



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

THIS PARISH IS PART OF THE WESTMINSTER ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE TRUSTEE CHARITY NO. 233699

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 25<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>

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass – 4pm**

#### LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Masses and other liturgies can be located on-line.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

#### REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October after 10am Mass**

Everyone is invited to join us for tea/coffee & cake 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.

***We are very grateful to Louise and her helpers for the recent Thursday Club donation to parish funds. 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](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)

or Tel: **01923 445163**

#### 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.



#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Our thanks to everyone who took part in our commemoration of the death of Queen Elizabeth last weekend. There are still several sets of the prayer cards (sent from the Bishops' Conference office) available. Please feel free to take them.

The second reading this weekend is our third and final extract from the longer of the two letters attributed to St Paul, and addressed to St Timothy. Paul has devoted most of the letter to giving instructions about the organization of the Christian community, but he ends by exhorting Timothy to fight for the faith like a boxer. He looks forward to the 'Appearing', the final coming of Jesus Christ, and ends by quoting what is probably an early Christian hymn to God the Father.

#### 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!** 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.

#### 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.

#### 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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#### 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)**

**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

**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.

**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)**

**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

**BIG GREEN WEEK – WATFORD  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal)

**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)

**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 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 set up a Bank  
Standing Order, please use these  
details:

**Sort Code: 40-05-20**

**Account No: 21095560**

**Account Name:**

**WRCDD 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.***

**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**