



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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**1st Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

### WEEKLY MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00pm
Michael Turner (Anniv)	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am
Linda Halpin (RIP)	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am
Linda Halpin (RIP)	

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

After 6pm Mass on Saturdays.  
also

3pm on the following Fridays:

23rd February

8th, 15th, 22nd March

No Stations on 1st March

### CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Good Friday - 11.15am

The children of the parish are  
especially invited to join us, but  
everyone is welcome!

### REFRESHMENTS AFTER

#### SUNDAY 10am MASS

Please join us in the Hall after  
Mass THIS SUNDAY for tea/coffee  
and cake.

**Our next date for refreshments  
will be Sunday 17th March, when  
we will be celebrating St  
Patrick's Day!**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Next preparation class:

Weds 28th February at 4.30pm

### CONFIRMATION 2024

Next preparation class:

Weds 28th February at 7pm

You may have noticed some extra  
helpers at Mass. These are our  
Confirmation candidates, who have  
pledged to contribute to parish life  
as part of their preparation for  
Confirmation.

Please keep all our First Holy  
Communion and Confirmation  
candidates in your prayers.

### FRIDAY 1st MARCH – 12noon

**LENTEN LUNCH** at St Bede's,  
when a 'frugal' lunch will be  
served.

(Donations to CAFOD will be  
welcomed).

followed by

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

#### 2pm Croxley Baptist Church

This year's theme is 'I beg you to  
bear with one another in love'.  
We hope many of you will support  
this annual global ecumenical  
event.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT

#### COURSE – Each Wednesday

#### during Lent – 2pm & 7.30pm

A Christian look at the  
environment. Each church will take  
a turn to host.

#### This week – Weds 21st February

##### All Saints Church

Theme 'The earth is the Lord's'

##### Weds 28th February

##### Croxley Baptist Church

Theme 'What are humans?'

##### Weds 6th March

##### St Oswald's Church

Theme 'Love your neighbour'

##### Weds 13th March

##### St Bede's Church

Theme 'Jesus the image of God'

##### Weds 20th March

##### Croxley Methodist Church

Theme 'Blessed are the meek'

### BIG LENT WALK

Saturday 16th March

We'll have a Parish walk from  
about 10am, anyone who wishes  
can join on an informal group as  
we walk 5km around Croxley  
Green and back. More details later.  
Please sponsor us

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT APPEAL

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Special envelopes will be made  
available for return after fast day.

You can also donate via

<https://cafod.org.uk/>

### 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!***

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Sunday Mass

The Children will be escorted to the  
hall for their own liturgy and will  
return to mass before the  
Consecration.

### CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Catholic Children's Society would  
like to Thank the Parishioners of  
St Bede for your generous support  
this year and for your donation of  
£933.54 Thank you so much for we  
are grateful for your kind gift and  
support.

### 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.

### CROXLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR

Holy Rood Church, Watford  
Wednesday 20th March – 7.45pm  
'A Feast of Fauré'; the Requiem,  
Pavane, Cantique de Jean Racine  
and other works. Tickets: £15  
(accompanied under-18s free of  
charge), in support of Rennie  
Grove Peace Hospice, and the  
Society of St Vincent de Paul.  
Refreshments in the Parish Centre  
afterwards.

Ticket sales: 07858 210168 or

[choir.cgcc@gmail.com](mailto:choir.cgcc@gmail.com)

Tickets also available from June  
Jones.

## **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.

## **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)**

## **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/>

## **CROXLEY PARISH NURSES**

### **'Let's Talk About Mental Health'**

A series of drop-ins about Mental Health on the following dates:

Fri 23rd Feb – Depression

Fri 22nd Mar – Anxiety & Stress

Fri 26th Apr – Bipolar Disorder

Fri 24th May – Self Harm

Fri 28th June – M/health First Aid

**Venue: All Saints Church**

**Committee Meeting Room**

**Time: 12.30 to 2pm**

with tea/coffee & biscuits

**Contact: Ruth Owusu-Ansah**

**[croxleyparishnurse.ruth@gmail.com](mailto:croxleyparishnurse.ruth@gmail.com)**

**Tel: 07305 084948**

## **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)**

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Crystal Pendant found in Church. Please contact Parish Office

## **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>

## **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.

## **CROXLEY REVELS**

Saturday 22nd June

Although some way off, we need to think of some ideas for a stall, if St Bede's is to be represented on the Green this year. Your ideas and offers of help are needed!

Please speak to one of the Parish Team

## **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

We are urgently seeking one more new member for the Finance Committee, to assist with decision making and financial planning for the future of the parish. A financial background is not a necessity. Committee meetings take place four times a year. Please speak to Fr John or one of the Parish Team if you can help.

## **THURSDAY CLUB**

All are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings for tea/coffee & cake in the Hall, following 10am Mass