



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Sunday 1st January 2023

Happy New Year

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday	10.00am
Thursday 5th January	11.30am
Friday 6th January	10.00am
Feast of the Epiphany	
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass
First Sunday of the month – 4pm

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Masses and other liturgies can be located on-line.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our youngest members of the parish are invited to proceed to the Hall at the beginning of Mass, and will return before the Consecration. **Volunteer Catechists are needed to assist if we are to continue on a weekly basis.** Please speak to Ursula or Imelda if you can help.

THURSDAY CLUB

Please note the change of Mass time this week – 11.30am, followed by the Thursday Club New Year lunch.

Normal meetings will resume on 12th January. Everyone welcome to join us for coffee & cake after 10am Mass.

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.

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.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

My warmest thanks to all who sent me Christa cards and presents, and my prayers that God will bless us all with a Happy & Healthy New Year. We thank Bishop Paul for coming to celebrate our Night Time Mass on Christmas Eve; we thank all who prepared the church for our Christmas celebrations, those who set up the Crib, and those who bought and arranged the beautiful flowers. Our special thanks also to our organist, and to the volunteers who served as Stewards, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers during the Christmas weekend.

Please note that this week the Thursday Mass will be at 11.30am, prior to the Thursday Club New Year lunch. There will also be Mass at 10am on Friday 6th January, the Feast of the Epiphany, which is a holy day of obligation.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to the parents of Roise Jacqueline Hussey, who was baptised at St Bede's on 28th December. May God bless her always.

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

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!

FOODBANK

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

ALPHA COURSE

hosted by Our Lady's Church, Rickmansworth.

Tuesdays: 7.30pm to 9.30pm from 17th January to 28th 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
to register your interest.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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**

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.

MESSAGE FROM MISSIO

Many thanks to our parishioners for the sum of £296.54 donated during 2022, towards their important missionary work in partnership with the Mill Hill Missionaries.

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.

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