



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### WEEKLY MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>

#### Mass Intentions

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 6pm**

*Colin Conboy RIP (Int of Louise McKenna)*

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February – 10am**

*Michael Turner (anniv)*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 10am**

*People of the parish*

**Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass**

**First Sunday of the month – 4pm**

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

We congratulate the young people who were formally enrolled last Sunday, as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. There will be no First Communion or Confirmation preparation classes during half-term week, but we look forward to the First Confession Service on the morning of Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. The children will rehearse for this occasion during their class on 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Ash Wednesday.

Our second reading this weekend is again from the First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. It comes straight after the passage we read last week. Paul has insisted that his teaching was not based on human wisdom of its own, but a hidden wisdom revealed by God through the Holy Spirit.

#### FUNERAL OF COLIN CONBOY RIP

Reception of the Body will take place on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm.**

The funeral will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 10am**, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery.

#### *Please note change of dates.*

Colin will be greatly missed by us all. Please continue to keep Betty and their daughters in your prayers. The family has 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>

#### FUNERAL OF TONY LACONCA RIP

Reception of the Body will take place on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm.**

The funeral will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10am**, followed by burial at North Watford Cemetery. Please continue to keep Tony's son, Gerry, and the rest of their family in your prayers.

#### CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Donations from parishes in recent months have made this quick response possible. Please join with CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the terrible earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria-Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

#### LENTEN LUNCH

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 12 noon**

All are welcome to join us for a 'frugal' lunch, which will take place ahead of the World Day of Prayer Service. Donations to CAFOD would be very much appreciated

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER New Road Methodist Church Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 2pm

This year's service has been prepared by Christian women in Taiwan. Tea & biscuits will be served afterwards. Everyone welcome. We hope many of you will support this important ecumenical event.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Next preparation class:  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 4.30pm

#### CONFIRMATION 2023

Next preparation class will take place on **Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm**

#### 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:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<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**

#### REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am

#### MASS – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hall, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, for tea/coffee & cakes after 10am Mass.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

##### 10am Sunday Mass

Our Catechist will escort the children to the Hall at the beginning of Mass, and they 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.

#### THURSDAY CLUB

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

#### CROXLEY GREEN COMMUNITY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA present

**'A Mass for Peace'** including The Choral Suite from Karl Jenkins: The Armed Man, with pieces by Mendelssohn, Rutter and Interfaith Prayers.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 7.45pm**  
**at Holy Rood Church, Watford.**

Proceeds to be shared between St Vincent de Paul Society and Watford Peace Hospice.

**Tickets: £12** (accompanied under 18s free). Ticket includes Cheese & wine afterwards. **Contact:**

**June Jones – 01923 442978**

[croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)

### CAFOD 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 would like to join a group of us from the parish. If walking is not for you, please consider sponsoring, which would be very much appreciated. Visit the following link to join the parish team or make a donation: <https://cafod.enthouse.com/pf/croxley-green-lenten-walkers>

### PARISH GARDENING DAY

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April – 10am**

Please come along if you can, to help with the continuing pruning and tidying of the church grounds. We are very grateful to all who have been helping so far, but some extra pairs of hands would be very welcome. Refreshments will be provided for the workers!

### 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**

**6<sup>TH</sup> RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP** welcomes 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)**

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### OUR LADY'S (RICKMANSWORTH) PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Florence, Assisi & Siena – 22<sup>nd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Ground package includes accommodation, courier services, coach transfers, guided tours - £795 based on minimum of 20 passengers, plus flights (estimated £190 - £220).

**Contact: Kerry Van Rensburg**  
[rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk)  
**SEE POSTER in church porch**

### 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.

### 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)**

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please let us know if you are new to the parish, or have changed any of your contact details.

### 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.***

### 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)

### 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**

### DOUBLE KNITTING WOOL NEEDED

If you have any new double knitting wool that you no longer require, please donate this for charity (box in church porch). It will be used to crochet squares for 'Knit for Peace', a charity that sends knitted articles to hospitals, refuge centres, prisons, plus a number of other community outlets. Many thanks.