



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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THIS PARISH IS PART OF THE WESTMINSTER ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE TRUSTEE CHARITY NO. 233699

15th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 16th July 2023

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday 10.00am

Thursday 20th July 10.00am

Eucharist Service replacing Mass

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.00am

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

First Sunday of the month – 4pm

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

FOR THIS MONTH ONLY

Sunday 16th July – 4pm

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS – THIS WEEK

Please join us in the hall for
tea/coffee and cakes.

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.

KNEELER REFURBISHMENT

Thanks to your generosity, we are now able to go ahead with this project, and the contractor hopes to begin the task in the next couple of weeks.

We are still in the process of ascertaining the final amount collected for the Kneeler Appeal, and if there is a surplus we propose to use this for remedial work to the Presbytery chimney stack; a recently discovered issue that we had not planned for.

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

Many thanks to you all!

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.

CAFOD – Summer Campaign FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

We will be highlighting this campaign at Masses this weekend! Please be ready to sign the large sheet provided by CAFOD

There are increasing concerns about the power of 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.

More information available at:
<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/fix-the-food-system>

PARISH GARDENING

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.

The church grounds are looking rather untidy in places – we are still in the process of establishing an effective and suitable garden care service. If you are able to assist please let us know.

THURSDAY CLUB

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

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.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION WEEKS

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham.

There are two choices of dates:
14th - 21st August or

30th August - 6th September

Application deadline – 31st July

Further details available from the COLW Sisters at

freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org

Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4AZ
Tel. 01362 421442

www.walsinghamcommunity.org

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.

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

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!

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***