



# PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

RC churches of St Ethelbert & St William of York, Bolton

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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we look at our first reading today with 21<sup>st</sup> century eyes, it does cause us to wince somewhat! It can be seen as sexist and patronising. But we have to remember that there may be widely held attitudes today, that future generations may look back on with disbelief!

We cannot occupy the mind and thought processes of someone so long ago, living in a world so different from our own. If we suspend our indignation for a little while and look at what the author is trying to say. The writer is trying to praise womanhood, especially a woman who is married. What does he say? She is trustworthy, she is hard working, she is generous to the poor, and she helps those in need. Beauty and superficial attraction are nothing, but her wisdom is to be admired. In the book, 'The Song of Songs' from the Hebrew Scriptures / Old Testament, we can see similar praise from a woman for a good husband! This passage may grate on us now, but it was intended with love, appreciation and a respect for the woman. We could of course argue, that some women in our own day are not respected or lauded half as much. Just a thought 😊

God bless,

Fr Morrough

### MASSES & SERVICES

Monday	6:15pm – 6:50pm Exposition & Confession – St William's	
	7:00pm	St William's
Tuesday	9:30am	St Ethelbert's
Wednesday	9:30am	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

**Lately Dead:** Patricia Baker RIP.

**Andrea Loftus RIP:** Funeral Service on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am at St William's, burial at Tonge Cemetery at 11.45am.

**Anne Nagle RIP** –Requiem Mass on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 11am at St Ethelbert's. Committal at Overdale (West Chapel) at 12.00 noon.

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

**Changes to Mass Times:** None this week.

**Mass Intentions:** Aidan Brierley (LD), David Smith (LD), Eileen Holmes (S), Bernard Harper (LD), Kevin Shuttleworth RIP, Graham Muirhead RIP, Special Intentions 2, Dennis Parkinson (BA)

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

**Christ the Redeemer Prayer Group:** The next prayer group meeting will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 7pm-8.15pm, all welcome.

### Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve** is a Sunday, so morning Masses as usual at 9.30am and 11.30am.  
8.00pm Vigil Mass for the Nativity at St Ethelbert's (No 7.00pm Sunday Mass)

**Christmas Day:** 10.30am Mass at St William of York.

## St Ethelbert's R.C. Church: Enrolment for the Sacramental Preparation Programme 2023-24.



The Sacramental Preparation Programme for 2023-24 will start on 9th December 2023.

If your child is aged 7 or over (Year 3 or above, in primary school) and has not yet made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, then please contact Angela Meskell for an enrolment form to join in this year's programme.

(Angela attends Mass at 11.30 am, on Sundays, at St Ethelbert's Church) The cut-off date for enrolment on this year's programme is Friday 1st December 2023.

**Parish Walking Group:** Wednesday 22nd November, Jumbles Country Park 10:00am on the Car Park. If you are unable join us on the day, please let me know by text on 07400307327. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us!! Anyone wishing to join the Group can also contact me on the above number, Angela Smith

**St Williams' Christmas Fair:** Saturday 2nd December 12.30 to 2.30 and Sunday 3rd December after Mass in the York Room. There will be Refreshments, Tombola, Raffles, Craft Stall and a visit from Father Christmas. Please come along.

Just a reminder that we are still collecting donations for the Tombola and Bottle Tombola Stalls (any kind of bottle). Thank you.

**Raffle Tickets:** Cash Prize and M&S Hamper Tickets are on sale every Sunday at the back of church for both raffles. The draws will take place on Sunday 3rd December and the winners will be notified.

**Christmas Fair: Donations** As you will be aware as we are unable to hold the usual Fair in school we are holding a smaller version in the York Room as above to which you are all invited to attend. If you are unable to attend but would still like to contribute in some way there is a box placed at the back of church for any cash donations you may wish to make. Thank you.



**Christmas Bingo: Friday 1st December,** 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. St. Ethelbert's church. Last Bingo of 2023

Everyone welcome for some festive fun; friends and family included. Christmas jumpers and hats – maybe a little sweet treat for the best festive outfit? Who knows?

**Piety Stall:** Don't forget, both churches have Christmas cards, decorations, statues and other items available for the festive season.

Please support your church piety stall. Any of the modest profits go to church funds.

There are also general cards, Mass cards, rosaries, gifts and crosses. If you need anything particular, please ask the person looking after the stall.

**Christ the Redeemer Parish 200 Club:** 12/11/23 – Joanne Rimmer £50. Congratulations! Please can all players pay anything due up to the end of the year in readiness for the last quarterly draw. A big thank you to all who take part as this raises much needed funds for our parish to supplement the weekly collections.

New members always welcome. Please contact Lee Pendlebury. [lee.pendlebury@sky.com](mailto:lee.pendlebury@sky.com) If you pay by standing order or make a bank transfer, do contact Lee Pendlebury to let him know.

**Christ the Redeemer Parish Collections:** 12/11/23 £788.50 from both churches. Thank you for your generosity.

