



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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26th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 1st October 2023

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday	10.00am
Thursday	10.00am
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

Sunday 1st October – 4pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th September – 6pm

Colm & Anne Wade [50th Wedding Anniversary]

RE-COMMISSIONING OF OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS and READERS

Congratulations to all who were re-commissioned last weekend. We are grateful for their commitment and dedication.

Many thanks to Louise, June and their helpers for organising the Cheese and Wine in the Hall after 6pm Mass on Saturday.

THURSDAY CLUB

After 10am Mass on Thursdays

You are warmly invited to join us for Mass, followed by tea/coffee and refreshments in the Hall. Everyone welcome.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS

The next Coffee mornings will be on the following dates.

29th October,
12th November
3rd December.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Sunday Mass

The children will be escorted to the Hall for their own liturgy, and will re-join Mass at the Offertory.

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/>

QUIZ NIGHT – Sat 14th October

Tables of 8 - £14 per person, which includes a delicious supper (please indicate any special dietary needs when booking).

There will also be a raffle!

Funds raised will be used for some essential repair / upgrading works to be carried out in the parish.

To book a table, or individual places please enter your name on the board in the church porch, and submit your payment in advance, by cash or cheque (payable to St Bede's Church), in a sealed envelope – marked with name, contact tel no, special dietary requirements.

PARISH NURSE PROJECT

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

Seeking to appoint a volunteer 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

PARISH GARDENING DAY

Saturday 21st October – 10am

Helping to tidy up the church grounds for the winter.

Refreshments will be provided for the workers!

Further details to follow.

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: 01923 773881

CHURCH KNEELERS

Please be kind to our newly refurbished kneelers. The last few are still being worked on, and should be replaced very soon.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 6th October

HARVEST WEEKEND

Sat 7th / Sun 8th October

We will be giving thanks, and collecting items for our local Foodbank. Your donations of the following non-perishable items at Mass would be very much appreciated.

Tinned soup / Cuppa soups

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned veg / baked beans

Long life juice/squash

Jam

Biscuits

Tinned rice pudding / custard

Snacks / cereal bars

Washing up liquid

Washing powder

Deodorant

Shower gel

These are items that are in short supply at the moment.

Many thanks for your generosity

PARISH LIFE

Many thanks to our existing volunteers who contribute to the life of the parish behind the scenes.

We really do need some new, younger volunteers to come forward.

SIGNING UP TO HELP WITH SPECIFIC EVENTS

A great way of getting to know your fellow parishioners. 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 decisions regarding parish finances.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

New to the parish / change any of contact details? Registration forms are available in church porch. Please also sign up for E-Alerts on the parish website if you are not already on the list.

CONFIRMATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2024

We are now inviting parents to register their interest in the 2024 Confirmation and First Holy Communion preparation classes. We ask that you take careful note of the following:

Candidates must be active St Bede's parishioners.

Parents are the first teachers of their children, so it is very important that the children see Christian faith in action in their own homes. Parental support is essential if they are to grasp and understand what they will learn during preparation for the sacraments. Regular Mass attendance is a requirement for anyone approaching preparation for any of the sacraments. Commitment to the parish will also be an important factor when we are considering applications, and full parental support will be a necessity.

Confirmation candidates must be at least 14 years of age / First Holy Communion candidates must be at least 8 years of age, during the 2023-24 school year.

Contact:

croxleygreen@rcdow.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

CONTACTLESS GIVING

Please make use of our DCP (Digital Collection Plate) in the church porch! Donations to the parish, Mass Intentions and payments for items from the Repository (SHOP), etc., can now be made with your debit / credit cards. 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 any queries, please speak to one of the Parish Team.

GIFT AID

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 in the church porch or from the parish office.

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!***

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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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

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***