



PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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Sunday 16TH January 2022
2ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Our Psalm today has the response, "*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples*". As priests we often preach on the first reading, the second reading or the gospel, but it's important to remember that there is a wealth of wisdom and teaching to be found in the psalms, and we do well not to overlook them. I was in Bolton town centre the other day and was doing some people watching as I ate my sandwich on a bench in Victoria Square. There were so many different nationalities walking around and so many different languages being spoken. I also reflected on the number of people who seemed to be down on their luck. The poverty and ill health of so many was apparent as I observed people obviously addicted to drink, drugs and with mental health problems. Then I noticed a man standing carrying a placard which read, 'believe in the Resurrection', and his companion who was holding forth about Jesus whilst waving a bible around. My first thought was, 'Here's someone else with problems, maybe some sort of religious mania'. Later, I read our psalm for today and was overcome with a real feeling of shame. What were these men doing, except '*proclaiming the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples*'. I doubt I would have had the courage to stand up in front of everyone and do what they were doing. Instead of behaving like a Pharisee, I should have shaken their hands. God moves in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform.

God bless,
Fr Morrough

	Mass times this week
M.17/1/22	9.30am St. William's
T.18/1/22	9.30am St. Ethelbert's
W.19/1/22	7pm St. William's (6.15-6.50 Exposition & Confession)
Th.20/1/22	11.00am St. Ethelbert's (Requiem Mass-Evelyn Rodgers)
F.21/1/22	No Mass
S.22/1/22	12.00pm St. Ethelbert's (11.15-11.50 Exposition & Confession)
S.23/1/22	9.30am St. Williams 11.30am St. Ethelbert's 7.00pm St. Ethelbert's

Change to Masses: As I am conducting Evelyn Rodger's funeral on Thursday which is usually my day off, I will now be taking Friday 21st January as my day off. Therefore there will be NO Mass at St Ethelbert's on Friday morning. Please remember that funerals are not private family events and you are of course welcome to attend the Requiem Mass on Thursday.

Mass Intentions: Bob Houghton RIP, Evelyn Rodgers (LD) 2, Elizabeth Hindley (S), Donald Hart (LD), David Chung Yin Lee (A), Bertha Handley (A), Lewis Handley (A), Agnes Crowther (A), Fred Crowther (A), Ethel Crowther (A), Bico & Ca Families RIP, Stan O'Brien RIP, Fr Anthony Petty RIP, Kathleen Mary Crowther (A).

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

Died Recently: Jean Margaret Morris, Evelyn Rodgers –**Requiem Mass 11am on Thursday 20th January at St Ethelbert's.**

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

Covid Rules at this Time.

Please remember that Face Masks are compulsory in church at this time unless you are a child of 11 years or less, or you are exempt for other reasons. Please use the hand sanitizer provided.

If you have any symptoms of Covid-19 please do NOT attend church at this time, but watch online.

Thank you. Fr Morrourgh



Hymn Numbers for 11:30am Mass

740, 538, 165, 379

If you would like to be part of the music group (as a singer or instrumentalist) at the 11:30am Sunday Mass, please speak to John. **You are invited to sit in the front right-hand benches.** We will arrange some rehearsals throughout the year to learn some new music.

Prayer Group: The prayer group is held each Monday from 7.00pm-8.15pm at St Ethelbert's.

Ladies Group: The next meeting of the Ladies Group is on Tuesday 26th January. By popular request the venue is The Olympus Restaurant in Town, meeting for Lunch at noon. If you would like to join us will you please tell Pat or Margaret asap to enable a table reservation to be made.

Parish Walking Group: Already we are having our second walk of the New Year 2022! It is now six months since the Walking Group was formed and slowly we are increasing in numbers. The next walk is round the Jumbles Reservoir on **Wednesday 19th January.** Meet at the Car Park off Bradshaw Road at **10:00am.**

Anyone wishing to join the "happy wanderers" please contact Angela Smith on 07400327307 txt is best and I will return your message.

Luke - A Companion on our Journey with Fr Chris Lough:

Thursday 27th January 2022, 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Zoom

We will be hearing **The Gospel according to Luke** at Sunday Mass for much of the coming year. Fr Chris Lough will lead an introduction to this beautiful Gospel and its companion volume, the *Acts of the Apostles*, outlining some of the main themes and ideas to look out for over the coming weeks and months. There will also be an opportunity to work in a relaxed way with some of the wonderful stories that St Luke sets before us. To book a place and get the Zoom link, please visit

– www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/st-luke-a-companion-on-our-journey/.

Caritas Crisis Fund

January is often a very difficult time financially for so many families, and this year, there is the additional worry about increasing energy bills. If you are aware of a family in need applications can be made to the Caritas Bishop's Fund via the Parish or its schools.

The criteria and application form are available here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Caritas-Bishops-Fund-Award-Criteria-and-Application-Form.docx>

If supporters wish to make a donation to any of our Caritas services, they can make it here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate-3/>

St. Ethelbert's 200 Club 9/1/22 Weekly Winner: tbc

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collections:

£652.45 from both churches. The December statement had £1339.00 in Gift aid standing orders and other donations.

Thank you very much for your generosity.