



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

30th Sunday of the Year – 29TH October 2023

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday 10.00am
Wednesday 1st November
All Saints day 10.00am
7.30pm

Thursday 2nd November
All Souls 10.00am
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass
First Sunday of the Month -4pm
Mass Intentions
Saturday 28th October 6.00pm
Joseph Donohoe (RIP)
Thursday 2nd November 10.00am
Deceased members, Relatives & Friends of Thursday Club.

PARISH GARDENING

A huge 'thank you' to all who helped with the gardening last Saturday - 29 volunteers in total. As you will see, a lot of pruning, clearing and tidying up was achieved.

We are especially grateful to Rob Phipps, who co-ordinated the whole operation, and to Louise McKenna, who prepared a delicious lunch for the workers

QUIZ NIGHT

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, we are now able to announce the final total raised at our recent Quiz Night. The amount raised was **£587.55**. Many thanks again to those who worked so hard to organise the Quiz, and to everyone who supported it.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS

Join us in the Hall for tea/coffee and cake
REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am Sunday Mass this week.

Future dates:
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

All the kneelers are now fully refurbished and back in place.

Many thanks to all who havemade this project possible.

Please take good care of them!

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.

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

Initial Meetings will take place in the church hall on the following dates:

**CONFIRMATION - 7pm on
Weds 22nd November - for
parents and candidates**

**FIRST COMMUNION
- 7.30pm on Weds
29th November - for parents
only**

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

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.

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***

ST BEDE'S GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The re-organisation of the Garden of Remembrance is currently a project in progress. Our plans to install a display board recording the names of those interred will be taken forward as soon as parish finances permit. In the meantime, thank you to those who have been in contact. We will keep your details on file and let you know when we are ready to take the next step.

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!***

**NSPCC Coffee Morning
Wednesday 1st November 2023
Baptist Church Baldwins Lane
10am – 12pm.**