



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### Sixth Sunday of Easter – Sunday 14<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 21<sup>st</sup> May – 10am**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**  
**OF CELEBRATION**

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

#### Mass Intentions

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – 10am**

*People of the parish*

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May – 6pm**

*Bridie & Eddie Hallissey – anniv*  
*(Intention of the Hendrick family)*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – 10am**

*People of the parish*

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – 10am**

*People of the parish*

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – 10am**

*Intention of Carol & Kevin Herbert*  
*(wedding anniversary)*

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Our sacramental preparations culminated in two splendid celebrations last weekend. We congratulate the four teenagers who were Confirmed last Friday, and the fifteen children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. We renew our thanks to Bishop Paul McAleenan, for coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation; to our Lead Catechists, Imelda Cooper and Anna Borrill; to Ursula for her attention to the administrative detail, and to all who helped in the preparation programme. We also thank Stephen Hussey, our organist, Michelle Hussey for preparing the elegant certificates, Louise & the Flower Team, and all who ensured the church building was suitably prepared for these major events in parish life.

The Confirmation programme is completed, but we still look forward to welcoming our First Communicants to the 'Sending Forth' Mass next Sunday. As always, we thank Sally & Frankie Blasi and their helpers for arranging refreshments in the Hall after this celebration. Meanwhile, next Thursday is the solemn Feast of Our Lord's Ascension. Mass will be at the normal time of 10am, and the Thursday Club will meet afterwards.

#### 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.

#### THURSDAY CLUB

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

#### MARY NOBLE RIP

We can now confirm that Mary's funeral will take place on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 11.30am**. Please continue to keep Mary and her family in your prayers.

#### GERRARD McARDLE RIP

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Gerrard, and we extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Rosemary, and their family. Please keep them in your prayers. The funeral will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.**

#### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

**14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Your donations this Christian Aid Week could help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for the crops, and build happier futures for their children. Watch out for the special collection envelopes that will be distributed, and please give generously.

#### 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.***

#### CAFOD – Summer Campaign FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

Our global food system is broken. One tenth of the world go hungry, whilst one third of all food produced is wasted, and giant corporations make huge profits. We hope to contribute to this campaign as a parish, by raising awareness and setting up a petition. Watch this space for further information!

#### KNEELERS FUND

We are grateful to all who have made donations so far, but will need to raise additional funds to reach our goal. Watch this space for our forthcoming project, 'Sponsor a Kneeler'.

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

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!

#### 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!

**PLEASE SIGN UP ON LIST IN CHURCH PORCH or email the Parish Office if you can help.**

## DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK

15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May

Events in Croxley to help raise awareness about Dementia, including signs to spot and information on diagnosis.

**Multi-Age Sing Song** – details of time and venue from **Cathy the Parish Nurse – 07562 515791**  
[croxleyparishnurse@cathy@gmail.com](mailto:croxleyparishnurse@cathy@gmail.com)

**Admiral Nurse Talk** – 2pm to 4pm

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May – Croxley Library

**Reminiscing** – 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May – St Oswald's Hall

**Friday Café** – 10.30am to 12noon

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May – All Saint's Church

**Supporting Carers Drop-In** –  
2.30pm to 4.30pm

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May – Croxley Library

**SEE POSTER IN PORCH**

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

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

## 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.

## 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.**

## LOST PROPERTY

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

## NSPCC COFFEE MORNING

Weds 31<sup>st</sup> May – 10am to 12noon

**Venue: Croxley Baptist Church**

You are warmly invited to enjoy tea/coffee and refreshments.

Donations in support of NSPCC

## 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.

## 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)**

## 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.

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## 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)**

## 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**