



PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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

Parish Office, 76A Lever Edge Lane, Bolton, Lancashire, BL3 3EN

Tel: 01204 62316

Web: www.christthereedeemer.org.uk

Parish Priest: Fr Morrough O'Brien - morrough.obrien@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Julie Walsh - julie.walsh@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Sunday 23rd January 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Our first reading today is from, 'The Book of Nehemiah'. This is set in the time following the exile of the Hebrews in Babylon and their return to the land of Israel. Nehemiah was a Jew who was a high official in the Babylonian court. He was determined to see the walls of the temple in Jerusalem rebuilt. He wished to see the city of Jerusalem once again dedicated to the God of Israel and his laws. Helping him do this was Ezra, a scribe and priest.

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, Special Intention, Kathleen Dillon (A), Irene Neary (LD), Evelyn Rodgers (LD), In thanksgiving, Tommy Connelly (BA), Margaret Parkinson (A), Margaret & Joseph Axford (A), Elizabeth Hindley (S), Michael Poole (A), for a successful operation, Veronica & William Gill (A), Christo Stephen (B)

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

Died Recently: Evelyn Rodgers, Irene Neary.

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

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



Hymn Numbers for 11:30am Mass

558, 662, 681, 297

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.

Ladies Group: The next meeting of the Ladies Group is on **Tuesday 25th 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 as soon as possible to enable a table reservation to be made.

For Sale: Fr O'Brien is selling a fridge from the presbytery. It is in perfect working order. The price is £80.00 and if bought, must be collected by the buyer. See Fr O'Brien for details and to view.



Each year in our diocese, the final weekend of January is usually designated *Caritas Sunday*, an opportunity to highlight the work of Caritas Diocese of Salford, as our diocesan social action agency.

As we begin 2022, I want to thank you for your continued prayer and support on behalf of all those helped by Caritas Salford in the past year. Because of you, our team of staff and volunteers has been able to provide vital help to children and families, and people affected by poverty, isolation and disadvantage, including those without a permanent home, or seeking asylum or refuge.

Covid-19 continues to have a devastating effect on people's health, wellbeing and finances, which is worse for those already at risk in our communities. Coupled with rising food, cost of living prices and a predicted 50% increase in energy prices, it is going to be another tough year for so many people. Our individual acts of *caritas* – love in action – will be needed more than ever. If you are able to, please consider making a regular gift or a one-off donation to Caritas Salford.

To see the difference you make, please look at [the latest Caritas Social Impact Report, which you can download by clicking this link](#). (Patrick O'Dowd-Director)

!!Urgent Appeal!!

The Caritas Shop and Community Drop- In Centre in Bolton is appealing for Volunteers to assist for a morning or afternoon in the coming weeks, they are struggling to remain open due to staff sickness. If any parishioners are able to spare some time please ring the shop on **01204 370927**, 132 Newport St, Bolton BL3 6AJ (opposite the station) or e mail: volunteering@caritassalford.org.uk

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/.

Volunteer Coordinator for Caritas Diocese of Salford

Thanks to the receipt of funding specifically intended for capacity building, Caritas Salford is recruiting for a Volunteer Coordinator. This newly created post will improve the promotion, recruitment, selection, induction and ongoing support for volunteers across our organisation.

Appointment type: 37 hours per week, permanent

Location: Manchester with travel/homeworking

Closing date: Wednesday 2 February 2022, 10.00am

Interviews: Friday 11 February 2022

Salary: SCP16-19 £24,012 – £25,481 per annum.

For more details of this opportunity and other vacancies, please

visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/>

St. Ethelbert's 200 Club 9/1/22 & 16/1/22

Weekly Winner: tbc

Thank You: Thank you to Martin Carabine and his family who held a church fundraising party to celebrate Martin's 60th birthday. They raised £95.00 for our parish. We are very grateful that you thought of us and your generosity. God bless you all!

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collections:

£774.05 from both churches. The December statement had £1339.00 in Gift aid standing orders and other donations.

Thank you very much for your generosity.