



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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1st Sunday of Advent – Sunday 3rd of December 2023

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday	10.00am
Thursday	10.00am
Friday 8 th December	<u>9.00am</u>
<i>Feast of Immaculate Conception</i>	
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas liturgies.

Sunday 10th December - 6pm
Candlelit Advent Service of
Carols and Readings

5pm Sunday 24th December
CHILDREN'S NATIVITY MASS
Children needed to participate
as Nativity Characters.
Please speak to Imelda or
Ursula

8pm Sunday 24th December
CHRISTMAS NIGHT TIME
MASS

10am Monday 25th December
CHRISTMAS DAYTIME MASS

CANDLELIT ADVENT SERVICE OF CAROLS & READINGS

Sunday 10th December – 6pm

Join us to celebrate the season of Advent, followed by mince pies & mulled wine in the Hall.

Three Readers needed! Please get in touch if you would like to participate by reading one of the scripture passages. We would love some of our younger members of the parish to help with this!

COP 28

30th Nov to 12th Dec

United Nations Climate Change
Conference

Please pray for the success of this conference, which will be held in Dubai.

ADVENT RAFFLE

Last chance to buy your tickets for our Advent Raffle, in support of the Catholic Children's Society.

Tickets: £5 per strip (£1 per individual ticket). There are some lovely Christmassy prizes to be won!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are currently seeking a successor to David. If you, or someone you know in the parish (with a background in finance) would be interested in joining the Finance Committee, with a view to eventually taking on the post of Chair, please do speak to Fr John.

FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS TO 31st DECEMBER 2022

This document is now available on the parish website (paper copies on request).

We are most grateful to David Reilly, retiring Chair of Finance, for preparing this document, and for his unstinting dedication to managing the parish finances for many years. At the recent Finance Committee Meeting, we presented David with a gift as a token of our thanks and appreciation. We will miss him.

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

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.

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!***

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.

REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL

Sunday 3rd December after 10am
Mass

Join us for tea/coffee & cake after Mass NEXT SUNDAY, when we will be celebrating the feast of St Nicholas, and drawing the **Advent Raffle**.

Angela Steele will be selling some of her beautiful craft items, in support of Watford Peace Hospice, so remember to bring some spending money!

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Next Saturday – 9th December – 10am

Please come along and help with setting up the Crib and Christmas tree, when we will also be enjoying mulled wine and mince pies!

Long lasting greenery (sprigs of fir tree / ivy etc. but NOT HOLLY) to decorate the Crib would also be welcomed, if you have any growing in your garden.

CHURCHES TOGETHER WELCOME SPACES

Following on from our Warm Spaces initiative last winter, we have been exploring more effective ways to offer a warm welcome this year, and it was decided that tapping into existing activities may be the best option. Posters are on display, advertising the following opportunities:

Mondays at Café O – 8.45am to 11.45am

at St Oswald's Church, Malvern Way.

Fridays at the Drop in Café – 10.30am to 12noon

at All Saints Church, The Green.

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 be made with your debit/credit cards. There is also a Gift Aid option (where appropriate), which requires a one-time-only registration for each card used. If you have any difficulties or queries, please speak to one of the Parish Team.

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.

Girlguiding in Croxley is trying to recruit some volunteers. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Janet Eavis
07790 476050

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>

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Make Christmas special with a meaningful gift that could change lives.

Just a few of the gift options available:

Happy Queen Bee - £4

(helping to set up bee hives)

Trees for Life - £8

(providing tools and training to start a tree nursery, to produce fruit year after year)

Super Soup Kitchen - £10

(providing nutritious, warm meals for refugees)

Chirpy Chickens - £20

(providing chickens, along with training to produce eggs that can be eaten or sold)

Winter Survival Kit - £30

(providing much-needed essentials during harsh winter weather, for those whose homes have been devastated)

www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

CAFOD

CAFOD would like to Thank the Parishioners of St Bede for your generous support this year and for your donation of £429.00 Thank you so much for being there for our global family.

.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

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA

SCOUT GROUP welcomes new members. Please take a leaflet (in church porch) or contact Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran.

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Email:

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