



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

28th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 15th October 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

Saturday 14th October 6pm

David Buxton [RIP]

Sunday 15th October- 10.00am

Sheila Murphy [Anniv]

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 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

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

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!***

Many thanks to the Lowry Family for their generous donation towards the flowers in church this weekend.

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.

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.

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 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. croxleygreen@redow.org.uk 01923 231696

FOOD BANK

Many thanks to all who donated items for the Food Bank in response to our Harvest Weekend appeal.

We have received messages from Iris Bangs (Rickmansworth Food Bank Manager), and Mick Hamilton (Food Bank Trustee / St Bede's Representative), expressing their thanks for your generosity. There has been a great demand for assistance in recent months, and your plentiful donations will help to replenish stock levels, which had become very depleted. The Croxley Green Food Bank has never been so busy, and a new one has recently been started in Maple Cross; joining forces with those already established in Rickmansworth and Abbots Langley. Thank you for your generous support. 01923 231969

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***

CROXLEY GREEN COMMUNITY CHOIR AUTUMN CONCERT

Friday 20th October - 7.45 to 8.45pm

Venue: St Oswald's Church
All are invited to enjoy a variety of music, including an ABBA medley, music by Rutter and Chilcott, and more.

ENTRY IS FREE but donations to the Seafarers' Mission would be very much appreciated.
Doors open at 7.30pm