



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

16th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 23rd July 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

Mass Intentions

Sunday 23rd July – 10am

John Buckley RIP

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am

SUNDAY MASS

Many thanks to Sally & Frankie Blasi and their team, for organising our monthly coffee mornings. The next one will be in September – date to be announced.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Sunday Mass

We will be taking a break for the school holidays. Next Children's Liturgy – 10th September.

Your little ones are welcome to take the weekly work sheets, which will be at the back of the church.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Many thanks to a generous parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, for their donation of £20 towards flowers in church. We are always very grateful for these donations, and for the creative talents of our talented Flower Team.

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!

CAFOD – Summer Campaign FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

Many thanks to all who signed our large letter/petition last weekend. Please pray for the success of this campaign.

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>

THURSDAY CLUB

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

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. Many thanks for your support.

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

Please consider helping out – it's a great way of getting to know others in the parish!

All the events put on in the parish involve lots of work behind the scenes, and many hands make light work!

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

If you can help, or wish to know more, please speak to one of the parish team or drop us an email. 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 as 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.

GIFT AID

Did you know that 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!

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

This course provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. You can learn the course in person, by distance learning or online - details below:

Centres (in person learning)
http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

Tel: 01844 351 514

CCRS Online (online learning)

ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk

Tel: 0151 291 3055

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***