



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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11th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 18th June 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
PLEASE NOTE change of date for next month – Sunday 16th July

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th June – 6pm

Shelia Higgins RIP

Sunday 18th June – 10am

People of the parish

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.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS – future dates

Sunday 25th June

Sunday 16th July

Everyone welcome!

THURSDAY CLUB

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

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!

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/>

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

This newsletter is prepared before the weekend, but we may surely thank in advance all who will be representing the parish by serving on the St Bede's stall at the Croxley Revels, and everyone who is helping to support them.

In our Liturgy this weekend we return to the Mass texts provided for the 'Sundays in Ordinary Time', and as you will see above, this Sunday is the 'Eleventh Sunday of the Year'. For the next few months, at our Sunday Masses, we study extracts from the gospel of St Matthew, and from the most important of St Paul's letters; his letter to the church of Rome. The passages we hear this weekend and next are from the most discussed part of that letter.

SPONSOR A KNEELER

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

Our target is £3380.

The current total donated stands at approx £3200.00.

We are well on our way to our target and hope to commission the work very soon.

There are 34 kneelers in total, at a cost of £100 per kneeler.

Any amount you can give will be much appreciated, but as a suggestion:

Sponsor a whole kneeler - £100

Sponsor half a kneeler - £50

Sponsor a single place on a kneeler - £12.50

We appreciate some people were away during school half term week, and might have missed last week's appeal. If you are able to make a donation no matter how small, it would really help the appeal. The easiest way to donate is via the new DCP (Digital Collection Plate). If you are able to Gift Aid your donation this will add an additional 25% to the appeal, at no additional cost to you.

There will be another update next week.

Many thanks from the Parish team!

CROXLEY REVELS

Saturday 17th June

Many thanks to all involved with the setting up and running of our stall on The Green this Saturday; ensuring St Bede's is represented in this longstanding community event.

An update will be included in next week's Newsletter.

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.

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.

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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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!

PARISH LIFE

It is heartening to see the Mass attendance numbers increasing. However, the covid pandemic took its toll on parish life, and we are now looking at ways to build and strengthen our community.

We are very grateful to our Mass Volunteers, and those who voluntarily make up our Finance Committee and Parish Development Committee. Their commitment and dedication ensured that our parish survived the pandemic, and they continue to contribute to parish life.

However, we would now like to see some new 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 Fr John with the day-to-day running of the parish. 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.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

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

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

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

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

Vacancy for a Community Participation Co-ordinator

Full time role, involving both recruitment and support of existing team of Volunteers. To inspire and resource volunteers to work with parish and school communities to enable them to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice in partnership with CAFOD. Further details available from:

www.cafod.org.uk/jobs

Closing Date – 25th June 2023

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

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
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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**