



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

24th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 17th 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 Intention

Friday 22nd September

Alan Donaldson (anniv)

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 – This Week

You are warmly invited to join us in the Hall after Mass for tea/coffee and cake! Many thanks to Sally & Frankie Blasi and their family for organising this!

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.

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

As you will see our kneelers are now looking marvellous, with just a few last tweaks to be completed.

Please do take care of them, so they last another 60+ years!

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 very warm welcome to Eithne, who has taken up her post this week. She is looking forward to meeting you all, and I know you will make her very welcome.

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.
croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk
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6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rickmansworth
Autumn JUMBLE SALE & NEARLY NEW
Saturday 23rd September at 10.30am.

BOOK SALE will be held on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th September from 7 to 9pm.

Any donations of items can be brought to the Scout HQ behind Our Lady's Church on Thursday/Friday evenings or collection can be arranged.

Tel:
01923 246169 or 01923 776035

St MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SECONDARY TRANSFER OPEN EVENING Weds 20th September – 6-9pm

There will also be an Open Morning on Friday 22nd Sept – must be booked in advance (limited spaces). Contact:
admissions@stmichaelscatholicighschool.co.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: 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

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES 2023

Wednesday 20th September
Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is joining with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales (CBCEW) to present a webinar to discuss what can be done here in the UK to ensure we are welcoming the stranger.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND & WALES

Next local experience:
30th - 31st October 2023
St Georges Parish Centre, 70 Harrow Road, Sudbury, HA0 2QE
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic based movement all over the world. The aim is to give couples who are married, or in long-standing relationships the opportunity to enrich and refresh their relationships by taking part in one of our weekend experiences. For further information and book on an experience please go to **Home - World Wide Marriage Encounter England and Wales** (wwme.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

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