



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### WEEKLY MASSES

**Tuesday 10.00am**  
**Thursday 10.00am**  
**Saturday 6.00pm**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am**

*Confirmation Candidates Rite of Enrolment*

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February -4pm**  
***Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass***

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

#### 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 Thursday Mass. Everyone welcome.

#### DOUBLE KNITTING WOOL NEEDED

If you have any new double knitting wool that you no longer require, please donate this for charity (there is a box in church porch). It will be used to crochet squares for 'Knit for Peace', a charity that sends knitted articles to over 200 outlets, including hospitals, women's refuges, refugee drop-in centres, prisons, community groups, and hospices as well as to developing countries and refugee camps, or those living in the rubble in Syria. They currently have approximately 22,000 knitters! Many thanks.

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Christian Unity Service last Sunday afternoon, and made our visitors so welcome. Special thanks to Stephen Hussey, our organist, and to those who arranged the refreshments in the Hall afterwards. This was an opportunity to socialise with our guests from the Anglican, Baptist and Methodist churches.

This newsletter is prepared ahead of the weekend, but our thanks in advance to everyone who will be coming to help for the Parish Gardening Day on Saturday. Our preparation classes for First Confession continue this week. Our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will also begin this week, and we renew our thanks to Imelda Cooper for serving as Lead Catechist. We look forward to the formal enrolment of our Confirmation candidates at Mass next Sunday.

#### SINCERE APOLOGIES

To the family and loved ones of Pauline Walsh, regarding the erroneous entry in last week's newsletter, due to an unfortunate misunderstanding. We apologise for the distress that has been caused, and will continue to keep Pauline in our prayers.

#### 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:

**23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**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)**

#### FOODBANK

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

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Next preparation class:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – 4.30pm

#### CONFIRMATION 2023

The first preparation class for our Confirmation candidates will take place on Weds 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm

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

The following staff vacancies are currently available.

##### **Learning Support Assistant**

Term time + 2 days

##### **Cover Supervisor**

Term time only

**Closing date for applications is midday on Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

Further information available from:

**Viki Baker – 01923 673760 or [baker.v@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk](mailto:baker.v@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk)**

#### CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

Lent is fast approaching; a time when CAFOD supporters pay particular attention to the vital needs of those who need help all over the world. St Bede's parish has always been a strong supporter of CAFOD. We are encouraged to donate, and there is an excellent opportunity to do that in the next few weeks, by getting involved in the annual Big Lent Walk. This activity launches on Ash Wednesday, and you can take part. The challenge is to walk 5km every day during Lent (a total of 200km), or as much as you can manage, and obtain sponsors to help raise essential funds for CAFOD's important work. So please do consider signing up, as an individual, as a family, or as part of the parish team - **Croxley Green Lenten Walkers**, headed up by Fabian Hiscock (details on the website below).

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March has been designated as a community walking day**, if you prefer to join the group.

If walking is not for you, please consider sponsoring, which would be very much appreciated.

Visit the following link for more information:

**<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/croxley-green-lenten-walkers>**

### **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 at our volunteer meeting in Oakwood, North London on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

**Contact: Tony Sheen**  
**[westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)**  
**Landline: 0208 449 6970**  
**Mobile: 07789 876913**

### **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)**

### **PHARISEE MUSICAL IN A DAY with Joyful Noise**

**10.30am - 6pm on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Venue: St Luke's Church**

Langley Way, Watford, WD17 3EG  
A fun day of singing and orchestral workshops, culminating in a public charity performance in support of Watford Schools Trust.

**Tickets range from £10 – £20**  
depending on type of ticket required.

Further details available from  
**Sarah Moreton - 07929 645179**  
**[moretons1964@gmail.com](mailto:moretons1964@gmail.com)**

### **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.

### **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.