



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

**CHRISTMAS – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

*A Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year to all*

### WEEKLY 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 24<sup>th</sup> December – 5.00pm**

*Private Intention*

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 8.00pm**

*People of the parish*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00am**

*Michael Murphy (anniv)*

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00am**

*Bridget Scahill (anniv)*

### 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

*Congratulations to everyone involved in the organisation of our pre-Christmas Candlelit Service of Carols & Readings last Sunday.*

We thank the Flower Team and all who prepared the church, Rob Phipps for his technical work, Stephen Hussey (organist), the Readers, and all who prepared the refreshments afterwards. It was noticeable, and uplifting, how much everyone enjoyed singing the carols.

Our first readings at the Christmas Masses all come from the book of the prophet Isaiah. They speak of the salutation that would come to the city of Jerusalem, and the Saviour-King who would bring it. The Saviour's birth as a King brings joy and peace and his coming establishes the reign of God. In God's mercy, may we stay well and have a Happy & Holy Christmas!

### MR DEVENDRAN RIP

It was with great sadness that we heard of the recent passing of Jacintha Devendran's husband. May he rest in peace.

We send our sincere sympathy to Jacintha and her family. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

Everyone is welcome to our Warm Space on Thursday afternoons.

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED for Thursday afternoons during January

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

If you can help, please contact:

**Ursula – 01923 445163**

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

### MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

We are especially grateful to all our dedicated volunteers, who work quietly and tirelessly behind the scenes all year, assisting Fr John to ensure the parish functions efficiently. God bless you all.

### ALPHA COURSE

hosted by Our Lady's Church, Rickmansworth.

**Tuesdays: 7.30pm to 9.30pm from 17<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

An opportunity to explore life's big questions and the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. Each session includes snacks and hot/cold drinks, an engaging video designed to generate conversation, and discussion time.

**Please contact:**

**Deidre Gilmore – 07941 931319**

**or email**

[chessvalleyalpha@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chessvalleyalpha@rcdow.org.uk) to register your interest.

### 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)

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**No Children's Liturgy this week.**

### GRATEFUL THANKS

Many thanks to Maryann Lowry for her generous donation towards our floral displays in church over Christmas, in memory of her father, Michael Murphy.

### THURSDAY CLUB

**No Thursday Club this week.**

**Normal meetings will resume on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

Everyone welcome to join us for

**Mass at 10am**, followed by

refreshments in the Hall.

### 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.

### FOODBANK

Please place your spare carrier bags in the box in the church porch, and these will be passed on to our local Foodbank.

### **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!

### **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.***

### **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.

### **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](https://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal)**

