



# The Parish of St CUTHBERT

**1st Sunday of Advent  
27 November 2021**

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Please remember in your prayers.....

*All in your families & those of  
our parishioners who are  
sick..*

*Remember all those  
who have died recently....*

*All those with Anniversaries  
at this time ...*



Mass Intentions 

Campbell O'Brien-King

Anniversary

Martina McCabe

RIP

Edward Monaghan

Anniversary

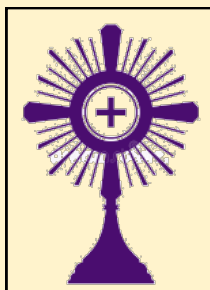
## Exposition Before Sunday Masses During Advent

Sat Vigil 5.00pm –5.25 pm

Sunday 9.00 am-9.25 am

10.45 am– 11.10am

Starting Sunday 28 November.



## BOLTON LIONS CLUB TOY COLLECTION

This Weekend

AT ST CUTHBERT'S  
PARISH NOVEMBER  
27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> 2021



## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE



For the whole Parish in  
St Thomas of Canterbury church.  
Tuesday 14th December  
1.00 pm & 7.30 pm

# The Parish Liturgy for the First Week of Advent

Monday November 29	Tuesday November 30	Wednesday December 1	Thursday December 2	Friday December 3	Saturday December 4	Sunday December 5
Weekday	<i>St Andrew, Apostle</i>	Weekday	Weekday	<i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	<i>St John Damascene, Priest</i>	2nd Sunday of Advent
No Service	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b> For Eileen Tunney	Reconciliation 4.45 - 5.15pm <b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Masses</b> 9.30 am St Joseph & 11.15am St Thomas of Canterbury
	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	5.30 pm	
	Thomas of Canterbury	St Joseph	Thomas of Canterbury	Thomas of Canterbury	Thomas of Canterbury	

## PRAYER TO RENEW OUR CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us.

In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say:  
Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

- to hear you clearly
- to listen to each other attentively
  - to imagine our future boldly
  - to discern your direction wisely
- to persevere in your holy will courageously
  - to stay together in charity
  - to surrender our own plans readily
    - to embrace the greater good
  - to hand on your gifts to future generations

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.

May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

## THREE PRIORITIES FOR OUR PARISH

### 1. Be open to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit guide us in all that we do

### 2. We grow together as a Family

Let us be inclusive, look after and reach out to each other the best way we can

### 3. To bring other people to Jesus

Let us live our Faith outwardly and share the Joy of Jesus in our lives with others

## 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](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2).

Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Poinsettia Sale

After Weekend Masses next weekend at St Thomas of Canterbury church. Why not donate a poinsettia to decorate the church for Christmas in remembrance of loved ones.

All in Aid of Thornleigh  
Community Charity

If you would like to support this, please contact Ken Hogg  
849114



**Entrance: Maranatha****Laudate 84**

Like a sea without a shore love divine is boundless.  
Time is now and evermore and His love surrounds  
us.

*Maranatha! Maranatha! Maranatha! Come, Lord  
Jesus, come!*

So that we could all be free He appeared among us,  
blest are those who have not seen, yet believe His  
promise.

All our visions, all our dreams, are but ghostly shad-  
ows of the radiant clarity waiting at life's close.

Death where is your victory? Death where is your  
sting? Closer than the air we breathe is our risen  
King

**Offertory: Take my hands Laudate 608**

1. Take my hands and make them as your own and  
use them for your kingdom here on earth.  
Consecrate them to your care, anoint them for your  
service where you may need your gospel to be  
sown.

2. Take my hands, they speak now for my heart, and  
by their actions they will show your love. Guard  
them on their daily course, be their strength and  
guiding force to ever serve the Trinity above.

3. Take my hands; I give them to you, Lord.  
Prepare them for the service of your name.  
Open them to human need and by their love they'll  
sow your seed so all may know the love and hope  
you gave.

**Communion: Come back to me****Laudate 842**

Come back to me with all your heart  
Don't let fear keep us apart  
Trees do bend though straight and tall  
So must we to others' call

*Refrain:*

*Long have I waited for  
Your coming home to me*

*And living deeply our new lives*

The wilderness will lead you  
To the place where I will speak  
Integrity and justice  
With tenderness  
You shall know. (R)

You shall sleep secure with peace  
Faithfulness shall be your joy (R)

**Dismissal: O come, O come Emmanuel  
Laudate 112 (vs 1,4,5)**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of Hell Thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

I heard a story recently that has helped me through the month of November and helps me look forward to Advent and Christmas this year. I hope that this story helps you too and that you can share it with those around you.

**There was a king who had three sons. He decided that he would set them a challenge and the one who succeeded would be the next king. He called them together in a great barn and said: 'The one who can fill this barn the fullest will be the next king!' The eldest son decided to fill the barn with wood and spent the day gathering as much wood as possible. The second son decided to fill the barn with straw and set about gathering as much straw as possible. The youngest son went to the market and was seen placing some items in his pocket. The king and his three sons gathered together, as it began to grow dark. The eldest son tried to fill the barn with wood, but he didn't have enough. The second son tried to fill the barn with straw, but he failed as well. By now it was very dark. Then the youngest son took out a box of matches and a candle. He lit the candle and filled the barn with light!**

This story helped me as I remembered loved ones who have died and made me realise that the temptation is to fill the darkness of grief with lots of things but the only thing that can fill that space in our

lives is the light of Christ risen from the dead. That transformed the way I prayed and remembered my mum and dad, other family members and friends who are no longer with me. It brought me great peace in the darkness of grief. I hope that it will help you too.

Now we begin Advent, and the story helps me think about how I am going to prepare for Christmas. My reflections now are based on the candles we have on the Advent wreath. The four in the circle represent Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.

**Hope:** in the first week of Advent, I am going to reflect on where I have lost hope and the darkness in my life that is there as a result and what I have been trying to fill that space with unsuccessfully. Then I am going to remember the story of the barn and the candle and imagine that barn of despair to be transformed by the light of Christ into a place full of hope.

**Peace:** in the second week of Advent, I am going to reflect on where I am at war and the darkness in my life that is there as a result and what I have been trying to fill that space with unsuccessfully. Then I am going to remember the story of the barn and the candle and imagine that barn of war to be transformed by the light of Christ into a place full of peace.

**Love:** in the third week of Advent, I am going to reflect on where there is hate and jealousy and the darkness in my life that is there as a result and what I have been trying to fill that space with unsuccessfully. Then I am going to remember the story of the barn and the candle and imagine that barn of hate and jealousy to be transformed by the light of Christ into a place full of love.

**Joy:** in the fourth week of Advent, I am going to reflect on where there is

sadness and the darkness in my life that is there as a result and what I have been trying to fill that space with unsuccessfully. Then I am going to remember the story of the barn and the candle and imagine that barn of sadness to be transformed by the light of Christ into a place full of love.

**Faith:** when it comes to Christmas I am going to reflect on where there is doubt and the darkness in my life that is there as a result and what I have been trying to fill that space with unsuccessfully. Then I am going to imagine that barn of doubt to be transformed by the light of Christ into a place full of faith.

In all of this I will be calling on the Holy Spirit to open my mind and my heart and my whole self to God. I invite you to do the same during Advent. There is always the danger that we try to fill the darkness of Advent and Christmas with lots of activity, parties, presents, food and drink. But there is nothing that can fill our lives in the way that Jesus can. I pray that we all have a blessed and fruitful Advent and Christmas filled with Jesus and that by the power of the Holy Spirit we can share this story with people around us who are in darkness and need the light of Jesus in their lives too.

**God bless you all, Fr Chris**



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday 24 December	Christmas Eve	
St Joseph Church	1.15-2.15 pm	Christmas Crib visiting Hour
St Thomas of Canterbury Church	2.30—3.30 pm	Christmas Crib visiting Hour
<p>The visiting hour is open to both adults and children (children must be accompanied by an adult)                  Please come along, bring your children or grandchildren with you and spend some time                  at our Crib and to come and see Baby Jesus</p>		
St Thomas of Canterbury Church	5.30 pm	Christmas Mass
St Joseph Church	8.00 pm	Christmas Mass
Saturday 25 December	Christmas Day	
St Thomas of Canterbury Church	10.30 am	
Sunday 26th December	Holy Family	
St Joseph Church	9.30 am	
St Thomas of Canterbury Church	11.15 am	

### CHRISTMAS MASSES LOOKING AFTER OUR PARISH FAMILY

We now intend to fully open up all the benches in our Churches. However, please be mindful of those around you and, where it is possible, ensure there is some distance between households so we continue to look after all members of our Church family.

Unless there is any change in guidelines Tickets **WILL NOT** be issued for the Christmas Masses this year.

We are expecting all Christmas Masses to have a high attendance and so this will mean that our benches will more than likely be fully occupied without any provision for social distancing so please bear this in mind when choosing which Mass you wish to attend. If you are feeling unsure or vulnerable you may wish to consider joining online and/or attending one of the other Masses during Christmas week. All Masses will be livestreamed.

To try and keep everyone as safe as possible please be mindful of not congregating together and taking time particularly when leaving after Mass to allow the Church to empty slowly.  
 Please also continue to use the hand sanitisers

Thank You



Throughout Advent there will be available on our YouTube channel daily reflections and prayers read by young people of the parish. They are based upon the Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Pope Francis collated by John Cleary to hopefully provide a short time to reflect each day on the Holy Spirit and the true message of Advent and Christmas.



**You're Invited  
To Join Us For  
COFFEE  
AND  
CAROLS**

*Friday 10th December  
10.30—11.30 am*

The Triangle Community Methodist Church  
BL1 5QP



# ST CUTHBERTS' PARISH GOES ON AIR

Starting this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November and for the following 4 Sundays Our Parish will be making a Broadcast for the Season of Advent and telling the Christmas Story on the **"Spirit of Bolton"** Programme which goes out at 6.00 p.m.

The Readings are being made by our Schoolchildren/Altar Servers and the Music by our Parish Music Group

Advent is a very special time, a time of waiting and a time of Reflection and Prayer.

Please tune in, listen and enjoy



*"Love is the greatest power because it pulls down the walls of selfishness."*  
Pope Francis.

## Caritas Salford's #Loved Advent Appeal

Thanks to your kindness, Caritas Salford was able to support 5,000 families across our diocese this year\*. To see the difference that your generous support makes, please view the short film - #Loved - produced for this Advent, by visiting our website <http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/advent-2021/>

Throughout 2021 you have helped to provide:

- ◆ A safe place to live for young parents and their infant child with 24/7 support.
- ◆ Food parcels and shopping vouchers.
- ◆ Essential household items and toiletries.
- ◆ School uniform, shoes and Christmas treats/presents.
- ◆ Financial grants to families facing a crisis, illness or poverty.
- ◆ 1:1 advice sessions with our trained staff for as long as it takes.

\*2019/20 Caritas Salford's Impact Report

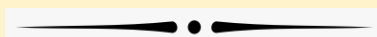
We now ask for your help to continue this transformative work with children and families.

Donations can be made online at our website, enabling Gift Aid to be claimed easily, which adds 25% extra to your gift. It is also the best way to save costs on administration. Setting up a direct debit can also be done in this way.

Alternatively, please call Rachel Taylor during office hours on 0161 817 2285. You can also send a cheque made payable to 'Caritas Diocese of Salford', marked FAO Rachel Taylor: ADVENT APPEAL to: Caritas House, Nobby Stiles Drive, Collyhurst, Manchester M4 4FA. Please include your full name, address and postcode, and whether you wish to gift aid the donation.

**Thank you to all the parishioners of St Cuthbert's.**

Please continue to pray that those we support will know they are loved.



In partnership with Smithills Open Farm  
St Joseph's RC High School Presents:

Discover the meaning of the first Christmas by being there in person as the story that impacted on the world for centuries to come unfolds...

**#Found in a Barn!** Cost: £4

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e>

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.30pm  
#You will be found! #Loved

Refreshments available to purchase: Carrs Pasties, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Christmas gifts available from Elcha-doodle-do and much more!

### St Joseph's RC High School - #Found in a Barn @ Smithills Open Farm

Discover the meaning of the first Christmas by being there in person as the story that impacted on the world for centuries to come unfolds...

[www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)



### Elf Run for Bolton Hospice Wednesday 8th December 2021

Last year St. Joseph's took part in a sponsored Elf Run in aid of Bolton Hospice and we were blown away by the very generous donations given by our families, raising over £3,000!

All students will be provided with a sponsorship form for any cash donations. Online donations can be made at

[St Joseph's RCP](http://StJosephsRCP.org.uk) is fundraising for Bolton Hospice ([justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com))

We thank you for your continued support.

St. Joseph's R.C. Primary School