



PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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

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Sunday 13th December 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

Introduction

Last week we were told that John the Baptist survived in the wilderness by eating Locusts and Wild Honey. The Greek word for Locusts is 'Akridas'. Now this can either be the species of grasshopper responsible for stripping farmer's fields OR the Locust bean / Carob bean. There has been quite a lot of argument between scholars as to whether John the Baptist was eating the insect or the bean (which is related to the pea). All one can say for sure is that when the word 'Akridas' is used in Greek it would most commonly, though not exclusively, refer to the insect.

IMPORTANT NOTES ON CHRISTMAS

1) ANY Mass attended over the Christmas Octave (Vigil Masses for Christmas Day to The Feast of Holy Mary, Mother of God [1st Jan 2021]) either in person OR online fulfils your Christmas obligation.

2) Leaflets with the Mass times for both our churches are available at the back of each church. See also the parish website for these details.

3) At all Masses please follow the directions of the STEWARDS. They have a system for making sure everyone is kept safe. This includes directing you to your

seats and directing the flow of people during the reception of Holy Communion. I know people have their 'favourite' seats, but for this year during a pandemic, I'm asking you to put your personal preferences aside just for a few days to help keep everyone safe. Thank you.

4) If our Covid-19 Safe Capacity is reached at any Mass, further entry will not be permitted and your Christmas obligation can be fulfilled at any of the other Masses over the Christmas Octave.

Confessions over Christmas

There are far more people now availing themselves of the opportunity to attend Confession during the Advent Season in preparation for Christmas.

Can I please ask that when you attend the sacrament you keep your confession brief to allow everyone the chance to be seen. If more time is needed to speak in greater depth about any issue, then this and your Confession, can be arranged at a separate time with Fr Morrough.

Thank you.

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: David Clough (LD), In thanksgiving for a successful operation, Gerard Axford (BA), Mary Lee (BA), Patricia Hall (LD), Mary Connelly & Tommy Connelly (Christmas), Connie Crompton (A).LD: Lately dead, A: Anniversary, BA: Birthday Anniversary, B: Birthday, S: Sick, M: Memorial, WA: Wedding Anniversary

St Ethelbert's Book of Remembrance: The Book of Remembrance will be update on 21st December, if anyone wishes to add a relative/friend at a cost of £10 per entry, please complete one of the forms available in the Sacristy by 20th December.

Mary & Joseph: We have a tradition in the parish of moving Joseph and the pregnant Mary on a donkey from house to house during Advent. This year is no different. We will ensure we disinfect the statue and carry case between each venue. Please contact Father or Gemma (07717686358) if you know of someone (especially the housebound) who would like a visit. We will deliver disinfect and bagged and collect the following week.

Christmas hamper raffle. Christmas Hampers for raffle at both churches – 2 hampers per church. £1 per strip (one entry). Please support if you can. Draw for each church will be made w/c 14 Dec for collection ahead of Christmas. If you can leave your name on the back of the ticket stubs it will help. Details of winners will be on notice boards, newsletter and FB page. Must be collected by 20 December. Please contact Agnes Lloyd Holt (07840 112756) or Gemma (07717 686358) if you are shielding and not attending for tickets. We are not able to sell outside of usual church attendees. Thank you very much to all those who have donated items.

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collections: Donations from both churches this and St Ethelbert's from last week £905.06. The bank statement at the end of November showed £726.00 Gift Aided donations and £737.00.00 in other donations. Thank you for your generosity.