



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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23rd Sunday of the Year – Sunday 4th September 2022

MASSES

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

No Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass this Sunday

Mass Intentions

Sunday 27th August – 6pm

Thomas Parsons RIP

Saturday 3rd September – 6pm

Intentions of Catherine McMahon

Sunday 4th September – 10am

Catherine Benham & Christine Barrett

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 – 8th 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 11th 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 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

This weekend, when the schools re-open and many of us return from our summer holidays, is also the time when many priests take up new appointments. Several priests who have recently worked in neighbouring parishes are doing that at this time, and we should keep them in our prayers. Our second reading is an abridgement of the shortest of the surviving letters of St Paul. His letter to Philemon seems to have been written at the same time as his letter to the Colossians, from which we had extracts a few weeks ago. Philemon is thought to have been a young and wealthy leader of a Christian community in the same region as Colossae. His former slave, Onesimus, had run away and found refuge at the house of St Paul, who had converted him to Christianity. Paul learned later that Onesimus had been Philemon's slave, and sent him back to Philemon, with this letter urging him to welcome him back as a fellow Christian, and release him to work alongside Paul.

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**

URGENT MESSAGE FROM 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**

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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, RICKMANSWORTH WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Saturday 24th 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.

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.



LOST PROPERTY

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

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

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

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

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** 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.

Tackling the Global Food Crisis **ONLINE MEETING**

Saturday 10th Sept 10.30am

Join Catherine Ogolla, CAFOD's Country Representative for Kenya, Uganda & Eritrea, who will give a first-hand account of our work tackling the Food Crisis which is affecting over 20 million people.

Contact Tony Sheen at **Westminster@cafod.org.uk** for further details or book a place at **<https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks>**