



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

28th / 29th Sundays of the Year – Sunday 9th / Sunday 16th October 2022

MASSES

Tuesday	10.00am
Thursday	10.00am
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8th October – 6pm
People of the parish

Sunday 9th October – 10am
Sheila Murphy (anniv)

Thursday 13th October – 10am
Michael Early RIP

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

Richard Palman RIP – We were very sorry to hear of Richard's death and offer our deepest sympathy to his family. His work with the choir here, and his constant good humour, will be long remembered.

The second readings on the next two Sundays are again from the shorter of the letters attributed to St Paul and addressed to St Timothy. Paul encourages Timothy to persevere in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to follow his example in bearing hardship patiently. He reminds Timothy that if we are to share the glory of the risen Jesus we must share his suffering, and emphasises this by quoting lines from an early hymn about the faithfulness of Jesus.

RICHARD PALMAN RIP

We were very saddened to hear from Richard's sister, that he recently passed away suddenly. Richard was a long-standing member of the parish, and many of you will remember his musical contributions, as choir master. We send our sincere condolences to his family. Please keep them in your prayers. Details of the funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY AFTERNOON Wednesday 19th October – 1.45pm to 3.15pm
Senior Citizens are warmly invited to St Anthony's for an afternoon of entertainment provided by the children, followed by tea & cake.
Please telephone the school office to book a place. Tel: 01923 226987

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Secondary Transfer
A reminder that the **deadline for submitting Secondary Transfer applications is 31st October.**

If your application has been sent in with a sibling – please check it has been successfully handed in.
Late applications will not be considered in the first round.

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Fr John will be available to sign Certificate of Catholic Practice forms on Tuesday 11th October – 6pm to 8pm.

Parents are requested to take a seat at the front of church, and wait to be called.

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARIST MINISTERS and READERS

A short Commissioning Ceremony will take place during the weekend Masses on 15th & 16th October. We are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated volunteers who perform these ministries, and we are very grateful to them.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Gardening Day
Saturday 15th October – 10am

Our annual tidy-up before the winter, **with refreshments provided for the workers!** This is what we hope to achieve:

- Remove foliage growth across door to tool shed.
- Removal of ash tree saplings (may need to identify and carry forward).
- Prune rose bushes.
- Trim high level hedges.
- Trim back over grown shrubs – especially round the back of the Sacristy.
- Trim back shrubs that are obscuring windows.
- Remove ivy clinging to any walls, shed/garage roof, gate posts at entrance.
- Cut back overhanging brambles.
- Trim back overhanging trees adjacent to fire exit and brick shed.

We have some gardening equipment, but feel free to bring your own if there is a particular task you would like to take on.

Please help if you can.

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.

NEXT DATE FOR

REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL
Sunday 16th October after 10am Mass

Everyone is invited to join us for tea/coffee & cake after Mass.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 7th October

This year CAFOD is responding to the World Food Crisis. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world. ***Please make a donation or start a monthly gift to CAFOD, using the envelope for our parish collection or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday***

Harvest Prayer video

<https://vimeo.com/747274987>

MANY THANKS

We are very grateful to Mary Ann Lowry for her generous donation towards flowers in church, in memory of her mother, Sheila Murphy.

CONFIRMATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

We would like to invite the younger members of St Bede's parish, who wish to be Confirmed or receive First Holy Communion next year, to register their interest.

Confirmation candidates must be 15 years of age this current school year (Year 10), commencing September 2022, or older.

First Communion candidates must be at least 8 years of age during the current school year (2022-23).

Please register your interest: croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk or Tel: 01923 445163

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.

We are extremely grateful to all our existing volunteers, who enable to the parish to function efficiently. If you can spare a short amount of time to assist with the above mentioned tasks, please let us know.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We would very much like to re-introduce Children's Liturgy during our 10am Sunday Masses. This is an opportunity for the younger members of the parish (pre-First Holy Communion age), to gather in the church hall for their own adapted liturgy. We are therefore appealing for volunteers to become Children's Liturgy Catechists and join a team that would work on a rota basis. Ideal candidates would be parents of the children who wish to attend. Full guidance and support would be provided. If you are interested in helping please contact the parish office.

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JOYFUL NOISE Ecumenical Choir – Sat 29th October

'Barnabas – A Musical in a Day' in support of Watford-based charity, Friends of Tariro. Singing workshops from 10.30am (*Singers' tickets from £18*) Public performance – 4.30pm (*Audience Tickets £5 / under 18s free*)

Further details and tickets available from: moretons1964@gmail.com or Tel: 07929 645179

CAFOD FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM **The paradox of abundance**

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted.

"...We need a new mind-set and a new holistic approach, and to design food systems that protect the earth and keep the dignity of the human person at the centre; that guarantee sufficient food globally and promote decent work locally; and that feed the world today, without compromising the future..." Pope Francis

There are many ways in which we can help; these include praying for solutions, and writing to the Foreign Secretary to demand change. More information at: www.cafod.org.uk/food

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The relics of St Bernadette are being brought to the Diocese, as part of a journey across England, Wales and Scotland.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has expressed his hope that this will be an occasion of grace for us all, and warmly encourages individuals and groups to come to pray and venerate the relics at Westminster Cathedral, or at one of the other churches which the relics will be visiting. See poster in church porch for details of venues.

Our Lady Help of Christians Church is organising travel by coach to Stevenage Parish on Monday 17th October

This will be an afternoon trip. Cost: £12 per adult.

Please contact **Kerry at Rickmansworth parish office on 01923 773387** to book a place. Further information about the Relics of St Bernadette is available at stbernadette.org.uk

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS AT MASS

Our Stewards will continue to receive donations as you leave Mass. We are very grateful for these donations, and to all who continue to support the parish financially.

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

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 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