



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the Year – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> / Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

### MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>

**No Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass on first Sunday in September**

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August – 6pm**

*Patricia Parslow – anniv (Int of John Parslow)*

### 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

**Next meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for tea/coffee and refreshments after 10am Mass.

### REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL

**After Sunday 10am Mass**

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### 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 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**

### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

My renewed thanks to all who have supported me during my recent illnesses, and to all who have ensured that our basic parish services have continued to be supplied during the holiday period. I hope you have had, or will be having, a refreshing holiday during this time.

Our second readings for the next two Sundays come from the final part of the letter to the Hebrews. The author is exhorting his readers to persevere in their faith in Jesus. He sees the suffering of Christians as part of the training imposed by God the Father, whom he compares to a human father training his children. In the passage we read next weekend, he compares the gathering of the Jewish nation on Mount Sinai with the gathering of the church in heaven.

### 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.

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 at one of the other churches which the relics will be visiting. See poster in church porch for details of venues.

**Our Lady Help of Christians Church is organising travel by coach to Stevenage Parish on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

This will be an afternoon trip.

Cost: £12 per adult.

Please contact **Kerry at Rickmansworth parish office on 01923 773387** to book a place.

**Further information about the Relics of St Bernadette is available at [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk)**

### LOST PROPERTY

There are several items of lost property in the church porch. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity shop.

### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, RICKMANSWORTH WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

£28 per adult and £12 per child for the day with an 8am departure from Our Lady's – returning around 7pm. Please contact **Kerry at Rickmansworth parish office on 01923 773387** to book a place.

### 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.

### 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**

**26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August**

All are welcome to this fundraiser in order to help provide accommodation, food, English lessons and psychotherapy for 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](http://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](https://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](mailto: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.

## 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:**

**WRCDD St Bede Croyley 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 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)

## 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**

## 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](https://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.

