



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### Fifth Sunday of Easter – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 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>

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – 12noon**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass**

**Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass**  
**First Sunday of the month – 4pm**

#### Mass Intentions

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm**

*Confirmation candidates & their families*

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 6pm**

*People of the parish*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – 10am**

*Allan Edward Donaldson RIP*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – 12noon**

*First Holy Communicants & their families*

#### KNEELERS FUND

MANY THANKS to Mr Gerry Douglas for his generous donation of £200 towards this project. This is very much appreciated.

We are also grateful to all who have made individual donations. Thank you all for your support. Watch this space for updates!

#### NEXT REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am MASS – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

following the Mass of Celebration for the First Holy Communion children. We hope you will join us in the hall to enjoy tea, coffee and cake. Everyone welcome!

#### Date for your diary:

#### CROXLEY REVELS on the Green Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

This weekend, as the whole nation celebrates the coronation of King Charles, we in our parish have much to celebrate. By the time many of you are reading this, our four young people will have been confirmed by Bishop Paul McAleenan, and we congratulate them and renew our thanks to Imelda Cooper and her helpers for their work in preparing them. At 12noon this Sunday, our children will be at their First Holy Communion Mass. Our warmest congratulations to them and their families, and our renewed thanks to Anna Borrill and her helpers for their work preparing the children. Our thanks also to Stephen Hussey, our organist, and to Michelle Hussey for beautifully preparing the certificates. We also thank Louise and the Flower Team and all who ensured that our church is worthily prepared for the sacraments that make our younger members full Christians.

#### MARY NOBLE RIP

We were very saddened to hear that Mary passed away suddenly on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Mary has been a dedicated member of our parish community for many years, and during her younger days was actively involved on our church cleaning rota, and in needlework group activities. She will be greatly missed by us all, and particularly by the Thursday Club – a well-loved member of the group. Please keep her daughter, Susan, and the family in your prayers. Details of the funeral will be announced soon.

#### CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III – 6<sup>th</sup> May

We pray for King Charles; that he will be granted wisdom and courage in his role as monarch.

#### KEEPING IN TOUCH

Signing up for E-Alerts on the parish website will ensure you are always kept up to date with parish information.

#### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

This annual Day of Prayer was initiated by Pope Francis. In this country it now takes place in this season of hope and new life.

*"Let us pray for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them by members of the Church. May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering". Pope Francis*

#### ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY

A School Welfare Assistant is required to join their successful and friendly school. The key task is to provide support with the welfare and pastoral care of children from 8.45am until 1.30pm - Monday to Friday. Further information and application details available from the school office:

[admin@stanthonys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stanthonys.herts.sch.uk)

Tel: **01923 226987**

**Closing date: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

#### PRIESTS TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

Your gift ensures we can provide training for those 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](http://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.***

#### 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. Your support is greatly 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.

## THURSDAY CLUB

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

## 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.**

## METHODIST CHURCH – NEW ROAD

### Tea / Coffee & Cake

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 10am to 2pm**  
Everyone is warmly invited to call in for tea, coffee & cake.

## UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

With effect from 19<sup>th</sup> May, it will once again be possible to purchase paper copies of this publication, in addition to the existing digital publications.

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## 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.

## 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.

## 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)

## ST BEDE'S GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, we are planning to re-organise the Garden of Remembrance. In the coming months we hope to set out some new guidelines with regard to the tributes put in place, and create a suitable display of the names of those who are interred there. 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](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)**  
**01923 231969**

## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property box in the porch. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity shop.

**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)**  
**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**  
**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**