



## 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

### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 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 15<sup>th</sup> October – 6pm**  
*Teresa Waldron RIP*

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 6pm**  
*Peter Lockyer (anniv)*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 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>

#### CONVERSATION IN CHURCH

**"My house shall be called a house of prayer" (Matt 21:13)**  
***Please be aware that some parishioners who arrive before Mass wish to spend time in silent prayer and contemplation. While we are pleased that ours is such a friendly parish, we would ask that you refrain from general conversation within the church in order to preserve a prayerful environment.***

**NEXT DATE FOR REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November after 10am Mass**

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

#### BAPTISMS

We congratulate the parents of **Belle Balneaves**  
**Gianna Devendran**  
**Aivhe McCormack**  
who have recently been baptised at St Bede's. We welcome them into our parish community, and pray that God will bless them always.

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Many thanks to everyone who came last Saturday and gave their time to ensure that our church grounds are prepared for the winter; and to Louise for arranging the lunch afterwards.

Renewed thanks to Sally & Frankie Blasi and their helpers for once again arranging refreshments in the Hall after Mass last Sunday. Our second reading this weekend is a passage we also read on the feast of St Peter & St Paul. Though many scholars believe that the letters attributed to St Paul and addressed to St Timothy were written by a follow of Paul after his death, this extract vividly presents Paul's feelings as he approaches his trial and execution. Paul declares his confidence that he has finished the task God gave him, and compares his death to the libations of wine poured out in sacrifices to pagan gods.

#### SHEILA HOURIHAN RIP

We were greatly saddened to hear last week, that Sheila had passed away. We send our sincere sympathy to Sheila's daughter, Eileen Risdon and all the family. Please keep them in your prayers. **A Funeral Mass will take place at St Bede's on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10am**, followed by burial in Ireland at a later date.

#### RICHARD PALMAN RIP

We have now heard that Richard's funeral will take place at **3.40pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at West Herts Crematorium.**

The family have expressed their wish that all are welcome to attend. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### EUCCHARIST MINISTERS and READERS

It was a pleasure to welcome our Eucharistic Ministers and Readers at last weekend's Masses for their Commissioning ceremonies. May God bless them as they continue to carry out their ministries in the parish.

#### CONFIRMATION and

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Parents of the younger members of St Bede's parish, who wish to be Confirmed or receive First Holy Communion next year, are invited to register their interest.

**Confirmation candidates** must be at least 15 years of age this current school year (2022-23).

#### 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**

#### PARISH GARDENING DAY

Many thanks to all who came along to help with the gardening last Saturday, and to Louise for sustaining the workers with some delicious refreshments. A great many tasks were carried, but there is still more to do, so we plan to organise another gardening day before the winter sets in.

**Watch this space for further details.**

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS**  
Leaflets and details on how to order, in church porch.

**CROXLEY METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
See poster in church porch

#### 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.*

Many hands make light work. Please let us know if you can help.

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## 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.

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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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/food)

## 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.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> RICKMANSWORTH SEA

**SCOUT GROUP** is now welcoming new members. Please take a leaflet (in church porch) or contact Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran. Tel: **01923 776035 / 07792 103736**

**Email:**

[info@6thrickyseascouts.org.uk](mailto:info@6thrickyseascouts.org.uk)

**Website:**

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## 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)**

## 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)

## ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Secondary Transfer

A reminder that the **deadline for submitting Secondary Transfer applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

If your application has been sent in with a sibling – please check it has been successfully handed in.

**Late applications will not be considered in the first round.**

## 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)

## Three Rivers District Council REMBRANCE DAY AFTERNOON TEA – Rickmansworth School Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 2.30pm

In honour of the incredible service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces, to whom we all owe so much. Some short speeches will be followed by coffee, cakes, sandwiches, music & socialising. Anyone wishing to bring a home-made cake along will be very welcome to do so.

**ADMISSION BY REGISTRATION ONLY. Contact:** [committeeteam@threerivers.gov.uk](mailto:committeeteam@threerivers.gov.uk)

## FOODBANK

Spare carrier bags would be welcomed by our local Foodbank. Please place these in the box in the church porch, and they will be passed on.

## 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