



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 3rd March 2024

WEEKLY MASSES

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

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

First Sunday of the Month -4pm

Mass intentions

Saturday 2nd March 6.00pm

Joy Simpson (RIP)

Thursday 7th March 10.00pm

Hugh Gallagher (RIP)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

After 6pm Mass on Saturdays.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no further Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons due to lack of support.

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

EASTER

Maundy Thursday

28th March – 7.30pm

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Good Friday 29th March –

9.30am

CHURCHES TOGETHER GOOD

FRIDAY PROCESSION from

junction of Watford Road & Winton Approach to New Road Methodist Church

Good Friday

29th March – 11.15am

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE

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

Good Friday 29th March – 3pm

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Holy Saturday

30th March – 8pm

EASTER VIGIL MASS

Easter Sunday

31st March – 10am

EASTER DAY MASS

REFRESHMENTS AFTER

SUNDAY 10am MASS

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

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.

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'

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Next preparation class:

Weds 6th March at 4.30pm

CONFIRMATION 2024

Next preparation class:

Weds 6th March 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

THURSDAY CLUB

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

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

croxleyparishnurseruth@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.

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