



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### Epiphany of the Lord – Sunday 7th January 2024

#### WEEKLY MASSES

**Tuesday** 10.00am  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January** 11.30am  
**Saturday**  
6.00pm  
**Sunday**  
10.00am

#### Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

#### First Sunday Month – 4pm

#### Mass Intentions

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 10am  
McGovern Family (ints)  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 10am  
Michael Saliva (Rip)

#### BLESSINGS FOR 2024

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way towards the Christmas festivities. Lots of work went on behind the scenes to achieve the beautiful floral arrangements, provide uplifting music, and ensure that everything ran smoothly. Ten of our children participated in the tableaux during our Children's Nativity Mass on Christmas Eve; enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

#### Thank You

Grateful thanks to the anonymous Parishioner who has donated £50.00 towards Flowers for the Church. Many thanks for this generosity.

#### THURSDAY CLUB

All are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings for tea/coffee & cake in the Hall, following 10am Mass. Our post-Christmas/New Year lunch will take place on 11th January, following 11.30am Mass. Please let Louise know if you would like to attend.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are currently seeking a successor to David Reilly, who is stepping down as Chair, after many years in post. If you, or someone you know in the parish, with a financial background, would be interested in joining the Finance Committee, with a view to eventually taking on the post of Chair, please speak to Fr John or one of the Parish Team.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS TO 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

We look forward to welcoming those who have applied to join the preparation classes this year. Please refer to the list of dates which has been issued, and note these in your diary. Classes begin on the following dates:

First Holy Communion  
Weds 17th January at 4.30pm  
Confirmation  
Weds 24th January at 7pm

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

#### 10am Sunday Mass

No Children's Liturgy during Christmas Holidays.

#### 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.

#### 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](http://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.

## **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.

**Tel: 01923 776035 / 07792 103736**

**Email:**

[info@6thrickyseascouts.org.uk](mailto:info@6thrickyseascouts.org.uk)

## **LORETO COLLEGE**

The Governors of Loreto College (St Albans) have recently agreed to propose some changes to their admissions criteria for 2025/2026. The full detail is available on the website. <https://www.loreto.herts.sch.uk/Admissions/Admissions-Consultation-2025/>

Written comments are welcomed by the closing date of the formal consultation, 9am on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - these should be emailed to [swilliams@loreto.herts.sch.uk](mailto:swilliams@loreto.herts.sch.uk)

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding and the practice of love, honesty, respect, support and accountability are essential parts of our Catholic ministry and mission. All people should be valued, supported and protected from harm, and we recognise the personal dignity and rights of vulnerable people towards whom the church has a special responsibility. If you have any concerns, or would like to know more please contact: Ursula Bartlett - 07771 578562 [croxleygreensg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:croxleygreensg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) Further information available at <https://rcdow.org.uk/safeguarding/creating-a-safe-environment/>

## **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)**