



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Fourth Sunday of Easter – Sunday 30th April 2023

Good Shepherd Sunday

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday	10.00am
Thursday 4th May	10.00am
<i>Eucharistic Service</i>	
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am

Friday 5th May – 7pm
CONFIRMATION Mass

Sunday 7th May – 12noon
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass

Sunday 7th May – 4pm
Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

Mass Intentions

Thursday 27th April – 10am

People of the parish

Saturday 29th April – 6pm

Paddy Clery RIP

Sunday 30th April – 10am

Bridie Grimes RIP

Tuesday 2nd May – 10am

Canon Philip Cross (anniv)

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

This week we, in the Catholic community, have been invited to join the whole nation in praying for King Charles in the days before his coronation – particularly during Mass on the evening of Friday 5th May. We will of course be welcoming Bishop Paul McAleenan on that evening, as he will be coming to our parish to celebrate the Confirmation Mass. We may, therefore, keep King Charles in our prayers, as well as our Confirmation candidates and their families.

Next Sunday at 12 noon, we shall be holding this year's First Holy Communion Mass. Although this Mass is, as in many parishes, separate from the regular parish Masses, it is an event that the whole parish should celebrate, and we should keep the children and their families in our prayers.

Our renewed thanks to our Lead Catechists, Anna Borrill and Imelda Cooper, and their helpers, for their work in preparing our younger members of the parish for these sacraments.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Final class:

Wednesday 3rd May – 4.30pm

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.

MISSIO RED BOXES

The red boxes are now ready for collection. Many thanks to all who contributed to the sum of £406.54, collected during 2022.

These funds help local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, and we will be taking a special collection in support of the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome, and two in Valladolid. Last year five men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests.

The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests.

There are special envelopes at the back of the church for your donation. Alternatively you can use the QR code to donate, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations to make a donation online, or use our new contactless giving device in the church porch. Thank you for your generosity.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

Please do make use of our new contactless giving 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.

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.

KNEELERS FUND

We are currently awaiting a quote for the refurbishment of the church kneelers. We have been accumulating funds towards this project over the past year, and we are very grateful to those who have generously made individual donations specifically for this purpose. Watch this space for updates.

NEXT REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am MASS – Sunday 21st May

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

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!

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

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

With effect from 19th May, it will once again be possible to purchase paper copies of this publication, in addition to the existing digital publications. Price for a single copy - £3.50
3 mth subscription (13 wks) £42 (£3.20 per copy)
6 mth subscription (26 wks) £75 (£2.88 per copy)
Annual sub (52 weeks) £140 (£2.69 per copy)

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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.

GIFT AID

Donations to the parish can be increased by 25%. If you are a UK tax payer, you can sign a Gift Aid declaration, enabling the parish to claim an additional 25% on your donations, at no additional expense to you. Forms available from the parish office.

THURSDAY CLUB

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

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

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.

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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

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/>

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.