



The Parish of St CUTHBERT

**2nd Sunday of Advent
5 December 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....*

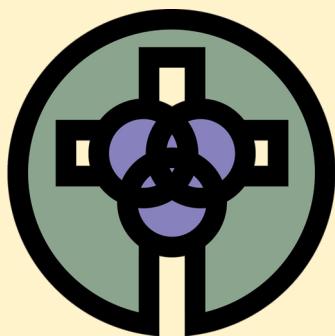
*All those with Anniversaries
at this time ...*



Mass Intentions 

Siobhan Chloe McGovern	Holy Souls
Michael McGovern	Birthday
Patrick Finn	Anniversary
James Parr	Birthday & Anniversary
Norman Atkinson	Anniversary
Special Intention	
Special Intention	

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

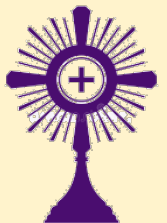


RECONCILED
with God

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

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



NIGHT VIGIL

Join us every First Friday of the month
We will start the whole night from January 2022.

@
St Thomas of Canterbury Church

The Parish Liturgy for the Second Week of Advent

Monday December 6	Tuesday December 7	Wednesday December 8	Thursday December 9	Friday December 10	Saturday December 11	Sunday December 12
Advent Weekday	<i>St Ambrose, Bishop & Dr of the Church</i>	<i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>St Juan Diego</i>	<i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	<i>St Damasus 1</i>	3rd Sunday of Advent
No Service	Requiem Mass for Mary (Mandy) Hulme	Mass	Mass	Mass	Reconciliation 4.45 - 5.15pm Vigil Mass	Masses 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	St Joseph	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.

Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1st 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

Sale of poinsettias after the Masses this weekend at St Thomas of Canterbury church. Decorate your homes or 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*





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.

Dates for Your Diary

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| Dec 5 | Bolton FM Our Parish on Air each Sunday |
| Dec 5 | Poinsettia Sale |
| Dec 7 | Prayer Evening |
| Dec 8 | Elf Run Bolton Hospice |
| Dec 10 | Coffee & Carols @ The Triangle |
| Dec 12 | Streets of Light Up |
| Dec 14 | Advent Reconciliation Service |
| Dec 16 | Found in a Barn |
| Dec 19 | Cantamus Carol Concert |

Streets of Light

Let
Our Parish
be a beacon of
light to our
neighbours
and friends

LIGHT UP!
*Sun 12th December to Sun 19th December
2021*

*Let us all join together in the spirit of Christmas
and in these uncertain times light up our homes, offices, schools
and places of work
Let's make our windows shine with the message that in
wondering what happens next, we share **hope** and fill our
streets with **love** this **Christmas***

PARISH MONTHLY PRAYER EVENING

this Session is to be a hybrid session, in-person and on zoom. Those wishing to attend in person please arrange to be at the

St Thomas of Canterbury Church for 8.00 p.m. start.

please email Lucy lucy.cleary@live.co.uk

For the required link to join in the Zoom meeting.

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	
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			
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

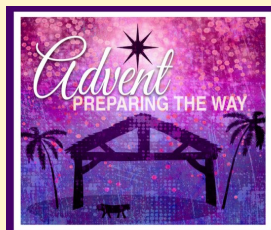
We have now fully opened up all the benches in our Churches. However, please be mindful of those around you and, where it is possible, ensure there is some distance between households so we continue to look after all members of our Church family.

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.

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!

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

Cost: £4

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



Thursday 16th December @6.30pm

#You will be found! #Loved

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

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ST CUTHBERTS PARISH GOES ON AIR

Starting last Sunday 28th 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

PARISH DRAW "NEWS"

We are now preparing for Jan – March 2022 Draw

A Really big THANK YOU

to all our members who have paid by standing order during the pandemic,

we are now in a position to invite back our members who pay by cash.

Can we invite you to please put your £10.00 for the next quarter

in an envelope (mark it **"Parish Draw"** and write your name clearly on the envelope) and place it in the collection basket

If you would like to pay by Standing Order, please put your name and contact details on the list in the porch

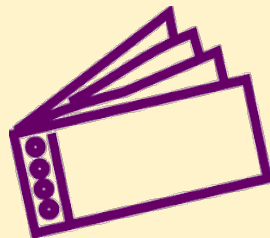
marked "SO" (Standing Order)

If you would like to join the Draw please put your name on the contact list **marked "NM"** (New Member) and we will get in touch with details .

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St. Thomas of Canterbury - Jackie Sweeney
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The Local Wrap Up Campaign

has now come to an end.

We would like to thank everyone who so kindly and generously donated coats.

The enormous number of coats donated at both St Joseph's Church and St Thomas of Canterbury's Church contributed to an extremely successful campaign around the Bolton area. More than 1,015 coats were collected in total. The coats have now been distributed to local charities and who then pass the coats onto women, men and children who need them to keep warm.

Charities who received the coats in Bolton and surrounding areas included **Fortalice (women's refuge), Urban Outreach, Homeless Aid UK, Bolton Community Kitchen, Duke Street Night Shelter, The Destitution Project, BRASS (refugees), St James Church, Brightmet, Christchurch, Harwood, St Barnabas, Leigh, The Brick, Wigan, International Aid Trust, Chorley and Cornerstone, Manchester.**

Once again, thank you for your generosity to everyone who donated.



BOLTON LIONS CLUB would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to Fr Chris for his support and to the parishioners of St Cuthbert's Parish, for your very kind and generous gifts for the **Toy Collection**, which was held at St Joseph's and St Thomas of Canterbury last weekend. **The Christmas Toy Appeal** supports disadvantaged children across the Borough and tries to ensure that every child has gifts to open on Christmas Day. Any enquiries please to David Robinson [Tel:492805](tel:492805)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

