



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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3rd Sunday of Lent – Sunday 12th March 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

Saturday 11th March – 6pm

People of the parish

Sunday 12th March – 10am

Colin Conboy RIP (Int of the Lowry Family)

Every FRIDAY in Lent – 4.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Wednesday 15th March

First Holy Communion – 4.30pm

Confirmation Class – 7.00pm

REFRESHMENTS THIS SUNDAY AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS

In the lead up to St Patrick's Day, we will be serving tea/coffee and cakes, plus some tasty themed treats.

Everyone welcome! Grateful thanks to Sally & Frankie and team for organising this event.

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.

MANY THANKS

We are grateful to the generous parishioner who has donated £40 towards flowers in church. This will enable us to ensure the church is beautifully decorated for our Easter celebrations.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Once again we congratulate our children who were formally elected as candidates for First Holy Communion at Mass last Sunday. We renew our thanks to Anna Borrill, our Lead Catechist, and her helpers, and to Imelda Cooper, our Confirmation Lead Catechist. The preparation courses for both Sacraments continue this Wednesday.

Many thanks also to everyone who has already made donations to CAFOD, or undertaken fundraising initiatives. We are particularly grateful to those who will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk next Saturday, or have offered to sponsor the walkers. Donations to CAFOD, or to the Cardinal's Lenten Alms fund, can be made at any time up to Easter. If you prefer to make a cash donation to either of these charities through the parish, we would remind you to use the special envelopes at the back of the church, so that your donation can be kept separate from offerings to parish funds.

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

Wednesdays during Lent at

2.30pm and 7.30pm

15th March – Baptist Church

22nd March – St Bede's

29th March – All Saints

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

27th February to 12th March



Fairtrade is about better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are over 6,000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold! So when you shop, look for the FAIRTRADE trademark.

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.

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.

LENTEN LUNCH – Fri 3rd March

The sum of £90 was raised for CAFOD

Grateful thanks to Louise, June and their helpers for their generous contributions and preparation of the Lenten Lunch, which was very much enjoyed by all. Many thanks also to all who supported this event.

St Bede's was also well represented at the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service afterwards, at the Methodist Church.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUTS

SPRING JUMBLE SALE & NEARLY NEW

Saturday 18th March at 10.30am and BOOK SALE

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March from 7pm to 9pm

Donations of items can be taken to the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church on Thursday/Friday. Evenings or collection can be arranged by telephoning:

01923 246169 / 01923 776035.

Help to run these events would also be greatly appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY

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

A pair of reading glasses

**WARM SPACE – 2.30 to 4.30pm
ON THURSDAYS in the Hall until
the end of March**

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

**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**

**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

**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**

**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**

**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!

**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

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.

**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