



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

32nd Sunday of the Year –12th November 2023

WEEKLY MASSES

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| Tuesday | 10.00am |
| Thursday | 10.00am |
| Saturday | 6.00pm |
| Sunday | 10.00am |

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th November – 6.00pm

People of the Parish

Sunday 12th November - 10.00am

Wartime Dead

Tuesday 14th November – 10.00am

November Dead List

Thursday 16th November- 10.00am

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REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS

Join us in the Hall for
tea/coffee and cake

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 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

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.***

Sunday 10th December

**Candlelit Service of Carols &
Readings**

Further details to follow!

PDC (Parish Development Committee)

Next meeting – Tuesday

14th November at 7pm

The PDC is a group of volunteers
who assist Fr John with the running
of the parish, and make plans to
take the parish forward. If you feel
you could help in this way, please
speak to one of the parish team, or
drop an email to the parish office.

.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/](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/> 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!***

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/>

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