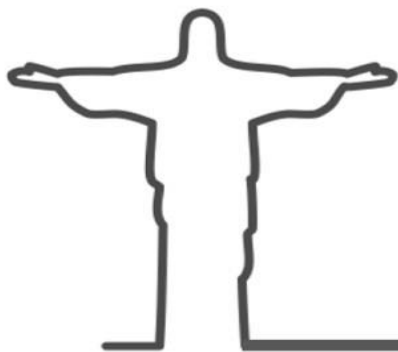




PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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Sunday 8th December 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Introduction

In our Gospel today we are told of the '*Tetrarchs*' Herod, Philip and Lysanias. The word '*Tetrarch*' is derived from the Greek word for 'a quarter' (Ena Tetarto). It was the usual division of a client state of Rome into 4 parts. Therefore Judaea / Israel would be divided into 4 administrative areas. In this case we only have three, which suggests that Herod, as the senior figure, was actually in charge of two of the areas. As each Tetrarch received a cut of the taxes taken, it is not hard to imagine Herod engineering this, even for a short time, to enhance his wealth.

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

Wednesday 11th December at St William's - 11.30am Requiem Mass for Mr Michael Gettins RIP followed by committal at Overdale crematorium at 1.00pm. This will be the Mass of the day - No 9.30am Mass

Mass Intentions:

Latently Dead: Noreen Quick RIP, Michael Gettins RIP, Sylvia Miles, RIP, Tommy Newton RIP, George Smith RIP, Derek Wood RIP.

Anniversary: John McElligott.

Birthday Memorial: Josie Cookson, Maureen Richmond, Pat Harper.

Memorial: Bone & Houghton Families, Helen Mescall, Tim Mescall, Marie Mescall, Dr Chirakal Varghese.

Birthday: Joseph Nwachukwu.

Special Intentions: For a successful operation and one other Intention.

School Events: St William's Primary School - Thursday 12th December - 2pm KS1 Nativity Play / 4pm Stalls / 5pm Twilight Festival - Walk to the Crib.

St William of York Primary School are delighted to invite our parishioners to attend the school for refreshments and to hear the children sing, on Friday 13th December between 2pm and 3pm in the School Hall. If you wish to attend, please register your interest with Father Morrough/Karen Gettins.

Changes to Mass times this Week:

Fr Morrough will be taking Monday 9th December as his day off due to a commitment on his usual day off (Thursday).

Evening confession and Mass at St William's will now be at the usual times, but on Tuesday 10th December.

Funerals this Week:

Tuesday 10th December at St Ethelbert's - 11.00am Requiem Mass for Mrs Noreen Quick RIP followed by interment at Tonge Fold cemetery at 12.30pm. This will be the Mass of the day - No 9.30am Mass

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.

St William's Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes:

£100: Maura Pritchard

Action Camera: Joe Harrison

Christmas Hamper: Dalton

Spa Collection Set: Madyson YR6

Lego Minecraft: Lois Caldwell

Peppermint & Pine: Alma

Telescope: James

Luxury Sleep Set: Mrs Hall

Marks & Spencer Luxury Hamper:

Large Hamper: Margaret Platt

Small Hamper: Ethel

Name the Unicorn: Joe Harrison

Guess the Stocking Presents: Olivia.

A big thank you to all of those who helped with the Christmas Fair, your help was much appreciated. Also, to those who donated, bought raffle tickets and attended, we couldn't have done it without you.

We have made £1262.15 for church funds, with a few more donations yet to come, so thank you all once again.

Christmas Band Concert – 29.11.2024

There was a fabulous night of music with the Astley Youth Band, Astley Unlimited Band and Astley Choir. It was a night of festive music that got everyone ready for the Christmas season. Thanks to Ray Riley for organising and everyone else who helped make sure it was a successful evening.

A fantastic **£676.00** was raised for parish funds from the event.

Raffle results. 1st – Gin – orange 319 – not yet claimed, 2nd – Baileys – claimed, 3rd – afternoon tea set – claimed, 4th – wine – claimed, 5th – wine – claimed.

St. Ethelbert's Christmas Fair:

St Ethelbert's Grand Draw

1st prize – 02589 – CG – claimed

2nd prize – 01072 – KN – claimed

3rd prize – 03762 – Ruth – known and to be paid

4th prize – 03891 – Tobias – Claimed

5th prize – 04005 – JW – to be claimed

St. Ethelbert's Small raffle

1st – Maureen O, 2nd – Kath W, 3rd – Rob H

4th – Lynda S, 5th – Helen P, 6th – Gemma P, 7th – Carleen, 8th – Christine G, 9th – Bahati

Thank You to all those who helped in any way in making the Fair a success.

Christ the Redeemer Parish 200 Club:

Weekly winner: 1/12/24 Chris Houghton £50. Congratulations.

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collection:

1/12/24- £993.60 from both Churches, November Standing Orders amounted to £1610.50, thank you for your generosity.



