



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

First Sunday of Advent – Sunday 27th 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 26th November 6.00pm

People of the parish

Sunday 27th November – 10am

Maureen Aldridge RIP

Tuesday 29th November – 10am

Sheila Hourihan RIP

Thursday 1st December – 10am

November Dead List

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, along with our fellow Christians, we are planning to make some 'warm space' available this winter. We hope to have our hall open between 2.30pm & 4.30pm on Thursday afternoons for anyone who calls by; our Anglican and Baptist neighbours will be opening their premises on other weekday afternoons. If you can help with this, do let us know.

In our first reading this weekend, the prophet foresees a final age when all nations are gathered into a single nation at the mountain in Jerusalem, by God their saviour and lawgiver. St Paul warns his readers always to be ready for the time of the Lord's salvation, like a soldier dressed in armour for battle. In the gospel, Jesus is warning his apostles to be ready for his coming as judge, at an hour they do not expect.

WARM SPACE – 2.30 to 4.30pm ON THURSDAYS

St Bede's Hall will be open each Thursday afternoon, to provide a Warm Space and a warm welcome for anyone who would like to call in. **Volunteers needed** to make tea/coffee, and welcome visitors.

Contact: **Ursula**

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We plan to hold Children's Liturgy each week until the end of December. The children will be invited to proceed to the Hall at the start of Mass, with a Catechist, and will re-join Mass before the Consecration.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS 2022

Please join with us to celebrate!

We need your voices -

SINGERS (all ages) to sing with a group to lead in the first carol, and **READERS** (all ages) at the **Candlelit Service of Carols & Readings**

(followed by mince pies & mulled wine in the Hall)

6pm – Sunday 18th December

(please note change of time)

ALSO

5pm – Saturday 24th December

Children's Christmas Nativity Mass

Calling all our younger members of the parish

If your children would like to participate in one or both of the above events – singing with a group / reading a prayer

Please speak to Ursula or one of the Parish Team. **Contact:**

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

Tel: 01923 445163

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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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.

PARISH ACCOUNTS REPORT to 31st December 2021

This document has been posted on the parish website.

Paper copies also available at the back of the church.

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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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

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**

CARE WITH WATER

In spite of the recent wet weather, we are advised by the water authorities that rainfall this year is 36% below average, and that levels in our reservoirs and rivers remains very low. We can do our bit for the environment by using water wisely, checking for leaks, and remembering to turn off the taps!

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 hope the lighting will be restored very soon. Thank you for your patience and understanding in the meantime.

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.

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.

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.

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

UKRAINIAN APPEAL

Much needed funds can be donated via CAFOD, a Disasters Emergency Committee member.
[https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate](https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal)

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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