



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

33rd Sunday of the Year – Sunday 13th November 2022

MASSES

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

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

First Sunday of the month – 4pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th November 6.00pm

John Noble (anniv)

Sunday 13th November – 10am

The Wartime Dead

Tuesday 15th November – 10am

November Dead List

Thursday 17th November – 10am

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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

THIS SUNDAY 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.

CONFIRMATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE

30th 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
or Tel: **01923 445163**

HELP YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY FOCUSED DURING MASS

There is a selection of books on the rack in the church porch, which the children are welcome to use during Mass.

Please remember to return them before you leave.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

This weekend we join the whole nation in remembering those who lost their lives in the wars of the last hundred years. Once again we can gather for refreshments after 10am Sunday Mass. As always, our thanks to Sally & Frankie Blasi and their helpers for arranging this. We also look forward to next Sunday, when we shall be inviting our children to gather in the hall for Children's Liturgy, during the early part of the Mass.

Our second reading is again from St Paul's second letter to the Christians in Thessalonika. In his first letter to that church, Paul had written about the 'Day of the Lord', a day when the Lord Jesus would return to judge the world. This second letter seems to have been written to correct some readers who understood that this day was coming very soon. Paul reminds them of the example he had given them by supporting himself with his own labour, and tells them firmly to carry on with their work and not stop others working.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Sunday Mass – 20th Nov

Our younger members of the parish (pre-First Holy Communion age), will be invited at the beginning of Mass to proceed to the church hall (accompanied by a member of our Catechetics Team) for their own adapted liturgy, and will re-join Mass at the Offertory.

CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

Looking ahead to our Christmas Liturgies, we would like to invite the younger members of the parish to participate on the following occasions:

4pm – Sunday 18th December
Candlelit Service of Carols & Readings

5pm – Saturday 24th December
Children's Christmas Nativity Mass

Please speak to Ursula or one of the Parish Team to register your interest.

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PARISH ACCOUNTS REPORT to 31st December 2021

is now available, and has been posted on the parish website. A small number of paper copies has been placed at the back of the church.

Our thanks to David Reilly (Chair of the Finance Committee) for preparing this report, and for his invaluable contribution to the parish.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a **suggested donation of £4.10 per pack?** Donations can be sent in one of the following ways:

Bank transfer to Nat West
Sort code 60-60-04

Account no 46088237

By cheque payable to SVP

Handed in to parish office or posted to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ.

Thank you so much for your support.

Contact: Siobhan Garibaldi
siobhan.garibaldi@ntlworld.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to assist with serving free hot meal takeaways and food bank items to people in need, at the following locations:

GoKula Vegetarian Café

65 Market Street, Watford, WD18 0PR – 11am to 1.30pm

Meriden Community Centre

Garsmouth Way, Watford, WD25 9ET – 10.45am to 12.30pm

Further details available from

Paul Montgomery - SVP
President, Holy Rood Church, Watford. Tel: **07887 726061**

NSPCC COFFEE MORNING

Friday 18th November

10am to 12noon

Venue: Croxley Baptist Church

Tea / coffee & cakes will be served. Donations to support the work of the NSPCC will be gratefully received.

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>

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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OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Our Stewards will continue to receive donations as you leave Mass. We are very grateful to all who continue to support the parish finances.

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.

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

6TH 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

Website:

www.6thrickyseascouts.org.uk

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

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

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

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

METHODIST CHURCH

New Road, Croxley Green
Sunday 20th 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.

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.