



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Priest: **FR JOHN WILEY**

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

31st Sunday of the Year –5th November 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 Intentions

Saturday 4th November – 6.00pm

Greta Donohoe

Tuesday 7th November – 10.00am

Elena Green (Seriously ill)

Thursday 9th November – 10.00am

November Dead List

A MESSAGE FROM URSULA

It was both a great honour and a complete surprise when Fr John presented me with a medal and certificate in recognition of service to Westminster Diocese, at the end of last Sunday's 10am Mass.

This was followed by a marvellous buffet in the Hall, complete with an exquisite celebration cake and balloons! I was then presented with some very generous gifts, and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the kindness and generosity shown to me. I now know that there was a considerable amount of plotting and planning involved behind the scenes in the lead up to Sunday, and I didn't suspect a thing! I cannot of course take full credit for this accolade, as everything I have achieved has been with the help and support of our Parish Development Committee, and our amazing volunteers.

I am truly blessed, and treasure the friendships and support of our lovely parish community. Although I have now passed the responsibilities of Parish Administrator into the capable hands of Eithne, I will continue to be around and involved in other areas of parish life. Thank you again, and God bless you all.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER

10am SUNDAY MASS

Join us in the Hall for tea/coffee and cake

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10am Mass.

Future dates:

12th November

3rd December

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th December – 10am

Preparation for Christmas, when the Crib and Christmas tree will be set up.

You are invited to come along to help, and join us for mulled wine & mince pies!

Sunday 10th December

Candlelit Service of Carols & Readings

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.

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.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Meeting for Parents & Candidates – Weds

22nd November at 7pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Meeting for Parents only – Weds

29th November at 7.30pm

At these meetings we will explain everything you will need to know about the courses, and answer any questions you may have.

Application forms will also be issued.

Regular Mass attendance at St Bede's 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 during the 2023-24 school year.

First Holy Communion candidates must be at least 8 years of age during the 2023-24 school year. **Contact:** croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

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.

SIGNING UP TO HELP WITH SPECIFIC EVENTS

A great way of getting to know your fellow parishioners. Many hands make light work

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.

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.

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/>**

<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, and **sick and retired priests** 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!***

CHURCH KNEELERS

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

Many thanks to all who have made this project possible. Please take good care of them

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>**

If you are considering purchasing ADVENT CALENDARS for your children, the following on-line outlets have religious options available, including The Real Advent Calendar which includes Fairtrade chocolates and a booklet about the Christmas story. **<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>**
<https://www.eden.co.uk/>