



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

#### MASSES

**Tuesday** 10.00am  
**Thursday** 10.00am

**Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> November** 10.00am  
**All Souls Day**  
*The Faithful Departed*

**Saturday** 6.00pm  
**Sunday** 10.00am

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 4pm**  
**Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass**

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October – 10am**  
*Sheila Hourihan RIP (Thursday Club Intention)*

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October – 6pm**  
*People of the parish*

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October – 10am**  
*Richard Palman RIP*

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – 10am**  
*People of the parish*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 10am**  
*Deceased members of the Thursday Club*

#### LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Masses and other liturgies can be located on-line.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website:

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

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

As the commercial world has been reminding us, next Monday is Halloween, the eve of the feast of All Saints. Our Mass on Tuesday will be that of All Saints. As Wednesday is All Souls Day, I shall also say Mass at 10am that morning, so that we can commemorate the faithful departed on the traditional date.

Our second readings for the next three Sundays are from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians. The first letter Paul wrote to the Christians in Thessalonika is generally thought to be the earliest document in the New Testament. In it Paul had written about the 'Day of the Lord' on which Jesus would come in glory to judge the world and bring this age to a close. But in this letter Paul warns his readers not to behave as if the 'Day of the Lord' had already happened. They must not give up the work by which they earn their living.

#### RICHARD PALMAN RIP

Richard's funeral will take place at **3.40pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at West Herts Crematorium**, followed by a **Reception at 33 Warwick Way, Croxley Green, from 4.40pm**.

The family have expressed their wish that all are welcome to attend. Please keep them in your prayers. Donations to Kidney Research UK would be gratefully received. More details available at:

<https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notice/28-09-2022-richard-lionel-palman/>

#### CONFIRMATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 APPLICATION CLOSING DATE 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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**

#### 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.

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

#### PARISH GARDENING DAY

We hope to plan another gardening day before Christmas, to tidy up the grounds for the winter.

**Watch this space for further details.**

#### 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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#### SHEILA HOURIHAN RIP

Sheila's Funeral Mass will take place at St Bede's on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10am, followed by burial in Ireland later in the week.

Please keep Sheila's daughter, Eileen Risdon, and all the family in your prayers.

#### 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.

## ADVENT CALENDARS

If you are thinking of buying Advent calendars for your children, why not consider the **Real Advent Calendar?** This comes with a Christmas story activity booklet. These Advent calendars can be purchased from a number of outlets including CAFOD and Traidcraft.

A full range of Christmas gifts which support charitable causes is available from CAFOD:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/products/the-real-advent-calendar> and Traidcraft:

<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/search/?q=advent%20calendar>

## 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.

## METHODIST CHURCH

**New Road, Croxley Green**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 4pm**

Rev Donna Fowler-Marchant invites you to a presentation based on her book **'Mothers in Israel'**; written as a result of her research into the remarkable women who were involved in early Methodism. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

## 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)**

## 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.

## THURSDAY CLUB

Whether you're retired, or just have some free time on Thursday mornings, you are very welcome to join us for **Mass at 10am**, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

## 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 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)**