



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 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>

**Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass – 4pm**  
**First Sunday of the month**

#### Mass Intentions

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 6pm**

*Private Intention*

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 10am**

*People of the parish*

#### 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/>

#### REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL THIS SUNDAY after 10am Mass

Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments and a chat in the Hall after Mass.

#### THURSDAY CLUB

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

#### 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

Life in the parish continues to return to normal this week, and this Sunday we shall gather in the Hall once again for refreshments after 10am Mass. As always, we thank those who will be organising this. Our second readings on the early autumn Sundays of this year come from letters attributed to St Paul, but which many scholars believe were written by followers of St Paul, perhaps twenty years after his death. These letters addressed to Paul's close friends Timothy and Titus are often called Pastoral Epistles, because they deal with the organisation of the early church community, the appointment of its leaders, and the correction of false teaching. In the extract we read this weekend, Paul is giving glory to God for his mercy, in words that have been expanded into a well-known hymn.

#### 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)**

#### KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

#### 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](http://cafod.org.uk/give)**

#### 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.

#### PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC)

**Next Meeting – Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Sept at  
7pm in the Hall**

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.

#### 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

Unclaimed items of lost property (in church porch) will be donated to a local charity shop. Please check if you think any of the items may be yours.

## 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**

## 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.**

## 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.

## 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**

## 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.

*"...We need a new mindset 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](https://www.cafod.org.uk/food)

## 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](https://www.cafod.org.uk/candlelight)