



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Second Sunday of Easter – Sunday 16th April 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 15th April – 6pm

People of the parish

Sunday 16th April – 10am

John Carter RIP

EASTER RAFFLE

Many thanks to all who supported the raffle, and to those who won prizes. Our thanks also to June, for providing items and preparing the beautiful hamper prizes. The fantastic sum of over £550 has been raised, and this will go towards refurbishment of the church kneelers, which are in urgent need of attention!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Barbara Saint, who was received into the Catholic Church at 10am Mass on Easter Sunday. Barbara has been a member of our parish community for several years, and we pray that God will bless her always.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS – THIS WEEK

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

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.

HOLY WATER

As you may have noticed, the holy water stoups at the church entrance have once again been filled. The stoups will of course be cleaned thoroughly on a regular basis to maintain hygiene standards.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

My warmest thanks to everyone who sent cards and presents for my birthday and for Easter, and for your generous Easter offerings. It was a great pleasure to welcome so many of you back to the church over Easter weekend, and I hope you all had a Happy Easter!

The season of Eastertide extends for seven weeks, until the Feast of Pentecost – Whit Sunday. It is now regular practice for adults to be received into the church at Easter, and for younger members to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation during Eastertide. We should keep our younger members in our prayers as they complete their preparation for these sacraments. During Eastertide we read at Sunday Mass passages from books of the Bible that tend not to be used during the rest of the year. Our second readings come from the first of the letters attributed to the apostle St Peter, in which the link is explained between the death and resurrection of Jesus and the new birth experienced by the Christian. I hope to talk about the other readings in my sermon this weekend.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Next class dates:

Confirmation – 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th April

First Holy Communion – 4.30pm

Wednesday 26th April

CONTACTLESS GIVING

You may have noticed a new device in the church porch! Donations to the parish, and payments for items from the Repository (SHOP), etc. can now be made with your debit / credit cards. The device is simple to operate. There is also a Gift Aid option, which requires a one-time-only registration. If you have any difficulties with donating, or queries, please speak to one of the Parish Team.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC)

This Committee is made up of parish volunteers, who assist Fr John with the running of the parish. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 25th April at 7pm. We are very fortunate to have such a willing team of parishioners, and if you would like to contribute to the life of the parish by joining us, please let Ursula know.

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

Tel: 01923 445163

Date for your diary:

CROXLEY REVELS on the Green
Saturday 17th June

We plan to run a stall again this year; serving tea/coffee & cookies. However, to achieve this **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

- *Setting up in the morning*
- *Running the stall*
- *Clearing away afterwards*

Please consider getting involved. Just let us know how much time you can give, and which of the tasks you would like to tackle! Many hands make light work, and we always have great fun on the day!

CHRISTIAN AID ARTS CAFÉ

Saturday 22nd April

11am to 4pm

Croxley Baptist Church Hall

Café, children's activities, arts & craft displays – some of which will be on sale. ***Volunteers needed to serve teas/coffees & cake.***

Donations of cakes would also be much appreciated (including a list of ingredients). These can be delivered at the Baptist Church between 9am & 11am on the day.

MISSIO RED BOXES

We have received a letter of thanks from Missio for the sum of £406.54, collected in our parish during 2022.

Many thanks to all who have handed in their red boxes for counting. We will make an announcement when they are ready to be returned. Many thanks to all who donate in this way.

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.

VOCATIONS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD – OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 17th 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

More information available at:

www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk

and **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>

THURSDAY CLUB

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

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/>**

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance for survivors. Please continue to pray for all affected.

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

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

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

Florence, Assisi & Siena 22nd to 27th 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
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**

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.