



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Priest: **FR JOHN WILEY**

Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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

Feast of Christ the King – Sunday 20th 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 19th November 6.00pm

People of the parish

Sunday 20th November – 10am

Sheila Hourihan RIP

Tuesday 22nd November – 10am

November Dead List

Thursday 24th November – 10am

John & Elizabeth McKenna RIP

(birthday remembrance)

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

I am very pleased that we are now able to invite the youngest members of the parish to gather in the hall during the first part of the Sunday morning Mass, to celebrate their 'Children's Liturgy'. Many thanks to everyone involved in restoring this custom, which used to be regular in our parish. Our second reading is an extract from St Paul's letter to the Colossians that we also read earlier this year. Paul seems to be quoting from an early hymn that shows the unity of Jesus with God the Father and his role in creating and saving the world. Jesus is the king who has triumphed over all the powers that were believed to control human destinies. In his kingdom we find the freedom that comes with the forgiveness of sins.

STREET LAMP IN DRIVEWAY

The street lamp in the parish driveway is not currently working. We have secured a contractor to carry out repair work, and are just waiting for a date for work to commence. Thank you for your patience and understanding in the meantime.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Many thanks to a generous parishioner who has donated £30 towards the cost of flowers in church at Christmas.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

21st – 28th July 2023

Fr Andrew Gallagher (Our Lady's Parish) who is Assistant Director for the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, has asked us to publicise next year's trip.

The pilgrimage will be led by the Cardinal and two bishops, and is expected to cost in the region of £850 pp, including travel by train, and full board.

If you are interested in finding out more about this very uplifting and spiritual experience, please let us know as soon as possible.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

THIS SUNDAY – 10am Mass

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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Tel: **01923 445163**

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.

WARM SPACES

In the light of the current economic crisis, local authorities are encouraging organisations with suitable accommodation to offer 'Warm Spaces' for those who need somewhere welcoming and warm to gather. We have identified **THURSDAY AFTERNOON** as a suitable time for us to open up our Church Hall, with the other Croxley churches coving the other days of the week. Volunteers are needed to serve tea/coffee and a warm welcome for a couple of hours. If you can help please let us know.

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Ursula – **01923 445163**

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE for Catholic Children's Society

Tickets will be on sale after our weekend Masses, and will be drawn on Sunday 11th December, during our Refreshments in the Hall after 10am Mass.

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER Refreshments in the Hall after 10am Mass

Everyone is invited to join us for tea/coffee & cake after Mass, when our **Christmas Raffle will be drawn**, and Angela Steele will be running a **Craft Stall in support of Watford Peace Hospice**.

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:

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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**

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](https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/search/?q=advent%20calendar)

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CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S

SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Leaflets and details on how to order, in church porch.

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.

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

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.

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

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