



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Fourth & Fifth Sunday of Easter – Sunday 21st & 28th April 2024

Please note this is a Two Week newsletter

WEEKLY MASSES

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

Confirmation Mass

Friday 3rd May 7.00pm

Celebrant:

Bishop Paul McAleenan

SRI LANKAN SINHALESE MASS

First Sunday of the month – 4pm

We respectfully ask that parishioners enter church quietly before Mass, out of consideration for those who wish to engage in private prayer. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MASS - THIS WEEK

Everyone welcome to join us in the Hall for tea/coffee and cake after Mass.

THURSDAY CLUB

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Next preparation class:

Weds 24th April at 4.30pm

CONFIRMATION 2024

Next preparation class:

Weds 24th April at 7pm

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

12th to 18th MAY

CHURCHES TOGETHER QUIZ

All Saints Church Hall

Saturday 11th May – 6.45 for 7pm

Tickets - £15 / Tables of 8

Bring your own drinks.

Price includes a supper of cold meats, cheese, etc. served at 7pm, with sweet treats, tea & coffee at the halfway point in the quiz.

Book individual places or a whole table.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT, in support of Christian Aid. WE HOPE ST BEDE'S WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED.

Application forms available from Ursula – 07771 578562

CROXLEY REVELS

Saturday 22nd June

At our recent PDC (Parish Development Committee) Meeting, we agreed to repeat the hospitality theme – tea/coffee & cakes, etc.

WE DO NEED COMMITMENT FROM VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE LIST IN THE PORCH.

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. We have equipment on site, but feel free to bring your own favourite gardening tools, and of course protective gloves!

Refreshments will be provided for the workers!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Sunday Mass.

The children will be escorted to the Hall for their own liturgy, and will re-join Mass at the Offertory.

PARISH GARDENING

We are urgently in need of help to keep the parish grounds under control during the summer months.

The parish finances are under pressure at present, so if we can avoid employing a contractor this would be an enormous benefit. With periodic Parish Grounds Maintenance Days and some voluntary help, we could probably manage through the growing season.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP MOW THE LAWNS / PULL UP A FEW WEEDS, ETC. ON A ROTA BASIS. This would involve 6 or 7 volunteers (or maybe even a family group) to commit to ONE timeslot per year! We have all the equipment needed on site.

Please contact Ursula on 07771 578562 or croxleygreenadmin@rcdow.org.uk

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.

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!**

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.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC) MEETING

Thursday 9th April – 7pm

Our dedicated volunteers, who make up this group and assist Fr John in the day-to-day running of the parish, will be meeting next week. Anyone who is interested in joining us to discuss parish matters and plan ahead, please drop us an email, or speak to one of the Parish Team.

croxleygreen@rcdow.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 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

croxleyparishnursestheruth@gmail.com

Tel: 07305 084948

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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/>

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.

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.

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

Croxley Parish Nurse CANCER SUPPORT GROUP CROXLEY – All Saints Church (in conjunction with Macmillan Cancer Support)

We welcome anyone who has been affected by cancer. Join us to meet others, share your experiences, learn coping techniques, in a warm and friendly group.

First Thursday of the month:

2.30pm to 4pm

2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st

August, 5th September,

3rd October, 7th November,

5th December.

Please come along or give us a call: 01923 436 326 or croxleyparishnursestheruth@gmail.com

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PARISH TEAM

You will often see items in the Newsletter where you are asked to speak to a member of the 'Parish Team'. This term refers to some of our committed parishioners who attend PDC meetings and/or are parish volunteers. If you are unsure who to approach with any queries, etc., please ask the Mass Steward (welcoming at the church door), who will be able to point you in the right direction!

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priest and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection will take place this weekend. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. Your generous donation helps to support these men. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church.

