



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

18th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 31st July 2022

MASSES

Tuesday 10.00am
Thursday 4th August 11.30am
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am

Sunday 7th August 4.00pm
Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

Mass Intentions

Thursday 28th July – 10am

Derek Wymark RIP (Int of Louise McKenna)

Saturday 23th July – 6pm

Christine Skinner – anniv (Int of Pat Cheese)

Sunday 30th July – 10am

People of the parish

Tuesday 2nd August – 10am

Pat Culverson - 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/>

THURSDAY CLUB SUMMER LUNCH – 4th August

All are welcome to join us for the annual Summer Lunch, following Mass, which will be at the **revised time of 11.30am**.

Please let us know if you will be attending, for catering purposes.

Contact: Louise – 01923 672799 or Ursula – 01923 445163

REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL After Sunday 10am Mass

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

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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please let us know of changes to contact details, and remember to check the parish website regularly.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

As we approach the peak of the holiday season, we renew our thanks to everyone who has helped with the provision of services during the first half of this year. In early autumn we shall be welcoming several children into the church in the waters of Baptism, and we keep these children and their families in our prayers. The second reading is our fourth and final extract from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians. Paul has argued that all the powers that seem to control the material world have been defeated by the death and resurrection of Jesus. Though our new life is now hidden, it will be revealed when Christ comes in glory. Instead of worrying about pleasing angelic powers or carrying out complicated rituals, we should concentrate on defeating the sin and immorality that belong only to earthly life. The renewal that Christ offers is available to all of us, regardless of national or social distinctions.

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Gardening Day

Saturday 15th 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 6th

October at 6pm

Open Morning – Fri 7th October at 9am

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

www.joa.herts.sch.uk

email:

admissions@joa.herts.sch.uk

Tel: **01923 587970**

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Visit www.cafod.org.uk to find out more. Thank you for your support.

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.

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Beautiful Minds Breakfast Training Event – 9am to 11.30am Saturday 8th 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

MASS VOLUNTEERS

Continued thanks to all our dedicated volunteers.

Please remember to note your volunteer dates in your diaries, as we no longer send out weekly reminders. There is a copy of the rota (minus personal contact details) on the wall in the Repository if you need to do a quick check.

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 or **0800 448 0704**
We are here to listen!

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 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/>