



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Palm Sunday – Sunday 2nd April 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

Mass Intentions

Thursday 30th March

People of the parish

Saturday 1st April – 6pm

Thanksgiving Intention

Sunday 2nd April – 10am

Angela Robins – anniv (Intention of Catherine & Claire)

EASTER LITURGIES

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6th April - 7.30pm

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY 7th April

9.30am - CHURCHES TOGETHER

Good Friday Procession from junction of Watford Road & Winton Approach to New Road Methodist Church

11am - CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

3pm - LITURGY OF THE PASSION

EASTER SATURDAY

8th April - 8pm

EASTER VIGIL MASS

Easter Sunday 9th April 2023 – 10am

EASTER DAY MASS

EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale after

Mass - £1 per ticket

The beautiful Easter hampers that can be won are on display in the church porch.

The raffle will be drawn after 10am Mass on Easter Sunday. Proceeds will go towards refurbishment of the church kneelers, which are in urgent need of attention!

NEXT REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 10am SUNDAY MASS

will be on 16th April

Everyone welcome!

THURSDAY CLUB

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

NO MEETING ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Renewed thanks to everyone who has made a donation, or taken part in a fundraising event for CAFOD.

We would remind anyone who is about to make a donation to CAFOD or Lenten Alms, to do so by next weekend, so that the offerings can be transferred to the charities by the requested dates. Our thanks also to everyone who has been giving their time on the Thursday afternoons of winter and early spring to welcome visitors to the 'Warm Space' in our hall; and to everyone who has volunteered to assist at the Easter weekend liturgies. Full details of these are listed in the Newsletter.

Our second reading on Palm Sunday is from the letter of St Paul to his converts in the northern Greek city of Philippi. In the section we read this weekend, Paul is exhorting his readers to be humble and considerate by quoting a hymn to Jesus. The hymn describes Our Lord's acceptance of suffering and death in words that recall the Suffering Servant described in our first reading. During Holy Week we accompany Jesus on his journey through death on the cross to what the hymn calls his 'Raising on High'.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

No classes during the Easter holidays. Next class dates:

Confirmation Class – 7.00pm
Wednesday 19th April

First Holy Communion – 4.30pm
Wednesday 26th April

SUPPORTING FAIRTRADE



Fairtrade is about better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. Fairtrade Easter Eggs can be purchased online from: <https://www.eden.co.uk/real-easter-eggs/> further details available from: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/fairtrade-easter-eggs/>

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

It's not too late to sponsor the parish team: CROXLEY GREEN LENTEN WALKERS.

A small group of parishioners participated in the parish-wide walk on Sat 18th March, and continue to strive for the 5K daily challenge throughout Lent. Please use the following link to sponsor them:

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

Off-line donations would also be welcomed – please place these in a sealed envelope, marked BIG LENT WALK.

Your support is very much appreciated.

PARISH GARDENING DAY

Saturday 15th 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!

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. NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS

CHRISTIAN AID ARTS CAFÉ

Saturday 22nd April

11am to 4pm

Croxley Baptist Church Hall

Café, children's activities, arts & craft displays – some of which will be on sale.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Signing up for E-Alerts on the parish website will ensure you are always kept up to date with parish information.

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

VOCATIONS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

On Wednesday 17th May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

MESSAGE FROM CARITAS

Saint John of God Hospitaller Services - seeking HOMES FOR UKRAINE

The need for hosts and homes is as high as ever. If you are able to offer help please get in touch.

Email: homesforukraine.org.uk

More information available at:

www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk

and

www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine

MIGRANTS & REFUGEES – A CATHOLIC RESPONSE

We have been asked to share the link below, regarding a new publication titled 'Love the Stranger', in which the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) offers a list of 24 principles for immigration policies based on "the innate worth of each human person."

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2023-03/bishops-england-and-wales-call-for-safe-access-of-migrants-to-uk.html>

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.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Westminster Cathedral Sat 13th May 2023 – 2.30pm

The Cardinal is inviting all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and every year over 60th) 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 31st March 2023** **croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk** or Tel: 01923 445163 - Ursula

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.

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. ***CAFOD is a member of the Disasters Committee (DEC) and will ensure your donation is used effectively.*** For more details, and to donate, please visit CAFOD's Syria-Turkey Emergency Appeal online at **<https://cafod.org.uk/give>**

6TH 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**

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

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

OUR LADY'S (RICKMANSWORTH) PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Florence, Assisi & Siena 22nd to 27th October 2023

Package includes flights (with BA), accommodation, courier services, coach transfers, guided tours - £1069.00 per person (based on 2 sharing).

Contact: Kerry Van Rensburg rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk SEE POSTER in church porch

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

This pilgrimage will be led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP.

Dates: Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November 2023.

Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. You can book online at **<http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL>** or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 also Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 0207 798 9173

LOST PROPERTY

The following item has appeared in our lost property box in the porch.

**A pair of reading glasses
A pair of grey woollen gloves**

MISSIO RED BOXES

We are now collecting in Missio Red Boxes, for counting. We will make an announcement when they are ready to be returned. Many thanks to all who donate via the red boxes.