



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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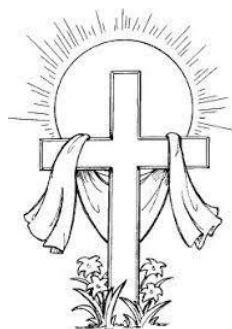
website: [www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen](http://www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen)

Parish Priest: **FR JOHN WILEY**

Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

THIS PARISH IS PART OF THE WESTMINSTER ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE TRUSTEE CHARITY NO. 233699

### Easter Sunday – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 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 Intention

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 10am**

*Mr & Mrs Joe Donohoe*

#### Easter Sunday – 10am

*During this Mass we will be receiving a member of our congregation into the Catholic Church*

#### EASTER RAFFLE

**£1 per ticket – to be drawn after 10am Mass on Easter Sunday**

**Final chance to buy your tickets after Mass this weekend!**

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

The proceeds will go towards refurbishment of the church kneelers, which are in urgent need of attention!

#### REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS – NEXT WEEK

Join us in the hall to enjoy tea, coffee and cake. Everyone welcome!

#### HOLY WATER

Now the risk associated with covid is declining, the holy water stoups at the church entrance will be refilled. The stoups will of course be cleaned thoroughly on a regular basis to maintain hygiene standards.

#### THANK YOU

Many thanks to Mary Turnbull for her generous donation of £20 towards our Easter flowers in church. This is very much appreciated.

#### CHRISTIAN AID ARTS CAFÉ

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**11am to 4pm**

**Croxley Baptist Church Hall**

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

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

A Happy & Holy Easter to our parishioners and to all our visitors! May we share the joy and peace brought by the resurrection of Our Lord. Our warmest thanks to all the volunteers who have served as Stewards, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, and so enabled us to celebrate the liturgy of this great feast. Our thanks also to those who have prepared the church building and provided the beautiful flower arrangements.

Our second reading on Easter Sunday is from the letter of St Paul to the Christians in the small city of Colossae. In this letter, Paul stressed the unity of Jesus with God the Father, and his role in the creation and salvation of the world. All the powers that seem to control the material world have been defeated by the death and resurrection of Jesus. The new life we now share is hidden, but it will be revealed when Jesus comes in glory.

#### PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

**No classes during the Easter holidays. Next class dates:**

**Confirmation Class – 7.00pm  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**First Holy Communion – 4.30pm  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

#### 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!

#### CONTACTLESS GIVING

We are pleased to announce that donations to the parish, and payments for items from the Repository (SHOP), etc. can be made with your debit / credit cards. The device, which is securely located in the church porch, is simple to operate. There is also a Gift Aid option, which requires a one-time-only registration. We hope to have someone available at the door to assist for the first few weeks. If you have any queries please speak to one of the Parish Team.

#### CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

**Please sponsor the parish team: CROXLEY GREEN LENTEN WALKERS, if you have not already done so.**

A small group of parishioners participated in the parish-wide walk on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March, and have continued 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.

#### 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**

#### 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.**

## THURSDAY CLUB

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

## VOCATIONS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD – OPEN EVENING

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:homesforukraine.org.uk)**

More information available at:

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

and **[www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://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>**

## 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.

## SUPPORTING FAIRTRADE



St Bede's is a Fairtrade parish, so we encourage you to look out for the familiar logo when you are shopping. Fairtrade is about better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. Further details available from: **<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>**

## WORLD YOUTH DAY – LISBON 25<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Are you: Aged 18 – 35?

Looking to deepen your faith?

Part of the Westminster Diocese?

Wanting to discover other cultures?

Ready meet other young Catholics from around the world?

This trip provides two weeks in Fatima/Porto to celebrate World Youth Day with 2 million other young people. All transport, accommodation and food is included.

**Cost: £1500. Deposit of £100 required to secure a booking.**

**Applications close: 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Information & booking forms available from:

**[phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk)**

or **[hollycook@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hollycook@rcdow.org.uk)**

## 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**

## LOST PROPERTY

The following items have 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.

## 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.