



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

#### MASSES

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

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

#### Mass Intentions

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 6pm**

*People of the parish*

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 10am**

*Repose of Queen Elizabeth II RIP*

#### 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

**after 10am Mass – Date for**

**October to be announced soon.**

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

#### MANY THANKS

We are very grateful for the donation of £40 towards flowers in church, received from one of our generous parishioners.

#### THURSDAY CLUB

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

#### 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](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)

or Tel: 01923 445163

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

*This weekend we unite with the whole nation in praying for the repose of Queen Elizabeth II.* The prayers we shall use at the Masses are those recommended by the Diocesan authorities for use on this occasion.

We were delighted that so many were able to stay for refreshments after 10am Mass last Sunday. Our sincere thanks to June and her team for organising this. The second reading this weekend is our second extract from the longer of the letters attributed to St Paul and addressed to his assistant St Timothy. Paul advises that prayers should be offered for everyone when the Christian community meets for worship, particularly for 'kings and others in authority', words that are so appropriate at this time.

#### ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - GARSTON

**Open Evening – Weds 21<sup>st</sup>**

**September at 6pm**

**Open Morning – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**September at 9.30am (limited places by appointment only)**

Further details available from:

[admissions@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk) or

[peachey.a@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk](mailto:peachey.a@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk)

Tel: 01923 673760 Ext: 1318

#### 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

#### 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.



#### 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.

#### 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.

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

**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](http://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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/candlelight)**

**LORETO COLLEGE – ST**

**ALBANS Open Evening**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – 6pm**

Daytime tours available 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>

October (by appointment only)

**Tel: 01727 856206**

**JOYFUL NOISE Ecumenical  
Choir – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:moretons1964@gmail.com)**  
or Tel: **07929 645179**

**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.

**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**

**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.

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal)**

**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**