



## 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

### Second Sunday of Advent – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>

**Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass**

**First Sunday of the month – 4pm**

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 6.00pm**

*People of the parish*

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December – 10am**

*Sheila Hourihan RIP (Int of the Lowry Family)*

#### 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

Sincere thanks to everyone who has already made themselves available to welcome anyone who visits our Warm Space in the Hall on Thursday afternoons. Our thanks also, in advance, to everyone involved in the preparations for our festive coffee morning and raffle next Sunday, and for the Candlelit Service of Carols & Readings in two weeks' time. These two events will surely help us to prepare to celebrate Christmas well.

Our first reading today is a passage that is regularly read at Christmas, and is quoted in the ceremonies of the sacrament of Confirmation. Jesse was the father of the great King David, and in speaking of a shoot from the stock of Jesse the prophet was foretelling an ideal king from the dynasty of David. This king would be filled with the gifts of God's spirit and would establish justice on earth and harmony in the animal world.

#### 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](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)

#### WESTMINSTER DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 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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#### 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 18<sup>th</sup> December**

*(please note change of time)*

**ALSO**

**5pm – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)

**Tel: 01923 445163**

#### PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC)

The PDC met on 29<sup>th</sup> November to discuss various aspects of parish life, and future plans were made.

We are very grateful to the volunteers who make up this committee. Anyone wishing to get involved is welcome to join us.

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#### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

A range of virtual charity gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family", that will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges, and help bring home to those we love that there is so much more we can do.

Catalogues are available at the back of the church. Fabian (Parish CAFOD Representative) will also be at some Masses with a barcode scanner so you can scan the relevant QR code with your smart phone. More information at:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

#### THURSDAY CLUB

Everyone welcome to join us for **Mass at 10am**, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

#### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE for Catholic Children's Society

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

#### NEXT SUNDAY – 11<sup>th</sup> 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**.

#### 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.**

**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:**  
[www.6thrickyseascouts.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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

**SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS**  
Environmental issues and rising prices will make it very difficult for some families this Christmas. Don't feel guilty about cutting down on expensive Christmas gifts this year, and remember to re-cycle wherever possible.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
*Help with the following would be very gratefully received.*  
**SOCIAL MEDIA**  
*Promoting the parish via platforms such as Facebook / Twitter, etc.*  
**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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or Tel: **01923 445163**

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**PARISH GARDENING DAY**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
Please come along to help with pruning and tidying the parish grounds. Refreshments will be provided for the workers!

**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.*

**MILL END COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
Royal Voluntary Service  
Christmas Dinner – 12noon on  
Christmas Day - £10 per person  
Don't be alone at Christmas!  
Everyone is welcome – on a first-come-first-served basis.  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL – ASAP  
**Contact: Theresa O'Brien**  
**01923 463031 / 07939 278787**

**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 ACCOUNTS REPORT to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**  
This document has been posted on the parish website.  
Paper copies also available at the back of the church.

**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)**

**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.