



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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5th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 5th February 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

**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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Next preparation class:

Wednesday 8th February – 4.30pm

CONFIRMATION 2023

Our Confirmation candidates will be formally enrolled at 10am Mass this Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

Next preparation class will take place on Weds 8th February at 7pm

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 hospitals, women's refuges, refugee drop-in centres, prisons, community groups, and hospices as well as to developing countries and refugee camps, etc. Many thanks.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Renewed thanks to everyone who came last Saturday morning, and did so much to tidy up the church gardens, and to Louise for organizing the refreshments afterwards. This Sunday we shall have the pleasure of enrolling our teenage members of the parish, as candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation. We renew our thanks to Imelda Cooper, the Lead Catechist, and to Anna Borrill and helpers for preparing our children for First Holy Communion. The second reading this weekend is our fourth extract from the early part of St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. It comes after the passage we read last week, in which Paul reminded his readers that few of them were wealthy or learned. Now he turns to write about his own preaching of the gospel, and points out that he simply demonstrated God's power by preaching the crucified Christ. Their faith was not to depend on human wisdom but on the power of God.

COLIN CONBOY RIP

It is with great sadness that we heard of Colin's passing last week. Colin has been a faithful and well-loved parishioner at St Bede's for many years, and has contributed to the life of the parish in many ways during that time. He will be greatly missed by his family and by all at St Bede's. We offer our sincere sympathy to Colin's wife Betty, and daughters, Ida, Catriona & Serafina. Please keep them in your prayers.

Reception of the Body will take place on Monday 20th February at 4.30pm.

The funeral will take place at St Bede's on Tuesday 21st February at 10am, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery.

The family have made a request for no flowers, but would instead greatly appreciate donations in support of Prostate Cancer UK.

Please use the following link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-in-memory-of-colin>

PARISH GARDENING DAY

We are really grateful to all who helped with the parish gardening last Saturday. A great deal of pruning, weeding and tidying up was achieved, but there is still more to be done. The refreshments and delicious lunch provided for the workers by Louise, assisted by Pat, were very much appreciated also. We hope to hold another gardening day in the spring, so watch this space!

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:

23rd February

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 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

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL South Oxhey

The Governing Body at St Joseph's is seeking Catholic Foundation Governors, especially anyone with business experience, to join the current Board of Governors at this outstanding school. Anyone interested should make contact with the Headteacher: **Mrs Linda Payne**
Tel – 0208 428 5371

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.

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.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Remember to check the parish website regularly, and let us know if you change any of your contact details.

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 20th February.

Further information available from:

Viki Baker – 01923 673760 or baker.v@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk

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

PHARISEE MUSICAL IN A DAY with Joyful Noise

10.30am - 6pm on Sat 25th 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

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 18th 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 1st February.

Contact: Tony Sheen

westminster@cafod.org.uk

Landline: 0208 449 6970

Mobile: 07789 876913

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

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

01923 236965 or 07903 240633

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 21st to 28th July 2023

Expression of interest forms are now available from the parish office. These need to be submitted to the Diocese no later than the end of March.