



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Priest: **FR JOHN WILEY**

Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

#### WEEKLY MASSES

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| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>10.00am</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>10.00am</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>6.00pm</b>  |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>10.00am</b> |

**Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass**

**First Sunday of the month – 4pm**

**PLEASE NOTE – NO SEPT MASS**

**Mass Intention**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 6pm**

*Catherine Benham (anniv)*

#### THURSDAY CLUB

Whether you're retired, or just have some free time on Thursday mornings, please join us for 10am Mass, followed by tea/coffee and refreshments in the Hall.

#### REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS

**Next coffee morning will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

#### 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](mailto: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/>**

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Sean Hill & Emily McGrath who were married at St Bede's last Saturday. We wish them every happiness for the future. May God bless them always.

#### PARISH LIFE

Please help us 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

Many thanks to Imelda Cooper, who has volunteered to join the Croxley Churches Together Committee. We are delighted that she will be joining Fr John, Anna Morris and Ursula Bartlett to represent St Bede's. We also thank David Reilly, who has now stepped down from the Committee, after many years in post as Treasurer.

#### 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!***

#### KNEELER REFURBISHMENT

We are delighted to announce that refurbishment on the church kneelers is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September. Many thanks to all who have made this possible!

***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!

#### 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 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.

#### 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.

#### KEEPING IN TOUCH

**Remember to let us know if you change any of your contact details.** Please also sign up for E-Alerts on the parish website if you have not already done so.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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>

### **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)

### **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: 01923 773881**

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

**11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk)  
<http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/pilgrimages/>

**Tel: 0207 798 9173 (Mon to Thur)**  
**Limited availability – booking deadline – 30<sup>th</sup> September**

### **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](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)  
**01923 231969**

**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)

### **PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo, to pray for the Holy Souls. **Cost £800 pp.**

**Package includes:** Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en-suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy, plus retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. For more information please contact:  
**Millie – 07957 594646**