



PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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

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Sunday 29th October 2023 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I hear readings from the book of Exodus and references to Moses, I can't help being reminded of a book I read while I was at University. It was called, 'Moses - Pharaoh of Egypt'. Now there are far more sceptics than those who agree with the book's central hypothesis, but it gives pause for thought. According to our scriptures, Moses was raised from a baby in the royal household of Egypt, and was perhaps a prince before he was led by God to abandon his adopted family and lead the people of Israel to freedom. As we know, the Egyptians worshipped a wide range of different gods, but there was one period when all this changed and a pharaoh called Akhenaten / Amenhotep IV, closed all the temples to other gods and instituted the worship of one god, called the Aten. Not long after Akhenaten's death the worship of the other gods was reintroduced and mention of Akhenaten's rule was strictly forbidden. The theory put forward is that Akhenaten was in fact Moses, and that the Aten was the Egyptian name for the God of Israel.

Whatever you believe, it is very interesting that during centuries of Polytheism in Egypt, there is this enormous 'blip', when Egypt was led, for a short time, down the path of Monotheism.

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: Alan Yearsley RIP, Alan Hunt RIP.
Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Changes to Mass Times: Fr Morrough is away from Thursday 2nd November until Monday 6th November. Changes to services are as follows:

Saturday 4th November: St Ethelbert's 11.15am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a Eucharistic Service at **12 noon**.

Sunday 5th November: St William's 9.30am Mass
- Canon Anthony McBride presiding.

St Ethelbert's 11.30am Mass - Canon Anthony McBride presiding.

St Ethelbert's 7.00pm Mass - Fr Alf Rebello presiding.

Monday 6th November - St William's - Evening confession and Mass as usual.

Mass Intentions: Martin Patient (LD), David Smith (LD), Felicien Makwakala (LD), Tish Butler (LD), Vincent Heaton (A), Maureen Stevenson (A), Delphine Ryan (A), Mariamma Joseph (A), Agnes Pendlebury (80th B), Michael Elligot (B), Delne Jose (B), Kevin

Shuttleworth RIP, Pat Harper (BA), Sheila Merrick (BA), Clare Rothwell (BA), Eileen Holmes (S), a sick cousin, Special Intentions **2**, Fr Morrourh (60th B).

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



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.

Christ the Redeemer Prayer Group: The prayer group meet the first Monday of each month, 7:00pm-8:15pm, St Ethelbert's parish room, all welcome.

Ladies Group: The next Ladies Group Meeting is on Tuesday 31st October at 1-30pm in the Parish Room. Come and enjoy light refreshments, a short quiz, Bring and Buy sale and suggestions for our Christmas Lunch venue. All Ladies are welcome.

The St Vincent de Paul (SVP) parish group continue to meet each month and are involved in a number of initiatives to support the local community. The group continues to collect food in the 'Grub Tubs' at the back of each church and collect coats in the 'Wrap Up' boxes in the back of each church to support people in the local area not as fortunate as ourselves. In the summer the group arranged for six children from our schools to attend an adventure holiday in Wales. When supporting several of the families we recognised they needed further help. These initiatives cost time and money so the group is appealing for any donations you may like to give or any new members who could support us in our ventures. If you feel you could help in anyway please get in touch with Agnes Lloyd-Holt (St Ethelbert's) or Helen Ahmed (St Williams)

St Williams' Christmas Fair: Due to the problems with the school building we are unable to hold our usual Christmas Fair in the School Hall this year. St William's will now hold a mini Christmas Fair in the York Room on **Saturday 2nd December** and again on **Sunday 3rd December** after Mass. We are asking for donations please for the Tombola and Bottle Stalls or any unwanted gifts (not electricals)

We will place a box at the back of church for your donations from next week. Thank you for your generosity.

Tickets will be on sale next Sunday (before and after Mass) for both the Cash Prize Raffle and M&S Raffle.

Marks & Spencer Raffle: As usual we will still be holding the M&S Raffle to help raise funds for church. There is a list at the back of the church for you to sign for the items you would like to donate. We understand that it might be difficult this year due to the closure of the town centre M&S branch so if you would like to donate but cannot get to a store please speak to one of the Christmas Fair Team who can assist you, Thank you.

St. Ethelbert's Christmas Fair – Sat 18 Nov – 12.30 – 2.30 pm: Big call up for donations please. We currently have very few donations for the stalls. Please, please bring in donations of unwanted items (not bric-a-brac) which we can raffle, use on tombola, fancy goods, toys and games, etc. Green tubs at the back of church.

Wrap Up Campaign: The Rotary Club is again holding its wrap up campaign. There are boxes at the back of both churches. They are asking for unwanted clean and good condition coats for sharing with people who are on the street or don't have a warm coat as autumn and winter approaches. Children's coats most welcome. Any queries, speak to David Jolley.

CAFOD: A cheque for £375.05 has been sent to CAFOD this week, this is an accumulation of money from the wall boxes in Churches, Family Fast Day donations and from the recent CAFOD Quiz at St William's (£120). Thank you for your generosity.

Christ the Redeemer Parish 200 Club: Winner: 15/10/23, 22/10/23 tbc £50! Congratulations!

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collections: 22/10/23 £859.69 from both churches. Thank you for your generosity.

