



PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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Sunday 12th December 2021

3rd Sunday in Advent

Introduction

As we begin this third week in the season of Advent, we light the rose coloured candle on our Advent wreath. This signifies that this Sunday is a bit different from the previous two Sundays.

This Sunday is known as, 'Gaudete Sunday'. In Latin, the word 'Gaudete' means 'Rejoice'. This is taken from the *Introit / Entrance Antiphon* for this Sunday's Mass - "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near."

On this Sunday the priest can wear a rose coloured vestment if he chooses.

Both Advent and Lent have a penitential element to them as part of the preparations for the coming of Christmas and Easter, and so 'Gaudete Sunday' in Advent and its counterpart, 'Laetare [Lat. be joyful] Sunday' in Lent, give the faithful an opportunity to 'lighten the mood' slightly and be openly joyful as the important feasts of Christmas and Easter get ever closer.

God bless,
Fr Morrough

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| Monday | 9:30am | St William's |
| Tuesday | 9:30am | St Ethelbert's |
| Wednesday | 6:15pm – 6:50pm Exposition & Confession – St William's | |
| | 7:00pm | St William's |
| Friday | 9:30am | St Ethelbert's |
| Saturday | 11:15am – 11:50am Exposition & Confession – St Ethelbert's | |
| | 12:00pm | St Ethelbert's |
| Sunday | 9:30am | St William's |
| | 11:30am | St Ethelbert's |
| | 7:00pm | St Ethelbert's |

Mass Intentions: Gerald Axford (BA), Mary Lee (BA), Bob Houghton RIP, Roman Nestorovich (LD), John Gallagher (LD) 2, Ethel Simon & family (Sp.Int), Amy Burke (A), Alan Ashcroft (A0).

LD: Lately dead, A: Anniversary, BA: Birthday Anniversary, B: Birthday, S: Sick, M: Memorial, WA: Wedding Anniversary, Sp.Int: Special Intention

Died Recently: John Gallagher

'Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace, Amen'.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December)

St Ethelbert's - Vigil Mass at 8.00pm
St William's - Vigil Mass at 10.30pm

Christmas Day (Saturday 25th December)

St William's - Feast of the Nativity at 10.30am

Sunday (Boxing Day - 26th December)

St Ethelbert - Feast of the Holy Family at 10.30am

St William's - Feast of the Holy Family at 12.30pm

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Confessions in Advent: During this season, many more people wish to come to the sacrament of Confession as part of their preparations for Christmas. Can I ask that you,

1) Do not come at the last minute, as Confession will stop on time and I will not be hearing confessions afterwards. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed during Confessions, so why not arrive early and spend some 'quality time' with the Lord!

2) Please keep your confession concise and to the point, remembering that there are other people waiting to see me.

3) If you feel an issue needs longer than the time available, then please come to see me to arrange a mutually convenient opportunity for us to meet.

Prayer Group: The last prayer group of 2021 will be on Monday 13th December at St Ethelbert's parish room, 7:00pm-8:15pm. This will be a special Holy Spirit evening where we will be filled with the Holy Spirit for Christmas, all welcome. We will then take a break until Monday 3rd January 2022.

Christ the Redeemer Parish Youth Group:
Every other Thursday 6.15pm-7.45pm

Remember your £1 donation, which is a great help for the upkeep of the youth group.

All future dates are displayed on the notice board

Flowers: 'A big thank you to the Ladies Group for their kind donation towards our Christmas Flowers'.

Prayer Tree: The Advent/Christmas prayer tree is again in the Lady altar at St Ethelbert's. Please write your Christmas prayer onto a tag and hang on the tree, a small donation is suggested.

Parish Walking Group: The Walks will resume on Wednesday 5th January 2022. More details of this walk later.

Mini Christmas Fair: Thank you all who have donated treasure or time for the Christmas Fair. We raised £325 at the event and had so many generous people. Thank you to all of you who worked the event and/or supported on the day.

Christmas Mass Cards: Christmas Mass cards are now available at both churches to send to your family and friends and please put in your request to Father in the Mass envelopes and your donation ahead of the Christmas period.

Christmas Hampers: The Christmas draw for the hampers will take place this weekend!

Book of Remembrance: Book of remembrance to be updated 30th December 2021 any entries to be in by 29th please. Cost £10. Forms available from Fr. Morrourh or Liz in sacristy.

St. Ethelbert's 200 Club 5/12/21 Phil McMinn £50, Congratulations to our winner!

Relaunched as a one parish club rather than the two separate draws. Existing member of St Ethelbert's, we will carry over unless you confirm otherwise. 50% of the money is used for parish funds and 50% is distributed to those taking part. The more members, the more we have for the draws. Forms for new joiners are available at the back of both churches. New cards will be prepared for collection. Thank you to all those that have contributed during 2021, and noted that many of you have more than one number. Thank you so much. If we have takers for 200 numbers, it would equate to £5,200 for church funds and £5,200 in prize money working out at £50 per week and then £2,600 for the quarterly draws in total split over the 4 draws.

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collections: £610.90 from both churches. The November statement showed £1189.00 received in Gift Aided and other donations. We have received the Gift Aid tax refund for last year (April 2020-April 2021) which came to £5096.24. Thank you very much for your generosity.

