



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### WEEKLY MASSES

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am**

**Funeral of Tony Laconca RIP**

**Thursday 10.00am**

**Saturday 6.00pm**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am**

**First Communion Rite of Enrolment**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 4pm**

**Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 6pm**

*Colin Conboy RIP (Int of the Hendrick family)*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 10am**

*Colin Conboy RIP (Int of the Crowley family)*

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 10am**

*People of the parish*

**Every FRIDAY in Lent – 4.30pm**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

#### REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am

#### MASS THIS 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.

#### 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**

#### NEXT PREPARATION CLASSES FOR THE SACRAMENTS

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**First Holy Communion – 4.30pm**

**Confirmation – 7.00pm**

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

This newsletter is prepared ahead of the weekend, but we may surely congratulate our children who are making their First Confession this Saturday morning. We also renew our thanks to Anna Borrill and her helpers for preparing them. The children will be formally elected as candidates for First Holy Communion next Sunday, and we shall be celebrating both events with refreshments after this Sunday's morning Mass. As always we thank Sally & Frankie Blasi for organising the refreshments.

Two important special collections have long been taken during Lent:

**CAFOD's Family Fast Day** collection, and the **Lenten Alms Collection for the Cardinal's**

**Charities**. There is a lot of information about CAFOD's work in this newsletter, and our CAFOD Parish Representative, Fabian Hiscock, will be speaking at the Masses this weekend. Donations to CAFOD or Lenten Alms can be made at any time up to Easter. If you prefer to make a cash donation to either charity through the parish, we would ask you to use the special envelopes at the back of the church – this will ensure your donations are kept separate from offerings to the parish funds.

#### MESSAGE OF THANKS

Betty Conboy & family would like to express their deepest gratitude for the prayers, love, gifts and support given to them at this difficult time. Thank you for the beautiful service and warm welcome that the parish extended to Colin's family and colleagues.

#### 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 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.**

#### 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.**

#### 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.

**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**

**croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk**

**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**

**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.

**ANNUAL MASS OF  
THANKSGIVING FOR THE  
SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY  
Westminster Cathedral**  
**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 2.30pm**

The Cardinal is inviting all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60<sup>th</sup>) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary. If you would like to attend, please send your details (names / wedding date / postal address / email / tel no) to the parish office, **no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**  
**croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk**  
**or Tel: 01923 445163 - Ursula**

**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**  
**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**

**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**

**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.

**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**  
**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.