



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

185 Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 3LL

Tel **01923 231969** e-mail croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

website: 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

Third Sunday of Easter – Sunday 23rd 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

Thursday 20th April – 10am

People of the parish

Saturday 22nd April – 6pm

Maria Lembo RIP (intention of Kathy Keating)

Sunday 23rd April – 10am

Paul Burke RIP

PARISH GARDENING DAY

Many thanks to the 14 volunteers who gave up their time last Saturday, to help with pruning, weeding and generally tidying the church grounds. Thank you also to Louise, who provided an excellent lunch for the workers!

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. **We now have the final total raised – an amazing £558.** This will go towards refurbishment of the church kneelers, which are in urgent need of attention!

NEXT REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am MASS – Sunday 21st May

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

A huge 'thank you' to Sally & Frankie and their family, who organise our monthly refreshments so proficiently. They have donated the sum of £100 to our Kneeler Refurbishment fund from the proceeds of our coffee mornings.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to the family of Cormac O'Dwyer who was baptised last weekend. We welcome him into the family of God, and pray he will be always be blessed.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Many thanks to everyone who gave so much time last Saturday to work on the gardens and grounds around the church. Our thanks also to Louise and her helpers, who arranged the lunch afterwards. In two weeks time, as the nation celebrates the coronation of King Charles, we shall be holding our First Communion and Confirmation Masses. We should keep our younger members of the parish in our prayers as they attend their final preparation classes for these sacraments.

In our second reading this weekend, the author explains the connection between Our Lord's redeeming death and the vocation of the Christian. The liberation brought by the death of Jesus is compared to the ransom paid to release a relative from slavery for debt. Christians must live as a chosen people, ransomed and set free to serve God.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS – next classes:

Wednesday 26th April

First Holy Communion – 4.30pm

Confirmation – 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.

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, plus a plant sale.

However, to achieve this

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

• **Setting up in the morning**

• **Running the stall**

• **Clearing away afterwards**

Please 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!

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.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR POST A Message from Ursula

As some of you will already know, I have decided to hand over my role of Parish Administrator, after nearly 8 years. The post, which is 5 hours per week, is currently being advertised on the Diocesan website. Full details, including application procedure can be found via the following link.

<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-croxley-green/>

CLOSING DATE: 30th April

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

FISH & FUN EVENING at ST OSWALD'S CHURCH

Saturday 29th April – 6.45pm

A lively programme in support of their Parish Project, which includes information about Mission to Seafarers, games, quizzes and a raffle, plus Fish & Chip supper (alternative to fish available upon request). **Tickets - £12.20** each. (Bring your own drinks, glasses & cutlery).

Further information and tickets:

Helen McAlpine – 07778 289601

hccmcalpine@gmail.com or

Jonathan Cox – 07969 578356

jcox208@gmail.com

Ticket sales deadline: 23rd April

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

ST BEDE'S GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

We are very fortunate to have our Garden of Remembrance, where the ashes of loved ones may be interred. At the time of interment, the ashes only are reverently poured into the vault during a short prayer service – we regret that caskets/urns cannot be stored there. It has been customary for flowers, plaques, figurines and other ornaments to be placed in the vicinity of the vault, in remembrance of loved ones interred there. However, in order to preserve the dignity and beauty of the interment area, and to give due respect to those whose ashes have already been placed there, it has been necessary to define a number of rules and regulations. In the coming months we plan to refurbish the Garden of Remembrance, and replace the existing tributes placed there with an alternative mark of respect – possibly a purpose built notice board with small name plaques. If you have tribute items that you wish to collect, or if you would like to discuss these plans, please contact the Parish Office.
croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk
01923 231969

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.

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

SUPPORTING FAIRTRADE



St Bede's is a Fairtrade parish, so we encourage you to look out for the familiar logo when you are shopping.

Further details available from:

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

THURSDAY CLUB

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

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>**

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.