



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

19th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 7th August 2022

MASSES

Tuesday	10.00am
Thursday	10.00am
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am

Sunday 7th August - 4pm
Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6th August – 6pm
Adam Trevers (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

Many thanks to Louise and her team of helpers for arranging lunch this week.

Thursday Club will now take a break for the remainder of August, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

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.

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.

PARISH UPDATE

We wish Fr John a speedy recovery, after testing positive for covid last weekend.

We are very grateful to David Marston who conducted a Eucharist Service in place of last Saturday's 6pm Mass.

Our thanks also to Fr Gerard and Fr Alex (Holy Rood Parish) for their assistance.

It was a pleasure to welcome Fr Gerard on Sunday, to celebrate 10am Mass.

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The relics of St Bernadette are being brought to the Diocese, as part of a journey across England, Wales and Scotland in the early autumn this year.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has expressed his hope that this will be an occasion of grace for us all, and warmly encourages individuals and groups to come to pray and venerate the relics at Westminster Cathedral, or one of the other churches which the relics will be visiting. See poster in church porch for details of venues.

Further information is available at stbernadette.org.uk

CATHOLIC WORKER FARM FarmFest Music Festival 26th to 29th August

All are welcome to this fundraiser in order to support with accommodation, food, English lessons and psychotherapy provided to destitute women and children. There will be music and a range of other activities.

Tickets: £15 adults / £7.50 under 16s / free entry for under 6s.

For more information please visit farmfest.info or call **Scott on 07983 477819**

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.

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.

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.

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

AMORIS LAETITIA – THE JOY OF LOVE

A new reflection document on Marriage and Family Life (MFL). The MFL Committee, chaired by Bishop David Oakley, Lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life, has produced a document of reflections on the main themes of Amoris Laetitia called 'The Joy of Love'.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-joy-of-love-new-reflection-document-on-marriage-and-family-life/>

Amoris Laetitia should be read in a contemplative way. It's a text you receive in your heart – an opportunity to contemplate the mystery of love within marriage and family life and to grow a sense of discipleship" Bishop David Oakley

CELEBRATE

A Catholic ministry helping support individuals, communities and especially families, to live an authentic Christian life. On their website they have a new online Family Activity Pack for Summer:

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

For those wishing to sign up to the CELEBRATE mailing list to keep up to date with what they are doing for families, please visit:

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/get-in-touch>

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.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

Please let us know if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you know of anyone who may welcome this.