



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

20th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 20th August 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 Intention

Sunday 20th August – 10am

Eileen McReynolds RIP (intention of the Lowry family)

THURSDAY CLUB

We will be taking a summer break until Thursday 7th September.

Our thanks to Louise, and her helpers, for organising the Thursday Club summer lunch on 3rd August. The delicious food and great company were enjoyed by everyone.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS

Next coffee morning will take place on 17th September. Join us in the Hall for tea, coffee and cakes after Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Sunday Mass

No Children's Liturgy during the school holidays. We will resume on 10th September.

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

KNEELER REFURBISHMENT

Work on the kneelers is planned for next month. Watch this space! Many thanks for your generosity.

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!

HELP YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY FOCUSED IN MASS

Feel free to borrow books from the rack in the church porch during Mass. ***Please remember to return these on your way out!***

PARISH NURSE PROJECT

Volunteering Opportunity

If you are creative, organised and a good communicator, you may be the ideal person to assist the Trustees of Churches in Croxley Green CIO to support our two Parish Nurses. We are entirely funded by donations and grants and are looking for a volunteer to help with fundraising activities. If you are interested please

contact David Reilly at

cicgciotreasurer@gmail.com

Details for the role of a Fundraising Volunteer are available from the parish office, and you can read more about the role of the Parish Nurses at

<https://www.croxleyparishnurse.org/>

CATHOLIC WORKER FARM FARMFEST

Fri 25th – Sun 28th August

This is a celebration of music and community that brings together people from all walks of life to enjoy a weekend of great music, delicious food, and fun activities while supporting a good cause. The Catholic Worker Farm provides accommodation, food, English lessons, counselling, legal support, and other services for 19 destitute female asylum seekers and their children. Since 2006, they have been able to home 500+ women and children in need.

Address – Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 9XJ. More information at **www.farmfest.info**

CONTACTLESS GIVING

Please make use of our 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 for each card used to donate. If you have any difficulties with donating, or queries, please speak to one of the Parish Team.

PARISH LIFE

There are numerous ways in which you can help to keep our parish alive. 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

We also need an extra person to join Fr John, Anna and Ursula, as representatives for St Bede's at the quarterly committee meetings.

CAFOD – Summer Campaign FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

Many thanks to all who signed our large letter/petition during the weekend of our appeal last month.

Please continue to pray for the success of this campaign which will be drawn to the attention of the huge international corporations that dominate the global food system. We pray that the smaller farmers may be granted freedom to produce crops and grow their businesses fairly.

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

GIFT AID

Did you know that your 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.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 23rd 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

ST JOAN OF ARC SECONDARY TRANSFER OPEN EVENING

Thurs 5th October – 5pm to 8pm
OPEN MORNING

Fri 6th October – 9am to 11.30am
Further information available from
www.joa.herts.sch.uk

Tel:

ECUMENICAL HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE led by the Diocese of Westminster / Diocese of London

11th to 18th March 2024

£1975 pp (based on 2 sharing – single supplement £550), which includes BA flights from Heathrow, coach transfers, 7 nights full board accommodation, and all tips. Full details available from the parish office on request, or contact elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk
<http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/pilgrimages/>

Tel: 0207 798 9173 (Mon to Thur)
Limited availability – booking deadline – 30th September

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/>

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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ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY MEMORY WALK

Saturday 2nd 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
Further information available at:
www.alzheimers.org.uk/memory-walk/find-a-walk/watford
or www.alzheimers.org.uk

**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.org.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***