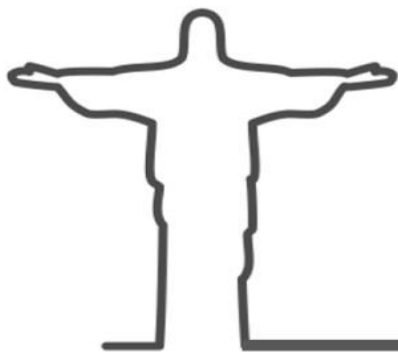




PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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Sunday 22nd December 2024 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Introduction



Changes to Mass times this week: Fr

Morrough will be away for his New Year break from Sunday evening, 29th December to Friday 3rd January 2025. Mass as normal at St Ethelbert's on Friday 3rd January.

Thank you to Fr David Chinnery, who will be celebrating the 7.00pm Mass for me on Sunday 29th December.

Mass Intentions:

Lately Dead: Laura Stewart RIP, Tom Newton RIP 2, Mario de Giorgi RIP,

Anniversary: Ronald Orr, Pat Parkinson, Tony Hadcroft.

Birthday: Anne Unsworth

Special Intentions at Christmas: Eileen Holmes, Chris & Delphine Ryan, Geraldine & Steve Douglas and one other intention. Caldwell Family, Rice Family, Hope Family, Fred & Lily Pickering, Agnes Moscrop, Brandon Family,

Christmas Masses: Mary & Philip Derbyshire RIP, Mary Connelly RIP, Tommy Connelly RIP, Audrey Glancy RIP, Sarah & Roger Ramsden RIP, Pat & Bernard Harper RIP, O'Hagan Family RIP, David Smith RIP, Margaret & Dennis Smith RIP, Malcom Harrison RIP, Connie Crompton RIP, Bob Crompton RIP, Josie Bellis RIP, Winstanley Family RIP, Pamela Pedersen RIP, Jack & Theresa Cosgrove, Abbey & Jones Families RIP.

Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday 24th December - **Christmas Eve**

St. Ethelbert's – 7.30pm Carols – Vigil Mass 8pm
St. William's. 10pm Carols – Vigil Mass 10.30pm.

Wednesday 25th December - **Christmas Day** – St. Ethelbert's -10.30am Mass.

Thursday 26th December - **Boxing Day** – Feast of St. Stephen- St. William's – 10.30am Mass.

Friday 27th December- Feast of St John the Evangelist - St Ethelbert's 10.30am Mass.

Saturday 28th December: 11.15-11.50 Exposition & Confession 12.00 noon Mass at St Ethelbert's.

Sunday 29th December: 9.30am Mass (St. William's), 11.30am & 7pm Mass (St. Ethelbert's)

NOTE: Mon. 30th Dec, Tues 31st Dec, Wed. 1st January **NO MASS**

Regular Mass times resume on Friday 3rd
January

St Williams Christmas Fair Update

We have now raised a further £82.70 from the sale of items online which were left over from the Fair, mainly toys and books. This amount together with the £35 bid in the Blind Auction for the BWFC ticket means we have made an additional sum of £117.70. Many thanks to Beth Mansfield for all her efforts.

Our full total for the Fair is now £1379.85 which we have raised for the church funds. Thank you all once again.



Opening Mass for the Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee: Pope Francis has invited dioceses across the world to unite in prayer as we begin the 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee. Our diocese will be marking the start of the Jubilee with a Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, on **Sunday 29th December at 2pm at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church**. All are welcome to join us as we mark the start of this special year of grace.

There are Booklets, 'Celebrating the Jubilee of Hope' available at the back of each Church.

Newsletter: The newsletter will be having a break over the Christmas holidays. Any changes to Mass times from the ones published will be announced in Church.

Each week, 230 paper copies are printed. Many people still like to take a printed copy home and this will continue; however, it would be good in the New Year to reduce the paper by sending an e-Newsletter. The Parish now has a new office e-mail address which will be used to send out the newsletter. If you wish to subscribe to the newsletter, please send an email message to: ctrbolton@outlook.com to add your name to circulation list. If you wish to unsubscribe or change details on the current list, please let us know.

New Pilgrims of Hope book launched:

Monsignor John Allen has harnessed his love of the geography and history of our diocese, penning a very special book which is being sold in aid of Caritas Salford. The book, Pilgrims of Hope, has been

published in time for the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year which is also focussed on the theme of Pilgrims of Hope, and is available to purchase by visiting the Caritas

website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook

Crisis support over the Christmas period

If you or anyone in your local community requires support over the Christmas period, Caritas Salford has put together a page on their website which includes information on when their services are open, as well as signposting to other organisations who might also be able to support those in urgent need. You can read more here: www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-christmas-opening-times/

A Call to Lead - A Post-Confirmation Programme

A new post-confirmation programme has been developed by Salford Youth Ministry and the Young Christian Workers Movement to bridge the gap between confirmation and adult formation, with the aim of helping young people to grow in faith and become active leaders of the parish community. For more information about the programme, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-call-to-lead>

Christ the Redeemer Parish 200 Club:

Weekly winner: 15/12/24 No 99 -Judith Dunlevy £50. Congratulations.

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collection:

15/12/24- £755.05 from both Churches, November Standing Orders amounted to £1610.50, thank you for your generosity.



