



PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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

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First Sunday in Advent

Introduction

As we begin the Season of Advent, we know that it is a season of quiet preparation as we look forward to the birth of the child Jesus. We reflect on the readings from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and the words of the prophets who foretold his coming into the world.

Sadly, in much of our society, 'Christmas' is already here, and has been for weeks if the advertisements and shop decorations are anything to go by!

None of us can avoid being caught up in this to some extent, but I ask that we all set a little time aside each day, even just five minutes, to pray and reflect on the true meaning of Advent for us as Christian people.

There's a saying, 'There's no show without Punch', well there is definitely, 'no Christmas without Christ'!

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

Mike Noble, husband of Christine Derbyshire and a much loved son-in-law of the late Philip and Marie Derbyshire died suddenly in Canada on 31/10/21
'Eternal rest give unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace, Amen'.

Prayer Group: Every Monday 7pm-8.15pm at St. Ethelbert's, all welcome.

Christ the Redeemer Parish Youth Group:

Every other Thursday 6.15pm-7.45pm

Remember your £1 donation, which is a great help for the upkeep of the youth group.

All future dates are displayed on the notice board

Mass Intentions: A special intention, Alfred O'Connor (JA), Eugene Twohig (A), Mike Noble (LD), Eileen Haslam (A), John Haslam (LD), Bob Houghton RIP, Eileen Holmes (S), Dennis Jolley (A)

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

Died Recently: Dorothy Boardman, Jean Margaret True, Pauline Walsh-Funeral at St Ethelbert's on Tues 30th November at 11.00am.

Ladies Group: The Ladies will be meeting in St. Ethelbert's Parish Room on Tuesday 30th November at 1.30pm. Angela will be decorating a Christmas cake which will then be raffled. We will then relax with a cuppa and maybe solve some of the world's problems! All Ladies are welcome.

Christmas get together – Sat 4 December – 12.30 – 2.30 pm:

Please drop in after 12 noon Mass Saturday at St Ethelbert's to catch up over a light refreshment and cuppa, mince pie and mulled wine. Father Christmas is taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with younger parishioners! All welcome from both our churches.

Advent preparation: Our shelter seekers 'la posada' are available again this advent. If you know of someone who cannot currently attend Mass but would welcome sheltering the Holy Family for a week to keep in touch, add their/your name and contact number to the list at the back of church so Mary and Joseph can progress around our parish. Please ensure they are returned for Sunday Mass so the next person can take home/be delivered.

Prayer Tree: The Advent/Christmas prayer tree is again in the Lady altar at St Ethelbert's. Please write your Christmas prayer onto a tag and hang on the tree, a small donation is suggested.

Christmas Hampers: Thank you to all those who have provided one or more items for the hampers. Raffle tickets on sale at both churches. Please bring your pledged item latest this week so the hampers can be made up in readiness for the draw. We will draw for the hampers at each church on Sunday 12 December so the winners can enjoy the goodies for Christmas. Tickets on sale after Masses for £1. Thank you all for your support.

Wrap Up campaign: This campaign has now come to an end. We would like to thank everyone who so kindly and generously donated coats. The enormous number of coats donated at both St Ethelbert's Church and St Williams Church contributed to an extremely successful campaign around the Bolton area. More than 1,015 coats were collected in total. The coats have now been distributed to local charities and who then pass the coats onto women, men and children who need them to keep warm. Charities who received the coats in Bolton and surrounding areas included Fortalice (women's refuge), Urban Outreach, Homeless Aid UK, Bolton Community Kitchen, Duke Street Night Shelter, The Destitution Project, BRASS (refugees), St James Church, Brightmet, Christchurch, Harwood, St Barnabas, Leigh, The Brick, Wigan, International Aid Trust, Chorley and Cornerstone, Manchester. Once again, thank you for your generosity to everyone who donated."

St. Ethelbert's 200 Club 21/11/21 Nicola Houghton £50, Congratulations to our winner!

Both Churches are merging into one 200 Club instead of being separate.

1. £1 per week for each number
2. £50 weekly prize
3. Cards available at the back of Church
4. Open to friends and family
5. Terms and conditions on noticeboard.

Promoters: Lee Pendlebury (St E. 11.30am Mass)
Agnes Lloyd-Holt (St E. 7.00pm Mass), Volunteer needed (St. W 9.30am Mass)

Please speak to Lee over the next 2 weeks to get your card and/or set up new numbers for 2022. For current members, please pay up for the rest of 2021 and make up any backlog. Thank you for your continued support.

Synod: Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: **"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission"**. We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission using the QR code or following this link. www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2. Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1st March 2022 to make our submissions then, after national and continental gatherings, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember the Synod in your prayers. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.



Christ the Redeemer Parish Collections: £580.20 from both churches. The October statement showed £913.00 received in Gift Aided and other donations. Thank you very much for your generosity.