



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

#### 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 INTENTION

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 6pm**

*Pauline Walsh*

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR

**CHRISTIAN UNITY 18<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> January**

#### UNITED SERVICE

**THIS SUNDAY at 3pm**

followed by refreshments in the Hall.

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

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**10am Sunday Mass**

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

**Volunteer Catechists needed** to assist, in order to maintain weekly sessions. Please speak to Ursula or Imelda if you can help.

#### 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.

**Next date for Refreshments after 10am Sunday Mass to be announced soon.**

**MANY THANKS** to Sally & Frankie Blasi for their donation of £150, from the proceeds of our monthly coffee mornings. This will go towards the refurbishment of the church kneelers – a project we hope to address in the near future.

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Congratulations to the children who were formally enrolled as candidates for First Confession and First Holy Communion, last Sunday. We renew our thanks to Anna Borrill and the Catechetical Team for their work of preparation. Our thanks also to Sally & Frankie Blasi and their helpers for preparing the splendid refreshments after Mass last Sunday.

At 3pm this Sunday we shall be hosting the main local event of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Christians from all the churches in Croxley will be coming to a service of prayer for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world. We hope many of you will be able to come and welcome our guests from the Anglican, Baptist and Methodist churches.

#### 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:**

**9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, plus a second person for 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

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)**

#### **DOMENICO (Tony) LACONCA RIP**

It was with sadness we heard Tony passed away earlier this week. May he rest in peace. We offer our sincere sympathy to his son Gerry and all the family at this sad time. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023**

Next preparation class:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – 4.30pm

#### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **PARISH GARDENING DAY**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January – 10am**

Please come along to help if you can. We will be pruning and tidying the parish grounds; completing the tasks we didn't have time to finish during our autumn gardening day. Refreshments will be provided for the workers!

#### **ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – GARSTON**

**Vacancy for Administrative  
Assistant – starting ASAP**

Permanent part-time post (term time + 2 weeks) Mon to ~Thurs.

Closing date for applications:

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> January, with interviews on Mon 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**Contact Josephine Arthur-  
Tinworth**

**[sbm@stm1&haelscatholichighschool.co.uk](mailto:sbm@stm1&haelscatholichighschool.co.uk)**

Application forms available on school website:

**<https://www.stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk/>**

#### **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 21<sup>st</sup> January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> February.

**Contact: Tony Sheen**

**[westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)**

**Landline: 0208 449 6970**

**Mobile: 07789 876913**

#### **CAFOD BIG LENT WALK**

Watch this space for more details of our efforts to raise much needed funds for CAFOD's Lenten appeal. We hope to organise a parish team effort!

### **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)

### **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 available on request.

### **RICKMANSWORTH CARE SCHEME**

At the recent Churches Together AGM, Cathy Scarborough, our Parish Nurse, mentioned the need for volunteers to provide transport for those who are unable to use public transport for various reasons and need that little bit more support. However, it has been highlighted that an existing well-established organisation in our area has been doing just that for 50 years. The Rickmansworth Care Scheme was set up in the early 1970s by the then Churches Together in Croxley Green & Rickmansworth, to help people living in Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Mill End and Maple Cross.

A similar care-in-the-community scheme operates in many areas nationwide. Chorleywood and Kings Langley are two examples near us.

Volunteers are needed to fulfil this need through the Rickmansworth Care Scheme, which is very much in need of help and support as many volunteers have not returned since COVID. Volunteering offers a very rewarding sense of community. The scheme is in need of both drivers and duty officers who take the calls and make the arrangements. Drivers can choose to do as much (or as little) as they wish and can claim expenses at 45p per mile. Duty Officers usually do two consecutive mornings every month or two.

No charge is made to the client as this ensures it is open to all. Donations however are welcomed, and earlier in the life of the scheme each church used to donate annually. Without donations the scheme would not operate.

Please consider volunteering. If you would like to do so, or want further information please contact:

**Eleri Davies**

[eleridavies99@hotmail.com](mailto:eleridavies99@hotmail.com)

**01923 236965 or 07903 240633**

### **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)

### **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.

### **FOODBANK**

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