



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – Sunday 18th December 2022

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY MASS

Sat 24th December – 5pm

CHRISTMAS NIGHT TIME MASS

Sat 24th December – 8pm

CHRISTMAS DAYTIME MASS

Sun 25th December – 10am

WEEKLY 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 17th December – 6.00pm

People of the parish

Sunday 18th December – 10am

*Catherine Benham & Christine
Barratt (anniv)*

Tuesday 20th December – 10am

People of the parish

Thursday 22nd December – 10am

*Len Dey – anniv (intention of June
Jones)*

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

Many thanks to June Jones and Sally Blasi, and to everyone involved in organising the very enjoyable Festive Coffee Morning last Sunday. Our thanks also to all who attended in such great numbers, and contributed to the excellent totals raised for the Catholic Children's Society, and Watford Peace Hospice. We now look forward to our Candlelit Service of Carols & Readings this Sunday, and our celebrations over the Christmas weekend.

Our gospel readings at the Masses of the next three Sundays come from the narratives of the birth and childhood of Jesus, from the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

They tell us something about the future destiny of Mary's child, but above all they remind us that this was the moment when, as St Paul wrote, a mystery hidden for endless ages was finally revealed.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE for Catholic Children's Society

Congratulations to all who won prizes in our raffle, which was drawn at our coffee morning last Sunday. The sum of **£331.50 was raised**. Many thanks to all who supported this effort.

Grateful thanks also, to those who donated prizes, and to June who presented them so beautifully.

REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL LAST SUNDAY

It was a great pleasure to welcome so many into the Hall last Sunday. Many thanks to Sally Blasi and her team, who provided a marvellous spread that was enjoyed by all. Our thanks also to Angela Steele for her sale of craft items in support of Watford Peace Hospice; **raising over £100**. The generosity of all who supported this is very much appreciated.

THURSDAY CLUB

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

Please note: We will not meet on Thursday 29th December.

CHRISTMAS 2022

Calling all our younger members of the parish

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

If your children would like to participate at the Nativity Mass; either reading or carrying a Nativity character to the Crib, please speak to Ursula or one of the Parish Team. **Contact:**

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

Tel: 01923 445163

WARM SPACE – 2.30 to 4.30pm ON THURSDAYS in the Hall

Everyone is welcome to our Warm Space on Thursday afternoons.

Volunteers needed for Thurs 22nd December

to make tea/coffee, and provide a warm welcome for visitors.

If you can help, please contact:

Ursula – 01923 445163

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

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/>

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The children will be escorted to the Hall by our Catechist at the beginning of Mass, and will re-join Mass before the Consecration.

Volunteer Catechists needed if we are to continue into 2023.

DBS check required (organised by the parish). Please contact Ursula if you can help.

Please note: NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON CHRISTMAS DAY

GRATEFUL THANKS

Many thanks to Carol Drury for her donation of £50 towards our floral displays in church over Christmas. This generosity is very much appreciated.

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

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.
croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk
or Tel: **01923 445163**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
PARISH GARDENING DAY
Saturday 28th 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 31st 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

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 AFGHANISTAN 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

