



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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**13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Year – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**PLEASE NOTE dates above – no Newsletter next week**

### WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday	10.00am
Thursday	10.00am
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am

### Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 4pm**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

### Mass Intention

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 10am**

*Mary Buckley RIP*

### 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.

**Please note: Children's Liturgy will be taking a break during August.**

### REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS

**Next refreshments in the Hall will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

### SPONSOR A KNEELER

**A sincere 'thank you' to everyone who has responded so generously to the kneeler restoration appeal.**

**We have now reached our target of £3380, thanks to the money raised at the Croxley Revels, and we have now instructed the contractors to book us in for the work to be carried out. Updates will be posted as and when there is anything to report.**

Thanks to your generosity, we may now find that we have a surplus amount. If this should prove to be the case, we propose to use this for essential work needed. It has recently been discovered that the Presbytery chimney stack is in need of urgent attention, and we are awaiting estimates.

**If you have donated to our Kneeler Campaign, and have any objections to this idea, please do get in touch.**

**A huge 'thank you' from Fr John and the parish team!**

### HALL and CHURCH CLEANING Temporary Volunteers Needed

Lynn, our regular cleaner, is having to take some time off over the next couple of months, so we are looking for some kind volunteers who could cover some of her tasks, such as sprucing up the kitchen and toilets, emptying the bins, and generally checking for anything that needs attention.

Please get in touch if you are able to help. This will be very much appreciated, and will serve to preserve parish funds during these difficult times. **Please let Fr John know if you can assist, and he will put you in touch with a member of the Parish Team.**

### PARISH GARDENING

We are currently experiencing issues with securing a gardening contractor, and you may have noticed that there are several areas that are in need of attention. We are planning a Parish Gardening Day in the autumn, and we are continuing to seek a suitable contractor, but in the meantime, **IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE A HAND WITH SOME WEEDING OR GRASS MOWING** please let Fr John know, and he will put you in touch with one of the Parish Team.

### CROXLEY REVELS

We have received a late donation towards our Croxley Revels effort, which now brings the **GRAND TOTAL raised to £400.**

### 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!

### CAFOD – Summer Campaign FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

This campaign is against the imbalance of power between the few huge international corporations which dominate the global food system and the small farmers who actually produce a large part of the world's food. Globally, just nine crops account for over 65% of all crop production, and are largely traded and transported by a few large businesses. Small farmers are increasingly unable to get the wide range of local seed varieties they've used, often for generations, and have to use the limited and often unsuitable seeds, needing chemical fertilisers and pesticides, from a few large providers. And this constraint is supported by the policies of the World Bank. Salina, a small farmer in Bangladesh, has written to the World Bank calling for protection for the fundamental rights of small-scale farmers to use their own varieties of resilient seeds. And CAFOD is leading an effort in this country to allow us all to add our names to Salina's letter.

**We'll be inviting you to do this at Masses over the weekend 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please be ready to add your name to the large sheet provided by CAFOD.**

Read more about the campaign at: <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/fi-x-the-food-system>

### 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/>

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please sign up for E-Alerts on the parish website to stay updated! Let us know if you are new to the parish, or if you have changed any of your contact details – registration cards in church porch.

## PARISH LIFE

We are very conscious of the fact that we are regularly asking for volunteers to help out in the parish.

***We are very grateful to our existing volunteers who are already working behind the scenes, to ensure the parish runs smoothly.*** Their

commitment and dedication ensured that we survived the pandemic, and they continue to contribute to parish life. However, we would now like to see some new, younger volunteers coming forward. So we are asking:

## **WILL YOU HELP US TO BUILD UP OUR PARISH?**

There are numerous ways in which you can help. We are specifically asking for help with the following:

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**We currently need 2 new committee members**, and in particular someone who would be prepared to take on the role of Chair, as our current Chair of Finance, David Reilly, will soon be stepping down; having completed his term of office. It is mandatory for parishes to have a Finance Committee. The role of the Committee is to work as a team to support and advise the parish priest, liaise with the Parish Development Committee, and attend quarterly meetings. If you have a background in finance and would like more information, please let us know.

### **CATECHETICS**

Providing guidance for the youngest members of the parish is essential, as they are the next generation. We would therefore like to create a Catechetics Team – a group of volunteers to support those who lead the Confirmation and First Communion classes, assist with Children's Liturgy, and generally help with the practical tasks involved with special Masses and sacramental celebrations. You do not need to have previous experience; just enthusiasm and a keen interest in making a difference in the parish.

## **SIGNING UP TO HELP WITH SPECIFIC EVENTS**

Nothing happens by magic! All the events put on in the parish involve lots of work behind the scenes.

So next time you see an appeal for help, please do consider coming forward.

**THIS IS YOUR PARISH, SO PLEASE HELP IT TO CONTINUE.**

If you can help, or wish to know more, please get touch. Many thanks.

### **CONTACTLESS GIVING**

**Please make use of our new DCP (Digital Collection Plate) 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.

### **ST BEDE'S GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE**

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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**01923 231969**

### **CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL**

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website:

**[www.cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict](http://www.cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict)**

## **HELP YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY FOCUSED IN MASS**

Please feel free to borrow books from the rack in the church porch.  
***Remember to return these on your way out!***

### **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)**

### **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)**

### **FOUNDATION GOVERNORS REQUIRED**

The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT) is currently seeking to recruit Foundation Governors for a number of our Schools local Governing Boards, across the Trust, to ensure high standards of achievement for all children and young people by setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction; holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent. This is an exciting opportunity to play a role in a vibrant and collaborative Trust that is in the process of expansion and development. The role of Foundation Governor is rewarding and offers various opportunities for professional and personal development. To be eligible for appointment, you must be a practising and committed Catholic, in communion with the Church. ***If you are interested in becoming a Foundation Governor please contact Christina Reffold, Director of Governance & Compliance, via email: [governance@ascat.co.uk](mailto:governance@ascat.co.uk)***