



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Parish Priest: **FR JOHN WILEY**

Parish Administrator: Eithne Doody

Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

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

### 33rd Sunday of the Year –19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### WEEKLY MASSES

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

#### Mass Intentions

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	6.00pm
Maria Adair's Father (Int of Catherine McMahan )	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am
People of the Parish	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	10.00am
November Dead List	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	10.00am
November Dead List.	

#### REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am SUNDAY MASS

Join us in the Hall for  
tea/coffee and cake

#### REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10am Mass.

Future date

3<sup>rd</sup> December

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December**

#### Candlelit Service of Carols & Readings

Further details to follow!

#### PDC (Parish Development Committee)

**Next meeting – Tuesday  
14<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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.

#### 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

#### SIGNING UP TO HELP WITH SPECIFIC EVENTS

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

#### 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.

#### ADVENT RAFFLE

Tickets will soon be on sale for our  
Advent Raffle, in support of the  
Catholic Children's Society.  
The raffle will be drawn on **Sunday  
3<sup>rd</sup> December**, when we will be  
celebrating the feast of St Nicholas  
with refreshments in the Hall after  
10am Mass.

Tickets: £5 per strip (£1 per  
individual ticket).

#### CONFIRMATION 2024

**Meeting for Parents &  
Candidates – Weds  
22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024  
Meeting for Parents only – Weds  
29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Last Sunday's 10am Mass was  
truly a testament to the team spirit  
we are so fortunate to have at St  
Bede's. The Armistice Day  
sentiments were captured perfectly  
with a reading, composed by Mike  
& Lina McDermott; beautifully read  
by June Jones, plus Mike on  
bagpipes, Stephen Hussey on the  
organ, together with Paul Bartlett  
with a rendition of 'Goodbye Dolly  
Grey'. After Mass all were invited  
to gather in the Hall for tea/coffee  
and cake, provided by Sally &  
Frankie Blasi and their  
helpers. Many thanks to everyone  
who made this occasion so  
special!

## FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS to 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022

This document is now available on the parish website, and there are paper copies at the back of the church. Our grateful thanks to David Reilly, Chair of Finance, for preparing the Report & Accounts, and for his excellent work with the parish finances.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts)

## .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](mailto:cicgciotreasurer@gmail.com)**

## 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.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> 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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