



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### WEEKLY MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>

#### Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

**First Sunday of the month – 4pm**

#### Mass Intentions

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

*People of the parish*

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

*Michael Garvey RIP (Intention of Kathy Keating)*

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

*Brian Dines RIP (Intention of the Crowley family)*

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 4.30pm**

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### EASTER LITURGIES

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

**6<sup>th</sup> April - 7.30pm**

#### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### GOOD FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**8<sup>th</sup> April - 8pm**

#### EASTER VIGIL MASS

**Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Everyone welcome!

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Renewed thanks to everyone involved in the Big Lent Walk last Saturday: to the walkers themselves and to all who sponsored them. We also thank everyone who has already made donations or undertaken fundraising initiatives for CAFOD, or for the Lenten Alms fund for the Cardinal's charities.

Next Thursday afternoon we shall, for the last time, be offering a 'Warm Space' in our hall to anyone who calls. Many thanks to all of you who have given up your time to welcome visitors on these winter and early spring afternoons. After next week, the preparation classes for First Communion and Confirmation will be taking a break for the Easter holidays. We renew our thanks to Anna Borrill and Imelda Cooper, our Lead Catechists.

#### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Olivia and Jared Ewhare, who were baptised at St Bede's last Tuesday morning. May God bless them always. It was a great pleasure to welcome the children from two classes at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, who came to share this very special celebration. Our thanks to Elaine Harrold (Headteacher) and her staff for making this possible.

#### PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**First Holy Communion – 4.30pm**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Confirmation Class – 7.00pm**

#### WARM SPACE – 2.30 to 4.30pm ON THURSDAY in the Hall until the end of March

Everyone is welcome to our Warm Space on Thursday afternoon.

**2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the final date: 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](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)**

#### 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 18<sup>th</sup> March, and continue to strive for the 5K daily challenge throughout Lent. Please use the following link to sponsor them:

**<https://cafod.enthus.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.

#### CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT MEETINGS – 'Prayer is for All'

**Talks / Discussions / Services**

Many thanks to all who attended the 2 sessions at St Bede's on Wednesday.

The final 2 sessions will take place at **2.30pm & 7.30pm** on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at All Saints Church**

#### 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/>**

#### 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.  
**NO MEETING ON MAUNDY THURSDAY**

## 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!

## 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](mailto:homesforukraine.org.uk)**

More information available at:

**[www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk](http://www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk)**

and

**[www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](http://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.***

## 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.

## 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**

## 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**

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

## 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](mailto: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>**

## 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](mailto:info@6thrickyseascouts.org.uk)**

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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**