



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Feast of Christ the King – Sunday 26th November 2023

WEEKLY MASSES

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

Mass Intentions

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!

ADVENT RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale for our Advent Raffle, in support of the Catholic Children's Society. There are some lovely Christmassy prizes to be won!

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

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

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.

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.

Five 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!

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.

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!***

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

FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS to 31st 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.

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.

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 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.

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>

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

.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.

Tel: 01923 776035 / 07792 103736

Email:

info@6thrickyseascouts.org.uk