



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 25th February 2024

WEEKLY MASSES

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

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

Many thanks to Sally & Frankie
Blasi and their helpers for providing
our excellent refreshments last
Sunday.

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

THURSDAY CLUB

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

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.

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

Saturday 16th March – 10am

A group of us will be taking a 5km
walk round Croxley Green, in
support of CAFOD's vital work.

You are invited to join us, and/or
sponsor us. An excellent idea for
your Lenten sacrifice this year!
Donations can be made in cash, or
by cheque payable to St Bede's
Church (in a sealed envelope
marked BIG LENT WALK), and
placed in the collection after Mass

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.

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'

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT APPEAL

Friday 23rd February

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

You can also donate via

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

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.

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

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.

**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

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 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
croxleyparishnursesruth@gmail.com

Tel: 07305 084948

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MATRIMONY

A Mass for Couples celebrating 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+

Cardinal Vincent Nichols would like to invite married couples from the Parish who are celebrating a particular anniversary during 2024. To Join him at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm. During the mass couples will be invited to renew their marital commitment to one another. Any couples wishing to attend this mass please contact the parish office before Monday 8th April.

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>

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.

LOST PROPERTY

Crystal Pendant found in Church.
Please contact Parish Office

CAFOD

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners at St Bede for your generous support and your donation of £100. Thank you so much for being there for our global family.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

At the recent meeting arranged by the Croxley Parish Nurses, we learnt a great deal about how dementia affects our lives, and were requested to be aware of those who may need additional care and consideration in our church congregations. For information, support and advice please visit:

www.alzheimers.org.uk
Dementia Support Line:
0333 150 3456