



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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23rd Sunday of the Year – Sunday 10th September 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 Intentions

Sunday 10th September – 10am

Michael Saliva RIP (Int of Eileen Risdon)

Mary Hickey Thorne – anniv (Int of Doreen Stack)

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 – Next Week

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.

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/>

RE-COMMISSIONING OF OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS and READERS

A short ceremony during the weekend Masses

Saturday 23rd September – 6pm

Sunday 24th September – 10am

'CHEESE & WINE' in the Hall

Saturday 23rd September – 7pm

Our Parish Volunteers, and anyone interested in finding out more about helping out in the parish, are warmly invited to join us after 6pm Mass.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

QUIZ NIGHT – Sat 14th October

in support of essential works to be carried out in the parish. Further details to follow.

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.

KNEELER REFURBISHMENT

The work on the kneelers is now underway, and hopefully will be finished by the weekend.

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/>

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 are not already on the list.

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.

Please join us for the Cheese & Wine event in the Hall on 23rd September to find out more!

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 parish financial matters.

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.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR POST A Message from Ursula

I am pleased to announce that our new Parish Administrator, Eithne Doody, will take up her post on 14th September. I will remain in post for the following month, to ensure she is fully settled in before standing down. Watch this space for further updates!

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!***

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>

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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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

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

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.***

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

**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

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 9th to 14th 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