



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

### 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### WEEKLY MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
Funeral – Rosemary McArdle RIP	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>

#### Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

First Sunday of the Month -4pm

#### Mass Intention

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October- 10.00am

Sheila Hourihan [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

The next Coffee mornings will be on the following dates.

29<sup>th</sup> October,

12<sup>th</sup> November

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### PARISH GARDENING DAY

##### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 10am

Helping to tidy up the church grounds for the winter.

Refreshments will be provided for the workers!

Further details to follow.

#### 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.

#### CHURCH KNEELERS

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

#### QUIZ NIGHT – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### NOREEN CONROY RIP

We were very sad to hear that Noreen recently passed away. Noreen was a dedicated member of our parish for many years, we send our sincere sympathy to her family. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### ROSEMARY McARDLE RIP

We were very sad to hear that Rosemary passed away on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Our sincere sympathy goes to her family and loved ones. May she rest in peace. Funeral will take place at St Bede's on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am. Please keep Rosemary and her family in your prayers.

#### BAPTISM

Congratulations to the parents of Freddie Vieira who was baptised last Saturday. We welcome him to the family of God and to our parish community. May he always be blessed.

#### SECONDARY TRANSFER

Fr John will be available to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm to 8pm. If you have any queries please contact the parish landline: 01923 231969

#### 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](mailto:cicgciotreasurer@gmail.com)

#### 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.

#### 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.

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

**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)**

**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 JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

The designs for the new school building which will be completed in 2025 can be seen on this website: **<https://www.stjohns705.herts.sch.uk/Our-future-school/>** We have two Open Days for prospective parents to view the school and find out more about the admission process. These will be taking place on the open days, **please contact the school office either by on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 9.30am and Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 1.45pm. To book a place email [admin@stjohns705.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjohns705.herts.sch.uk) or call 01923 774004.**

**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.

**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**

**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**

**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](mailto:governance@ascat.co.uk)***