



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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4th Sunday of Lent – Sunday 19th 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

Friday 17th March

*Marian Meehan & Patricia Cowley
(birthday intention)*

Saturday 18th March – 6pm

People of the parish

Sunday 19th March – 10am

Fr James Anthony Boyle RIP

Every FRIDAY in Lent – 4.30pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Wednesday 22nd March

First Holy Communion – 4.30pm

Confirmation Class – 7.00pm

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.

NEXT REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 10am SUNDAY MASS will be on 16th April

Everyone welcome! We are very fortunate to have Sally & Frankie and their family, who organise these very enjoyable events.

THURSDAY CLUB

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

MANY THANKS

We are very grateful to a generous anonymous donor, who has sent us £50 towards Easter flowers in church this week. Many thanks.

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

This newsletter is being prepared before the weekend, but we thank in advance everyone in the Big Lent Walk against hunger this Saturday. We thank the walkers themselves, and all who have sponsored them. Renewed thanks to all who have already made donations to CAFOD, or have undertaken other fundraising initiatives. Donations to CAFOD, or to the Lenten Alms fund for the Cardinal's charities, can still be made at any time up to Easter. But we would remind you to use the special envelopes if you are making a donation by cash or cheque, so that we can distinguish these from your offertory donations to parish funds.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT MEETINGS – 'Prayer is for All' Talks / Discussions / Services
Wednesdays during Lent at 2.30pm and 7.30pm
22nd March – St Bede's
29th March – All Saints

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 of Fairtrade stockists available from:
<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/fairtrade-easter-eggs/>

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 March (a 2nd volunteer needed) 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

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

A great idea for your Lenten sacrifice!

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

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

THIS LINK CAN ALSO BE USED TO SPONSOR THE TEAM.

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

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.

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>

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUTS 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 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.

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**

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!

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.

LOST PROPERTY

The following item has appeared in our lost property box in the porch.
A pair of reading glasses

**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

**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

**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

**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 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**

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. M