



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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12th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 25th June 2023

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday 10.00am

Thursday 29th June 10.00am
Feast of St Peter & St Paul

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.00am

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

Sunday 16th July – 4pm

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

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 THIS WEEK

Please join us in the Hall for tea, coffee and cakes!

Many thanks to Sally, Frankie and their team for organising this.

Next refreshments in the Hall will be Sunday 16th July.

CROXLEY REVELS

Many thanks to all who helped with the setting up and running of our stall on The Green last Saturday, and to those who donated/lent equipment, etc. Thanks also, to those who supported our impromptu 'coffee and cookies' sale after Mass last Sunday! Everyone involved worked really hard, and the sum of £210 was raised for our Kneeler Appeal.

We are also grateful to Chris Moan, who ran her plant sale at the Revels, assisted by Siobhan Donohoe, and to those who generously donated plants for the stall. Chris's plant sale raised the excellent sum of £370, and will be split equally between St Bede's Kneeler Fund and Cancer Relief - £185 to each.

Therefore the GRAND TOTAL raised at The Revels amounts to £395.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Our congratulations to everyone who represented the parish and worked hard at our stall at the Croxley Revels last Saturday. Full details of our success are set out in this Newsletter.

I am also very glad that, as we approach the peak of the holiday season, we shall be gathering for refreshments after Sunday Mass this weekend. We renew our thanks to Sally & Frankie and their helpers for organising this.

The solemn Feast of the apostles St Peter & St Paul is this Thursday, 29th June. Mass will be at the normal time of 10am, and the Thursday Club will meet as usual afterwards.

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 are now able to go ahead with our plans for the refurbishment of the kneelers.

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. We have recently discovered that the Presbytery chimney stack is in need of urgent attention.

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!

THURSDAY CLUB

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

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!

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 15th and 16th 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/fix-the-food-system>

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.

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/>

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.

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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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

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.

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

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***