



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent      Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 St Patrick's Feast Day

#### WEEKLY MASSES

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| <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> |

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March      10.00am**  
First Holy Communion Rite of Election

#### 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

Join us in the Hall after Mass THIS SUNDAY, when we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day, with Irish music, tea/coffee, cakes, plus Irish coffees!

#### THURSDAY CLUB

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

#### CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

**It's not too late to sponsor** those who joined the 5km walk round Croxley Green on Saturday morning, in support of CAFOD's vital work.

Donations can be made via the Digital Collection Plate (DCP) in the church porch, or by cash, or 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**

**Weds 20th March**

A Christian look at the environment. Each church is taking a turn to host. The final meeting:

Weds 20th March

Croxley Methodist Church

Theme 'Blessed are the meek'

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

**Next preparation class:**

**Weds 17th April at 4.30pm**

**Parents Meeting:**

**Weds 17th April at 7.30pm**

#### CONFIRMATION 2024

**Next preparation class:**

**Tuesday 19th March at 7pm**

**NO PREPARATION CLASSES**

**ON Weds 20th March**

#### EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets will soon be on sale for our Easter Raffle. £5 per strip ( £1 per ticket.) We have some lovely prizes to be won. Proceeds to support essential maintenance and repair work.

#### 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.

#### 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.

Date for your diary

## **PARISH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE DAY**

**Saturday 27th April – 10am**

Please come along to help with gardening and various other tasks that need to be carried out. Refreshments will be provided for the workers!

## **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 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> April.

## **MISSIO RED BOXES**

Many thanks to those who have red boxes. We are now collecting them for collecting. The Spring of 2024 "**Mission Today**" Magazine are now available at the back of the Church. Please help yourself to a copy.

## **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](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)**

**Dementia Support Line:**

**0333 150 3456**