



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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2nd Sunday of Lent – Sunday 5th March 2023

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday 7th March 11.00am

Funeral of Jean Burke RIP

Thursday 10.00am

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.00am

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

First Sunday of the month – 4pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th March – 6pm

Martin Scahill (anniv)

Sunday 5th March – 10am

Colin Conboy RIP (Int of Paul & Ursula Bartlett)

Every FRIDAY in Lent – 4.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Wednesday 8th March

Confirmation Class – 7.00pm

First Holy Communion

Parents Meeting – 7.30pm

Our FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

children will be formally elected at this Sunday's 10am Mass.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am

SUNDAY MASS – 12th March

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hall for tea/coffee & cakes after 10am Mass. Grateful thanks to Sally & Frankie and team for organising these events.

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.

JEAN BURKE RIP

We were saddened to hear that Jean recently passed away. We offer our sincere sympathy to her family – please keep them in your prayers. **The funeral will take place on Tuesday 7th March at 11am.**

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

At 10am Mass this Sunday, our children will be formally 'elected' as candidates for First Holy Communion, following their First Confession last Saturday. We congratulate them and renew our thanks to Anna Borrill and her helpers for preparing them.

This newsletter is prepared before the weekend, but we may thank in advance Louise, June and all who helped to prepare the Lenten Lunch on Friday. Our thanks also to all of you who represented the parish at the World Day of Prayer Service at the Methodist Church. This Second Sunday in Lent has been the usual day when we take the collection for CAFOD, though donations can be made at any time up to Easter. Our thanks to all who have already undertaken fundraising initiatives.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT MEETINGS – 'Prayer is for All' Talks / Discussions / Services

Wednesdays during Lent at 2.30pm and 7.30pm
8th March – St Oswald's
15th March – Baptist Church
22nd March – St Bede's
29th March – All Saints

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>

LOST PROPERTY

The following items have appeared in our lost property box in the porch.

A Missal with several book markers

A pair of reading glasses

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 18th 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.**

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 and 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

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 29th 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

MISSIO RED BOXES

We are now inviting Missio Red Box holders to hand their boxes in for counting. We will let you know as and when they have been emptied, counted and are ready to be returned. Many thanks.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

11th to 19th March 2023

This annual national novena will take place at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead, as part of the Mill Hill Missionaries preparation for the Feast of St Joseph (20th March); asking for blessings on their missionary outreach. Masses can be accessed by Zoom, via the Mill Hill website:

www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena

and will take place as follows:

Saturdays 11th & 18th at 10am

Sundays 12th & 19th at 11am

Mon-Fri 13th to 17th at 7.30pm

You are welcome to send petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet using the following contact details: **Tel: 01628 673178**

Email: novenamhm@gmail.com

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!

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

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.

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.

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

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.

OUR LADY'S

(RICKMANSWORTH) PARISH

**PILGRIMAGE to Florence, Assisi
& Siena – 22nd -27th 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

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**

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

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:
13th March.**

Contact: Ann Wrangles

secretary@croxleybaptist.co.uk

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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.

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.

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