



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### WEEKLY MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Eucharist Service</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>

#### Mass Intentions

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February – 6pm**

*People of the parish*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 10am**

*Colin Conboy RIP (Int of June Jones)*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place each Friday during Lent at 4.30pm**

**Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass**

**First Sunday of the month – 4pm**

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

As our children return to school after half-term, we prepare for the start of the season of Lent. The Cardinal's Lenten pastoral letter will be read at Mass this weekend, and this coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, when there will be Mass at 10am. Ashes will be blessed and imposed at this Mass. The ashes will also be given at the sacramental preparation classes on Wednesday evening, to any of the candidates who have not received them earlier in the day. I have a hospital appointment on the morning of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, so there will be a Eucharistic Service in lieu of Mass that day. Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday afternoons at 4.30pm each week during Lent – the time agreed upon at our recent Parish Development Committee Meeting.

Next Saturday, our children will make their First Confession during a short service of forgiveness that will begin at 11am. Please pray for our children, and for everyone in our parish, as we enter upon this major season in the church's year.

#### 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.

#### COLIN CONBOY RIP

For those who wish to make a donation to Prostate Cancer UK, in memory of Colin, please use the following link:

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

#### NEXT PREPARATION CLASSES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

First Holy Communion – 4.30pm  
Confirmation – 7.00pm

#### CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Please continue to pray for all affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. For more details, and to donate, please visit CAFOD's Syria-Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

***We hear in the News that unscrupulous scammers are taking advantage of this terrible situation, so please ensure your donation is used for the intended purpose, by giving via a trustworthy organisation.***

#### CAFOD BIG LENT WALK A great idea for your Lenten sacrifice!

Fabian, Paul and Ursula have already signed up to the parish team: CROXLEY GREEN LENTEN WALKERS. Please join us by registering at:

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

The challenge is to walk 5km every day during Lent (a total of 200km), or as much as you can manage, and ask your family and friends to sponsor the team to raise essential funds for CAFOD's important work. **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March has been designated as a community walking day, when we hope many of you will make a special effort to take a 5km walk.**

#### 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.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am MASS NEXT SUNDAY - 26<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hall 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**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT MEETINGS – ‘Prayer is for All’ Talks / Discussions / Services**  
**Wednesdays during Lent at 2.30pm and 7.30pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> March – Methodist Church**

**8<sup>th</sup> March – St Oswald’s**

**15<sup>th</sup> March – Baptist Church**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March – St Bede’s**

**29<sup>th</sup> March – All Saints**

**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>, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**A second volunteer needed for 23<sup>rd</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)**

**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**

**MANY THANKS FROM**  
**WATFORD PEACE HOSPICE**

We have received a letter of thanks for the donation of £105, raised by Angela Steele at one of our recent Sunday coffee mornings, from the sale of her excellent craft items.

**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**

**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)**

**CROXLEY BAPTIST CHURCH VACANCY – Post of Church Administrator**  
15-20 hours per week / £11 per hour, subject to discussion. The successful applicant will be a committed Christian; sympathetic to the ethos of the church, and possessing good IT, administrative, and communication skills.  
**Closing date for applications: 13<sup>th</sup> March.**  
**Contact: Ann Wrangles**  
**[secretary@croxleybaptist.co.uk](mailto:secretary@croxleybaptist.co.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.

**DOUBLE KNITTING WOOL**

Many thanks to all who have donated knitting wool. We now have sufficient for the time being, and are grateful to all who responded to our appeal.

**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.***

**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**

**PARKING FOR CHURCH**

Please be considerate when parking along the roads adjacent to St Bede’s, by allowing plenty of room for residents to enter/leave their driveways. Many thanks.