



PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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

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Sunday 26th December 2021

Holy Family

Introduction

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has gone to so much trouble to make our churches look beautiful and festive for the Christmas season.

I would like to thank everyone who has given me cards and presents for Christmas. I truly appreciate your generosity to me, but also to my cat, 'Dash', who will be tummy high in cat treats this year!

In this blessed season, may the Lord send down his blessings upon all of you and give you and your families' peace.

Happy Christmas everyone 😊

God bless,
Fr Morrough

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

Mass Intentions: Bob Houghton RIP, Peter Lloyd-Holt RIP, Jones & Abbey Families RIP, Phil Abbey (CM), Liam D'Arcy (A), Gerald Axford (CM), Margaret Parkinson (CM), Josie & Dennis Dixon (CM), Mary & James Lee (CM), Margaret & Joseph Axford (CM), Andrew Ryley (LD), Ray Ward RIP, Danny (S), Bill & Clare Rothwell RIP, Smith & Dowd Family (Sp.Int), Arthur & Nancy Lewis, Hilary Turner (S), Ben Evans (CM), Mary Evans (CM), Jack Evans (CM), Tom Hill (CM), Ellen Hill (CM), Vania Blackburn (CM), Jackie Stewart (CM), Andy Towler (CM)

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

Died Recently: David Edwards – Requiem Mass on Tuesday 4th January 9.30am at St Ethelbert's Church.

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

Fr Morrough on Annual Leave

As usual I will be taking some time off after Christmas Day and am away over the New Year. I will be away from Monday 27th to Saturday 1st January 2022. There will be **no Masses** at St William of York during this time, but there will be Eucharistic services at St Ethelbert's on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. I will be back in the saddle for Sunday Masses on the 2nd of January 2022.

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 Morrough

The Parish Walking Group: The Parish Walking Group invite everyone to join them in their New Year Walk on Wednesday 5th January round Cutacre Country Park. Meet at 10:00am on the Cutacre Car Park in front of the Whistle Building on the A6 near ALDI.

This is not a difficult walk and is suitable for Push Chairs. Children under 16yrs. must be accompanied by a suitable Adult e.g. Parent or Grandparent.

Appropriate foot ware must be worn i.e. Wellingtons, Walking Shoes or Walking Boots. Well behaved Dogs are also welcome. Come and shed a few ounces of that extra weight you may have put on over the festive period.

We look forward to you joining us, Angela Smith

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

CAFOD: CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During this time, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

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. Morrrough or Liz in sacristy.

St. Ethelbert's 200 Club 19/12/21 Weekly Winner: Stefan Izak £50.
Quarterly Draw: Shirley Hepworth (£100.00), John D'Souza (£50.00), Karen Grainger (£25.00), Shirley Hepworth (£25.00). Congratulations to our winners!

Journey in Faith: You are invited to an informal Introductory Evening at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Eastbourne Grove, Bolton BL1 5TR on Tuesday 4th January at 7.00 p.m. in the Becket Suite "Journey in Faith" is a Course which explores the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. Maybe you want to look deeper into your faith? Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you thinking about returning to Church after a break or do you just want to know more about the Christian Faith in general? There is no pressure or on-going commitment so why not just come along and see what the Course has to offer and meet us here at our Parish - we would love to see you Everyone is welcome If you have any queries, please telephone the Parish Office 01204 497068.

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collections: £696.25 from both churches. The November statement showed £1189.00 received in Gift Aided and other donations.
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Newsletter: The newsletter will be back for Sunday 9th January, if you would like to receive the newsletter by email and save paper please let julie.walsh@dioceseofsalford.org.uk know. Wishing you all a Happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas, Julie.

