



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

185 Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 3LL

Tel 01923 231969 e-mail croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

website: www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen

Parish Priest: FR JOHN WILEY

Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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

21st Sunday of the Year – Sunday 27th August 2023

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday 29 th August	NO MASS
Thursday	10.00am
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

First Sunday of the month – 4pm

PLEASE NOTE – NO SEPT MASS

Mass Intention

Saturday 26th August – 6pm

Michael & Eileen Lowry (anniv)

We are grateful to the Lowry family for their donation towards the beautiful flowers in church this week.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SUMMER PICNIC – 11am to 4pm

Saturday 2nd September

SPEC Retreat Centre, 125

Waxwell Lane, Pinner HA5 3EP

Westminster Youth Ministry is bringing a taste of Lisbon to London for youth (12-35) who were unable to attend World Youth Day this year. You are invited to share in a day filled with fun, prayer, testimonies and Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan.

PLEASE SIGN UP at

<https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/event/s/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/>

THURSDAY CLUB

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

We look forward to welcoming everyone for tea/coffee and cake after 10am Mass in the Hall.

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.

MASS AT WESTMINSTER

CATHEDRAL – 10.30am

Saturday 2nd September

This mass marks the beginning of the **MARCH FOR LIFE UK DAY**, and will be celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington.

Birth does not automatically turn a foetus into a human. Human life starts at conception – no exceptions.

<https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/itinerary-2023/>

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 – Mon 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

Help to keep our parish running smoothly.

We are very grateful to our existing volunteers who already work behind the scenes.

However, we would now like to see some new, younger volunteers coming forward.

SIGNING UP TO HELP WITH SPECIFIC EVENTS

A great way of getting to know others in the parish! 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We currently need 2 new committee members. The role involves attending quarterly meetings, and a willingness to assist with parish financial matters.

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.

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 ADMINISTRATOR POST A Message from Ursula

As some of you will already know, I have decided to hand over the office duties to someone a little younger, and we recently advertised via the Diocesan website. I am pleased to say that a successful applicant has been found, and has accepted the post, with a view to taking up her duties on 14th September. Further details to follow when everything has been finalised.

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:

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!

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/>

A MESSAGE FROM MISSIO

We have received heartfelt thanks for our most recent donation of **£226.82**, raised via the Red Box collection. In England and Wales Missio works in partnership with the Mill Hill Missionaries. With your donations they are able to share the Gospel and care for the poorest of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Many thanks to all who donate via the Red Boxes. *Please help yourself to a copy of the Autumn edition of Mission Today – at the back of the church.*

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.
croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk
01923 231969

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.sjogh-homesforukraine.uk

and

www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine