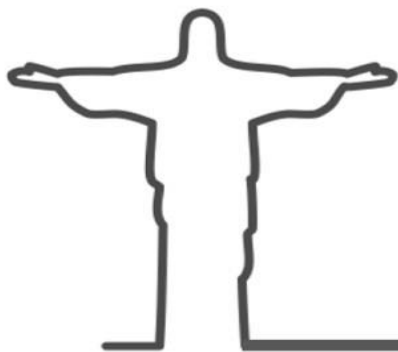




PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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Sunday 19th January 2025 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

In our gospel today, we hear again the account of Jesus' first miracle, the turning of water into wine. But what was wine like in those days? It certainly wasn't like a modern Rioja or Burgundy! Today's wines are produced on a massive scale and contain high levels of alcohol, sugars and additives. Some of these additives are of course to preserve the wine for longer. Wine in Biblical times was produced in the most natural way possible with none of the additives we find today. Wine in Biblical times, contrary to what some think, was a lot less alcoholic than the wines we have today, which are often produced to have a high alcohol content. Biblical wine was probably, in nearly all cases, no more than 10% and at most 12% alcohol by volume. The taste would also have been more akin to grape juice than the taste we are used to today.

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

Changes to Mass times this week: NONE

Mass Intentions:

Lately Dead: Pat Skelhorn RIP, Cuthbert Culshaw RIP, Sheila Harrison RIP, Michael Hall RIP

Birthday Memorial: Iris Norcross.

Anniversary: Margaret Parkinson, David Chung Yin Lee, Anne & Kevin Shuttleworth, Mary Mason, Bill Rothwell.

Special Intentions: One intention.

Caritas Sunday: Did you know that on Sunday 26 January we will be marking Caritas Sunday? This annual occasion is a great opportunity to celebrate work of our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford. To find out more about the work of Caritas Salford and how you can get involved, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/caritas-sunday/>. We invite you to keep our diocesan charity in your prayers over this coming week.

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



There are booklets available 'Celebrating the Jubilee of Hope' at each Church. All the Jubilee information is also available on the Diocese website: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Accessible Prayer Walk: The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with diocesan charity Caritas Salford to host an accessible prayer walk. The session offers an opportunity to explore the beautiful, accessible grounds of the Laudato Si' Centre along with a peaceful prayer reflection, taking place between 10 and 11.30am on Friday 31 January. Find out more and register by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Young Adults Pilgrimage to Rome: Young adults across the diocese are invited to join our Diocesan Youth Ministry Team for a rare pilgrimage to Rome this summer. Pope Francis has announced a special Jubilee for Youth in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee, which also coincides with the canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. To find out more about this remarkable opportunity and to register your interest, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/jubilee-of-youth-rome/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bookings are now being taken for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year's pilgrimage will take place between 31st July and 6th August. For more information on how to book as a pilgrim or register as a volunteer, please visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk>

Christ the Redeemer Parish 200 Club:
Weekly winner: 12/1/25 - £50 - Clare Mann
Congratulations!

200 club 2025

New payment cards are available to collect at the back of St Ethelbert's and St William's for members who usually attend there.

New participants would be welcome. If you are not currently taking part, please consider taking a number.

Please speak to Lee Pendlebury or email him on lee.pendlebury@sky.com or Agnes Lloyd-Holt at 7 pm Mass.

If paying by bank transfer, please send to the usual parish bank details but for the reference put **[your name] 200 club** so that it can be correctly allocated. Please let Lee know if you are paying by bank transfer.

Gift Aid: If you are a UK taxpayer please consider giving your weekly donations with 'Gift Aid'. This enables the parish to claim 25p for every pound donated from HMRC with no extra cost to you. You only need to sign a form confirming you pay tax and give your name and address, none of your financial details are required. You can give using weekly envelopes (new ones at the beginning of April) or by standing order. More information will be available in the coming weeks but if you are interested in this please contact Julie.walsh@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Christ the Redeemer Parish Collection: 5/1/25 - £416.70, 12/1/25 - £752.65. December standing orders (Gift aided and other donations -£1550.50. Thank you for your generosity.

