IT knowledge who would be willing to assist with promoting our parish activities via social media. Please contact Ursula if you are able to help.

#### MANY THANKS

We are very grateful to the generous member of our community who has donated £40 towards flowers in church. Thank you very much for your support in helping the flower team to ensure the church is always adorned with beautiful floral displays.

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Renewed congratulations to our neighbours in the Anglican parish of All Saints, as they celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their foundation this year; and our congratulations to the members of the Flower Team, who made such a fine contribution to the Flower Festival at All Saints Church last weekend.

Our second reading this weekend is our third extract from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians. Two weeks ago we read the hymn that Paul quoted to show Jesus Christ as supreme in God's creation and head of the church. Now Paul warns his readers not to be captivated by what he calls 'hollow speculation, not based on Christ'. Paul emphasises that it is through baptism and faith in Christ that we gain true life and the forgiveness of our sins. Any powers that seemed to control the material world had been defeated by the death and resurrection of Christ, so there was no need to placate them.

#### ALL SAINTS CHURCH 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Louise, Pat and Nathalie, who created a spectacular floral display for the flower festival last weekend, to represent St Bede's Parish. They worked tirelessly in the days leading up to the festival, in the face of a number of challenges, including the extremely hot weather! Numerous compliments have been received, and are very well deserved. We hope to put up a display of photos very soon, so we can enjoy the beautiful display for a little longer! A lavender shrub and greetings card has been presented to All Saints Church on behalf of the parish, as a token of our friendship, and was very well received.

#### KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please let us know if any of your contact details have changed. Remember to check our parish website regularly for updates.

#### STEVE RABOT RIP

We were very saddened to learn that Steve passed away very recently, in Sri Lanka; his home country. Steve was an active member of the parish, prior to becoming ill, and some of you may remember him as a valued volunteer on our church cleaning rota. We send our sincere condolences to Steve's family and loved ones. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks to all who supported any Christian Aid Week activities in May this year.

The sum of **£5239 was raised**, in spite of limitations due to the effects of the pandemic.

#### ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Are you seeking education in a Catholic primary school for your child? We still have a small number of places available for September in our Nursery. Please register your interest ASAP.

**Contact: Mrs Elaine Harrold, Headteacher – 01923 226987**

**[www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk)**

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS AT MASS

**Our Stewards will continue to receive your donations as you leave Mass.** We are very grateful for these donations, and to all who continue to support the parish financially.

If you would like to donate or set up a Bank Standing Order, please use these details:

**Sort Code: 40-05-20**

**Account No: 21095560**

**Account Name:**

**WRCDT St Bede Croxley Green**

#### GIFT AID

Gift Aid allows charities to reclaim tax on donations made by UK taxpayers. These donations are worth 25% more to us, at no extra cost to the donor. ***Please let us know if you would like to complete a Gift Aid declaration form.***

## UKRAINIAN APPEAL

Much needed funds can be donated via CAFOD, a Disasters Emergency Committee member.  
<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>  
Please continue to pray for an end to the suffering.

## 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](https://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal)

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

### Parish Gardening Day

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October – 10am**

Our annual tidy-up before the winter, with refreshments provided for the workers! More details in due course.

## ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL – RICKMANSWORTH

**Open Evening – Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**

**Open Morning – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9am**

Further details, application form and Admissions Policy available on the school website:

[www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk)

email:

[admissions@joa.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@joa.herts.sch.uk)

Tel: 01923 587970

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HERTFORDSHIRE

### Beautiful Minds Breakfast

**Training Event – 9am to 11.30am**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Venue: Focolare Centre for Unity, Welwyn Garden City.

Bookings are now open for this event. FREE admission with breakfast is included. **Please note that booking is essential** to facilitate catering and the link for bookings is below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/372193389447>

Further details available from

[beautifulmindsHerts@gmail.com](mailto:beautifulmindsHerts@gmail.com)

## SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding and the practice of love, honesty, respect, support and accountability are essential parts of our Catholic ministry and mission. Awareness and training modules are available from EduCare (E-learning website). These are free of charge for all members of the Catholic community. If you would like to access this service or require further information, please let me know.

**Ursula – 01923 445163**

**Parish Safeguarding Rep**

## CATHOLIC LISTENERS

A new confidential listening helpline will launch this month. **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. Although we are not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. Simply talking about a problem can ease a burden. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at [catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or **0800 448 0704**

We are here to listen!

## PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC)

The PDC meets with Fr John every 2 or 3 months, to discuss parish matters. Anyone in the parish is welcome to join this group of volunteers; please get in touch if you are interested in becoming involved in planning for the future.

## CAFOD FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

### The paradox of abundance

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the current global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System.

See [www.cafod.org.uk/food](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food) for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

## VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS

### Gap Year Opportunities for Young Catholics

Vincentian Volunteers are Catholic young people aged 18-35, from all over the world, who commit a year of their lives to the service of vulnerable people. During their year with us, they live in a community of three or four people and engage in voluntary work in partnership with other, well known charity organisations in order to help the impoverished, the homeless, the disabled, refugees and those suffering with addictions within the local community. We are still recruiting for 2022/23 (September 2022 to July 2023).

For more details please visit:

<https://www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk/>