



PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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Sunday 19th December 2021

4th Sunday in Advent

Introduction

Our first reading is from the prophet Micah. Micah is considered one of the *Twelve Minor Prophets* of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible). Micah was a contemporary of the prophets Isaiah, Amos and Hosea. He was from the town of *Moreseth-Gath* in southwest Judah. Micah prophesied during the reigns of kings *Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah of Judah*. Micah's message was directed primarily towards Jerusalem. As we can see from his words today, he prophesied correctly that Bethlehem would be the place where the Lord Jesus would be born.

God bless,

Fr Morrough

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: Bob Houghton RIP, John Doyle RIP, Mark Hadley RIP, John Dephley RIP, Lesley Doyle (Sp.Int), Anne Doyle (Sp.Int), Maxine Doyle (Sp.Int), Libby Hadley-Doyle (Sp.Int), Eileen Dephley (Sp.Int), Rita Conrad (S), O'Neill Family, Jackman Family, Kehoe Family, Glacken Family (Christmas Intentions), Winifred Philips (A), Mary Connelly RIP, Tommy Connelly RIP, Eileen Holmes (S), Wiktorja Kozlowska (18th B), Paul King, Albert Tetley, Glynn Cave, Deborah Barlow-Cave, Donna Whittle, a special intention, Lawrence Grogan (A), Connie Crompton (A) 2, Malcolm Harrison, Bob Crompton, John Bellis, Winstanley Family, Pamela Pedersen, John & Theresa Cosgrove, Jack Smith, Marth Fairclough.

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

(Carols from 7:30pm)

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 prayer group is taking a break until Monday 3rd January 2022 from 7.00pm-8.15pm.

Ladies Group: The next meeting of the Ladies Group will be at the end of January 2022. Details will be in the Newsletter nearer the date. Two of the Charities we support, Derian House Children's Hospice and Marie Curie have each sent a letter of appreciation for our recent donations and send their best wishes for 2022.

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.

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.

Caritas Salford's Advent Appeal – show them they are #Loved

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to this year's Advent Appeal from Caritas Diocese of Salford. This year, many families are struggling with money. It's really hard for some of them to pay their bills, buy enough food and they're worrying about the cost of things like heating. Covid-19 has also affected people's mental health - children, as well as the grown-ups.

Every year, Caritas Salford helps thousands of children and families across our diocese with practical support, like giving them food parcels or helping to pay for

essential items and emergencies, like a new washing machine, so their children can have clean clothes for school. They also employ members of staff, who are trained and experienced, to work with families when things are tough.

To find out more and donate to this year's appeal, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/advent-2021/>.

We would ask for your continued prayers for the work of Caritas and for those people needing to feel loved. Thank you so much.

Christmas Raffle: The total raised from both churches was £487.00. Thank you to everyone who donated food for the hampers. Congratulations to the winners. At St Ethelbert's the winners were: Johanne and Mr F Warren and at St Williams it was Mr Parkinson and M Platt.

Bingo: The Bingo Evening held on Friday 10th December was very enjoyable and made £169. It is hoped to resume regular monthly Bingo from January. Hope you have a happy and peaceful Christmas. Many thanks, Agnes.

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. Morrough or Liz in sacristy.

Happy Christmas: Kathleen McNamara sends her 'Best wishes' to family and friends for Christmas and the New Year, a donation has been given to CAFOD.

St. Ethelbert's 200 Club 12/12/21 Patrick Carey £50, Congratulations to our winner!

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collections: £632.51 from both churches. The November statement showed £1189.00 received in Gift Aided and other donations.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

