



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Feast of the Assumption – Sunday 14th August 2022

MASSES

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

First Sunday of the month - 4pm
Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

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

A huge 'thank you' to Louise and her team for the wonderful lunch last week, which was enjoyed by all who attended. We are very grateful to those who helped in any way.

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.

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**

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

My sincere thanks to everyone who has supported me during my prolonged dose of covid during the last two weeks. We thank David Marston for conducting the Eucharist Services on the last two Saturday evenings, and renew our thanks to Fr Gerard O'Brien (Holy Rood, Watford), and Fr Graham Stokes (St John Fisher, North Harrow), for coming to celebrate the Sunday morning Masses. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. This is one of the feasts that has a different set of texts for the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. But that Mass and the morning Mass both have second readings from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. In a lengthy passage near the end of the letter, Paul reminds his readers of the gospel he preached; that Christ was raised from death and his resurrection was a first fruit. It would be followed by the raising of all who believed in Christ. Christ has drawn the sting of death and the Christian shares in his victory.

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

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.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Flowers in the Church is a long standing tradition at St Bede's, maintained by a very small team of volunteers who would warmly welcome you if you would like to come along and try your hand. No experience is necessary and guidance and help will be available if needed. For most weekends of the year a simple arrangement or vase of flowers under the altar is sufficient with perhaps a small vase of flowers by Our Lady. We have a fortnightly rota but it is flexible and there are no flowers in Church during Advent or Lent. The current rota is displayed in the church porch – if you can help by filling in on one of the dates marked with a question mark, please get in touch.

Contact: Louise - 01923 672799 or 07901 945989

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**

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

CAFOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CAFOD School Volunteer

Are you looking for a new challenge? Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies and workshops about our work and encourage young people to take action, fundraise and pray with CAFOD? Then why not use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty.

No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

CAFOD Schools Volunteer Co-ordinator

Are you interested in using your skills to help to help organise visits to primary and secondary schools across the Westminster Diocese? Are you comfortable using databases and communicating with schools and other volunteers? Join us a volunteer to support our busy schools programme. **Some experience using databases and IT systems is required but full support and training will be given.**

Contact: Tony Sheen at CAFOD
tsheen@cafod.org.uk
Tel: 0208 449 6970
Mobile 07789 876913

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.

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.**

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**

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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.

WE ARE A FAIRTRADE PARISH

Please look out for products bearing this symbol when you shop, to help support fairer pay and safer working conditions for producers.

