



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

Baptism of the Lord – Sunday 8th January 2023

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday 10.00am
Thursday 10.00am
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 15th January 10.00am
First Holy Communion Rite of Enrolment

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>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th- 25th January UNITED SERVICE

Sunday 22nd January 2023 – 3pm

This year the United Service will be hosted by St Bede's. We hope many of you will support this important ecumenical event.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Sunday 15th January

Everyone welcome to join us for tea/coffee and cake in the Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The children are invited to proceed to the Hall at the beginning of Mass, and will return before the Consecration.

Volunteer Catechists are urgently needed. Please speak to Ursula or Imelda if you can help.

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.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

My renewed thanks to everyone involved in the preparations for our Christmas and New Year celebrations, and I take this opportunity to thank everyone who regularly undertakes essential tasks in the parish. This week we pray for our young children as they begin their preparation for their First Confession and First Holy Communion.

Our second reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, an extract from the speech of St Peter at the house of the Roman centurion, Cornelius. We read it this weekend because it shows how the baptism of Jesus was the beginning of his public ministry. Peter describes how Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power at his baptism, and then began his preaching and healing.

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 the following dates:

12th & 26th January

9th, 16th, 23rd February

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!

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 available on request.

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.

THURSDAY CLUB

Join us for tea/coffee & cake in the Hall after 10am Mass. Everyone welcome.

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

Many thanks to all who contributed to the sum of £375.50, forwarded to CAFOD in respect of Family Fast Day in 2022. This support helps to provide essential resources during the current global food crisis. Please keep all those in need in your prayers.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us in our mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in either parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of our volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21st January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1st February.

Contact: Tony Sheen

westminster@cafod.org.uk

Landline: 0208 449 6970

Mobile: 07789 876913

MESSAGE FROM MISSIO

Many thanks for the sum of £296.54 donated via the parish during 2022, towards their important missionary work in partnership with the Mill Hill Missionaries. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

FOODBANK

Spare carrier bags can be placed in the box in the church porch and will be passed on to our local Foodbank.

GIFT AID

Did you know donations to the parish can be increased by 25% through Gift Aid? If you are a UK tax payer, you can sign a Gift Aid declaration form, enabling the parish to claim the additional 25%, at no additional expense to you. Forms available from the parish office.

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

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