



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

#### WEEKLY MASSES

**Tuesday** 10.00am  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** 11.30am  
*Please note change of time*  
**Saturday** 6.00pm  
**Sunday** 10.00am

**Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August – 4pm**

**Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July – 10am**  
*Adam Trevers (anniv)*

#### THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club summer lunch will take place on **3<sup>rd</sup> August**, following **11.30am Mass**.  
*For catering purposes, please let us know if you wish to attend.*  
**Contact: Louise McKenna**  
**Tel: 07901 945989 / 01923 672799**

#### REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS

Next coffee morning 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 – 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Rita Hester for her kind donation of beautiful dahlias from her garden. As you will see, these can be seen in our floral display this week.

#### 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.

*If you have donated to our Kneeler Campaign, and have any objections to surplus funds being used for the repair of the Presbytery chimney stack, please do get in touch.*  
**Many thanks to you all!**

#### PARISH LIFE

Attending Mass regularly can be compared to water that nourishes the seeds of our faith and helps them to grow, and being actively involved in the parish helps you to get to know everyone. There are numerous ways in which you can get involved. It might be simply offering to help out with events or essential tasks, or maybe volunteering for some of our specific roles.

***We are very grateful to our existing volunteers who are already working behind the scenes, to ensure the parish runs smoothly.*** However, we would now like to see some new, younger volunteers coming forward.

#### 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 we put on involve a certain amount of work behind the scenes, and many hands make light work!

#### CATECHETICS

Becoming a Catechist, to lead or support during 10am Sunday Children's Liturgy, and/or supporting our First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation programmes. Requires a DBS Certificate which we will arrange.

You do not need to have previous experience; just enthusiasm and a keen interest in making a difference in the parish.

#### 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. The role of this 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.

#### 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>

#### WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Our Lady's Parish in Rickmansworth will be organising a coach to Walsingham, departing at 8am and returning at around 7pm. Cost: £30 (adults) / £15 (children) To book your place please contact **Kerry in the parish office:**  
**Tel: 01923 773387**  
[rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworth@rcdow.org.uk)

#### BAPTISM

Congratulations to the parents of Harry Pam Hamrouni, who was baptised at St Bede's on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We welcome him to the family of God and pray that he will be blessed always.

## 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/>

## 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.

## 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!**

## ST JOAN OF ARC SECONDARY TRANSFER OPEN EVENING

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> October – 5pm to 8pm**

### OPEN MORNING

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October – 9am to 11.30am**

Further information available from  
[www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk)

Tel:

## 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-](http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres)

[ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres](http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres)

**Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)**

[info@studylifelight.com](mailto:info@studylifelight.com)

Tel: 01844 351 514

**CCRS Online (online learning)**

[ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk](mailto:ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk)

Tel: 0151 291 3055

## ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY MEMORY WALK

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

A family and dog-friendly event, involving a charity walk around Cassiobury Park, Watford. Participants and volunteers to help are being invited to get in touch.

Contact: Amelia Cook

[amelia.cook@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:amelia.cook@alzheimers.org.uk)

Further information available at:

[www.alzheimers.org.uk/memory-walk/find-a-walk/watford](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/memory-walk/find-a-walk/watford)

or [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)

## 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)***

## 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.