



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Second Sunday of Easter – Sunday 7th April 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 6th April 6.00pm
Angela Robins (Anniv)

REFRESHMENTS AFTER LAST SUNDAY MASS

Next date: 21st April.

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

Many thanks to all who supported this event. The total raised will be announced soon.

EASTER RAFFLE

Many thanks to all who supported the Easter Raffle, and congratulations to the prize winners! The fantastic total of £600 was raised! Our heartfelt thanks to June for providing the beautiful prize hampers.

The money raised will go towards much needed essential repairs, to maintain the church and Presbytery buildings, and keep us all safe. Our current project is remedial work to the chimney stacks, for which we are awaiting estimates.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Many thanks to Mary Turnbull for her generous donation towards our Easter flowers in church.

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:
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Weds 17th April at 7pm
Please keep our First 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

No Children's Liturgy during the Easter holidays.
Next one: Sunday 14th April.

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.

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!

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 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

CHURCHES TOGETHER QUIZ

NIGHT in support of Christian Aid

at 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.

Application forms available from

Ursula – 07771 578562

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/>

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.

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

We want St Bede's to be represented on the Green this year. Ideas and offers of help are needed!

Please speak to one of the Parish team

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

Thank you

Grateful thanks to the anonymous Parishioner who donated £50.00 towards flowers for the church for Easter. Thank you for this generosity.

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

4th April, 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

croxleyparishnurseecathy@gmail.com

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ARTS CAFÉ FOR CHRISTIAN AID

All welcome to St Oswalds church, Malvern Way, Croxley. 11.00am-4.00pm. Saturday 20th April.

Includes Café, Children's Activities, Live Music, Arts and Craft

Displays, Stalls,

Donations of homemade cakes or

offers of help (1hr slots available)

to serve Tea's gladly appreciated.

Please contact Anna Morris

(answerphone 01923 777871) or

Chris Gregory-

cq@chrisgregory.uk

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!