



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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27th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 2nd October 2022

MASSES

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

Sunday 2nd October

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass – 4pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st October – 6pm

People of the parish

Sunday 2nd October – 10am

Nellie Boaler (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>

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 7th October

This year CAFOD is responding to the World Food Crisis. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. ***Please make a donation or start a monthly gift to CAFOD, using the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday***

REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL

Sunday 16th October after 10am Mass

Everyone is invited to join us for tea/coffee & cake in the Hall after Mass.

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF KEN SHIRT RIP

On behalf of the Catholic Children's Society, we would like to thank all who generously made donations in memory of Ken, who recently passed away. A total of £104.25 was donated. Please continue to keep Maureen and her family in your prayers.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Our parish has a strong tradition of supporting CAFOD, and this newsletter regularly includes several notes about the different areas of its work. So, at this the weekend before the traditional Harvest Fast Day, we shall welcome our Parish CAFOD Representative to speak about its work. Our second readings this weekend, and for the next three Sundays, come from the letter that appears to be the final testament of St Paul, written from prison before his trial and execution. Many scholars believe that the second letter to Timothy was written by a follower of Paul, but the letter vividly presents the feelings of Paul as he prepares for martyrdom. Paul warns Timothy against false teaching and encourages him to continue to witness to the Lord without fear, for the gift of faith he has received is precious.

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY AFTERNOON Wednesday 19th October – 1.45pm to 3.15pm

Senior Citizens are warmly invited to St Anthony's for an afternoon of entertainment provided by the children, followed by tea & cake. **Please telephone the school office to book a place. Tel: 01923 226987**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We would very much like to re-introduce Children's Liturgy during our 10am Sunday Masses. This is an opportunity for the younger members of the parish (pre-First Holy Communion age), to gather in the church hall for their own adapted liturgy. We are therefore appealing for volunteers to become Children's Liturgy Catechists and join a team that would work on a rota basis. Ideal candidates would be parents of the children who wish to attend. Full guidance and support would be provided. If you are interested in helping please contact the parish office.

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk
Tel: 01923 445163

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Gardening Day

Saturday 15th October – 10am

Our annual tidy-up before the winter, **with refreshments provided for the workers!** This is what we hope to achieve:

- Remove foliage growth across door to tool shed.
- Removal of ash tree saplings (may need to identify and carry forward).
- Prune rose bushes.
- Trim high level hedges.
- Trim back over grown shrubs – especially round the back of the Sacristy.
- Trim back shrubs that are obscuring windows.
- Remove ivy clinging to any walls, shed/garage roof, gate posts at entrance.
- Cut back overhanging brambles.
- Trim back overhanging trees adjacent to fire exit and brick shed.

We have some gardening equipment, but feel free to bring your own if there is a particular task you would like to take on. We hope many of you will come along to help. Many thanks.

CONFIRMATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

We would like to invite the younger members of St Bede's parish, who wish to be Confirmed or receive First Holy Communion next year, to register their interest.

Confirmation candidates must be 15 years of age this current school year (Year 10), commencing September 2022, or older.

First Communion candidates must be at least 8 years of age during the current school year (2022-23).

Please register your interest:

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk
or Tel: 01923 445163

FOODBANK

We have received a message from our local Foodbank. They are running short of carrier bags. If you have any to spare, please place these in the box in the church porch and they will be passed on.

THURSDAY CLUB

You are warmly invited to join us for tea/coffee and refreshments in the Hall after 10am Mass.

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VACANCY

Learning Support Assistant

Term time + 2 days.

Closing date for applications:

Friday 7th October.

Interviews to take place shortly after. For further information please contact Viki Baker:

baker.v@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk

Tel: 01923 673760

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help with the following would be very gratefully received.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Promoting the parish via platforms such as Facebook / Twitter, etc.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Carrying out and recording a simple set of H&S checks each month.

JUSTICE & PEACE REP

Liaising with the Diocese and CAFOD to pass on information and promote various campaigns, etc.

We are extremely grateful to all our existing volunteers, who enable to the parish to function efficiently. If you can spare a short amount of time to assist with the above mentioned tasks, please let us know.

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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.

"...We need a new mind-set and a new holistic approach, and to design food systems that protect the earth and keep the dignity of the human person at the centre; that guarantee sufficient food globally and promote decent work locally; and that feed the world today, without compromising the future..." Pope Francis

There are many ways in which we can help; these include praying for solutions, and writing to the Foreign Secretary to demand change. More information at:

www.cafod.org.uk/food

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 17th 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

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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.

CAFOD

DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) Pakistan Floods Appeal

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (an area almost the size of Great Britain). Donations will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking

water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter.

Please pray for those affected and donate at cafod.org.uk/give

JOYFUL NOISE Ecumenical

Choir – Sat 29th October

'Barnabas – A Musical in a Day'

in support of Watford-based charity, Friends of Tariro. Singing workshops from 10.30am (*Singers' tickets from £18*)

Public performance – 4.30pm (*Audience Tickets £5 / under 18s free*)

Further details and tickets available from: moretons1964@gmail.com or Tel: 07929 645179

BIG GREEN WEEK – WATFORD Saturday 29th October

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to man CAFOD stall

If you are available to spare some time to help, please let us know.

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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 CANDLELIGHT FUNDS

A special fund in memory of a loved one who has died; providing hope for a brighter future for families around the world. *"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle"* – St Francis of Assisi.

Further details available at: www.cafod.org.uk/candlelight

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS AT MASS

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