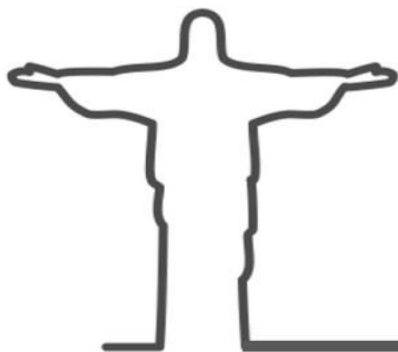




PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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Sunday 22nd September 2024 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since the 22nd Week in Ordinary time, our gospel readings have been taken from St Mark. There is something that occurs in Mark's gospel that does not occur in Matthew, Luke or John. There are several times that Jesus tells his disciples, or someone he has cured, not to tell anyone about him or what he has done. This is known in Biblical studies as the, '*Marcan Secrecy Motif*' or the '*Messianic Secrecy Motif*'. This was first given serious academic study in 1901, by the German Lutheran theologian, William Wrede. Although Wrede was the first person to bring this into, 'the realms of Academe', he believed that these exhortations of Jesus not to mention him, were added at a later date by someone who wished to show that Jesus was intentionally resisting honour; that he was a humble person who wished for no fame. Later scholars have discounted this idea and believe that there was a more obvious and understandable reason for Jesus' actions.

There was a very real threat to Jesus' life from the Pharisees and temple authorities. Let's look at this passage from Matthew 12:15 - "*Aware of the plot against him, Jesus withdrew from there*" [and continued his healing ministry]. And again, in this passage from the prophet Isaiah 42:1-4 "*Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. ... He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope*". Jesus knew that if he was to reach Jerusalem alive, he needed to keep 'off the radar' of the authorities. He did not need to announce that he was the Messiah, because in a relatively short time, the cross and the empty tomb would proclaim this more powerfully than any words could ever do.

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

School Mass: Wednesday 25th September - 9.30am Mass IN CHURCH for St William's Y3/4 children.

Funeral: Friday 27th September - St William's - 1.30pm Requiem Mass for Mrs Elsie Mather RIP. Committal at Overdale crematorium at 3.15pm

Mass Intentions:

Lately Dead: Elsie Mather RIP, Frank Marshall RIP.

Anniversary: Anama Mathau, Thomas Makil, Martin Patient.

Birthday Memorial: Mary Dawe.

Memorial: Anne & Kevin Shuttleworth RIP

Sick: Eileen Holmes, a sick person.

Birthday: Janet Grogan.

Special Intentions: Jodie Corless, for Family.

Changes to Mass times this Week: Tuesday 24th September - St Ethelbert's - **NO MASS**

Thursday 26th September - St Ethelbert's - 9.30am Mass

Diocesan Synod Update: We are now entering into the Exploration Stage of our diocesan synod. Over the next four months, we will closely explore the four key themes to have emerged from our Big Listen responses. The themes are: Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow's World, Building Connections, Enabling Access, and Fostering Christ-like Care. To find out more the first of our themes and how to get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synod-theme-1>

Christmas Fair – St. Ethelbert's

A box now available for your donations near the hymn books.

Please now bring any new toiletries, fancy goods, new or almost new toys, raffle prizes, etc. or something for a Christmas hamper.

Help – we really need some help so it doesn't fall on the same few.

If you can offer help to set up, clear up, donate or help on a stall, can you please let a social committee person or steward know at St Ethelbert's. Your support would be gratefully received.



The next Bingo session is on Friday 3rd October at 7pm. All welcome!

SVP basket: A huge thank you to the parishioners of St Williams (they know who they are) who are donating regularly to the SVP. It is very generous of them and very kind. The money is being put to good use for local people in need.

Thank you also for the donations of tins and toiletries in the 'Grub Tub' at the back of St William's church. Again these donations are being put to good use.

Christmas Fair – St William's

I am delighted to report that the school hall at St William's primary school will be available to hold the Christmas Fair again this year. Once I have discussed this with our organising team and the school, I will let you know the date and time.

Permanent Diaconate: We are delighted to share with you a new leaflet on the permanent diaconate. Including an introductory message from Bishop John, FAQs, case studies on our deacons, and more, this is a great way to find out more about this remarkable vocation. Read now at <https://tinyurl.com/permanent-diaconate>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne:

Discover the fascinating history of our Northern Saints with this one-off pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, Ripon, and Durham in celebration of our 2025 Year of Jubilee. Led by Bishop John, the pilgrimage will take place from 15th-17th May 2025.

Find out more about this and all of our pilgrimages during our Jubilee year

at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

Prayer and Action: A Camino Challenge

Bolton priest, Fr Chris Gorton has embarked on an incredible 924km running pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago to raise funds for diocesan charity, Caritas Salford. Inviting each and every one of us to be part of his journey, Fr Chris has shared a range of tools and resources to help us join him in prayer and action over the coming weeks. Find out more about how you can get involved

at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-camino-challenge/>

Christ the Redeemer Parish 200 Club:

Weekly winner: 15/9/24 Joanne Grant £50.
Congratulations!

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collection:

From both Churches – 8/9/24 – £730.00, 15/9/24 £836.00.

Church Donations: Not everyone has cash available these days, if you do not have cash for donations or piety items, you can transfer money online. The details are as follows: **Sort Code 20-55-34**

Account No: 40722324 Payee: TSDT

Reference: It is important that you say what the money is for:

- Gift Aid (if you are registered)
- Donation (for non-Gift Aid donations)
- Piety
- Mass Intentions
- Candles

Remember that you can set up a standing order donation using the same bank details if you prefer this to cash each week. Thank you for your continued support of your Parish.

