

The Parish of St CUTHBERT

24TH Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 September 2022



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THREE PRIORITIES FOR OUR PARISH

1. Be open to the Holy Spirit Come Holy Spirit guide us in all that we do

We pray that we will grow in our personal sense of mission with the help of the Holy Spirit

2. We grow together as a Family
Let us be inclusive, look after and reach out to each
other the best way we can

We pray that we will be open to new life in our parish communities and nurture new growth.

3. To bring other people to JesusLet us live our Faith outwardly and share the Joy of Jesus in our lives with others

We pray that we will grow daily in holiness and attract others to follow Jesus



Many thanks to all who helped with the Bolton Lunches over the summer holidays - both with the making at the Urban Outreach Hub and with the distribution at the various centres across the

town. About 2,200 lunches were given out over the six week period at St Thomas School on Eskrick Street and, we hope, any child who is eligible for free school meals did not go hungry.

Dates For Your Diary

12 September Confirmation Deadline 14 September Catholic Faith Meeting

14 September Choir practice

21 September Food Faith & Fellowship 22 Sept Formation Meeting

22 Sept Confirmation Programme begins

26 September Pilgrimage To Holy Island

2 October Service held for Peace in Nigeria

14 October Deanery Dinner Dance
For details please see the individual notices

CONFIRMATION DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

The Partnership Confirmation Programme (parishes together with Thornleigh Salesian College) beginning in September 2022.

This applies to both state school and catholic school students.

The Partnership Confirmation Programme is on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00pm. Registration via the parish website or Facebook page

Tea & Coffee will be served after the 9.30 am & 11.15 am Sunday Mass at St Joseph & St Thomas of Canterbury Church.



Also after the Thursday mass, unless it is a Requiem Mass

The Parish Liturgy for the 24th Week in Ordinary Time **Monday Tuesday** Wednesday Thursday **Friday** Saturday Sunday Sept 12 Sept 13 Sept 15 Sept 16 Sept 17 Sept 18 Sept 14 Ss Cornelius, **25th** The Exaltation of the Holy Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs St John Our Lady of Sunday in Weekday Weekdav Sorrows Chrysostom Ordinary Cross Time Requiem Reconciliation 4.45 - 5.15pm Masses Requiem Mass No Mass Mass Mass for Michael Vigil 9.30 am **Service** for Margaret John Bali Mass St Joseph Smyth & 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 5.30 pm 11.15am St Thomas St Thomas St Thomas of St Joseph St Joseph St Joseph of of Canterbury Canterbury Canterbury



Patricia Jennings Anniversary
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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 ...



When I heard the news this evening my thoughts were with all of you as we face this extraordinary crossroads in the history of our country and indeed our world. Throughout the day as the news unfolded it touched into the times that we gathered together as a family to be with a loved one who is dying and I am sure it will have affected so many people and will continue to

do so in the time ahead. For me, the Queen saw her life as a vocation, a calling from God and lived a life of service rooted in prayer. She has inspired so many people and given a sense of stability in an ever changing world. Many of us have never used a coin or a stamp without her image. So at this time prayer is the way forward. Prayer for the Queen and her family and prayer for each other. I wish I could be with you in the parish this weekend. Please be assured of my prayers and as the time ahead unfolds we will look at the best way to mark this occasion. God bless, **Fr Chris**

Letter from the Parish Leadership Team

Dear Parishioners,

Hopefully you are aware that the Parish has a Leadership Team that have been working together for the last twelve months. Recently we met to review the last year and consider areas of growth and development based on the three priorities we set: to be open to the Holy Spirit, to grow as a family and to bring others to Christ. It soon became apparent that much has taken place and many people have been actively involved thanks be to God.

The existence of the Leadership team (Fr Chris, Olu, Liz, Pauline, and Paul) itself has been a major development in the way the life of the parish is led. The team meets every two weeks to consider all the different areas of parish life and make the necessary decisions to keep the parish moving forward. There are many people who help in different leadership roles in different areas of parish life. This year, new people have taken over the roles of family life coordinator, communications co-ordinator, Eucharistic minister co-ordinator and responsibility for churches together, inter faith dialogue and our Laudato Si garden. We have leaders in our music, baptism programme, sacramental programme, care for funerals, and now Confirmation. Our outreach, which many people are involved in and support, has a co-ordinator and we have a dedicated team working hard in the office giving tremendous admin support. We also have our website, newsletter, and Facebook page to help with communications. We have parishioners taking care of the finance and building matters for the parish. We have good links with our schools promoted by our parishioners. And many other parishioners involved in numerous ways. This is something to recognise and thank God for and the leadership team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played a part in any way in the last twelve months.

Looking back over the last year we have been able to pick up on many different parts of parish life after the impact of lockdown. Certainly, since Christmas there has been a gradual return of the majority of our parishioners, and we have been able to celebrate more fully again the liturgical life of the parish. There has been an increase in the number of altar servers, musicians, and readers. The ministry of welcome which was so important during the pandemic has continued and is developing to involve more families. We have been able to celebrate many baptisms, first Holy Communions and prepare the young people for a wonderful celebration of Confirmation by the Bishop at Thornleigh.

One of the recent highlights was the parish Fun Day on the 18th of June which was extremely well attended and had many people involved. As well as raising £5,000 for the Hospice it was a good example that the parish is alive and well!

It is hoped that next year we will be able to put together an annual report to show what has been happening in the parish and to encourage more people to be involved. Looking ahead we have identified three areas to focus on based on our parish priorities. These are communication, baptism, and adult formation. Perhaps there is a role for you in one of these areas?

St Irenaeus said that 'The glory of God is humanity fully alive'. Let us look to the future of the parish with this in mind, rooted in prayer and open to God's plan for us,

God bless you,

The Parish Leadership Team





Parent & Toddler group

We reopen on Thursday Afternoon

Starting from 8th September

from 1.00pm – 3.00pm in the Becket Suite,

St Thomas of Canterbury Church

Come along to a safe, caring and welcoming environment.

A letter has gone out from Thornleigh Salesian College to all Parents/Carers of Confirmation Candidates during this next Confirmation Year. This is the essence of the letter, for your information.

Your child will be celebrating their Confirmation this year. This is a benchmark time for their faith formation and a very important sacrament as they prepare to go out into the world after secondary school. As part of their faith and spiritual development in preparation for this they will need to attend the **Partnership Confirmation Programme** (parishes together with Thornleigh Salesian College) beginning in September 2022. This applies to both state school and catholic school students. The **Partnership Confirmation Programme** is on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:00pm.

| No | Dates | Themes | Location |
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| 1. | Thursday 22 nd September 2022 | Confirmation Programme begins/ Introduction | Thornleigh |
| 2. | Thursday 6 th October 2022 | Wisdom | Thornleigh |
| 3. | Thursday 3 rd November 2022 | Divine Revelation | Parish |
| 4. | Thursday 1 st December 2022 | Knowledge | Parish |
| 5. | Thursday 19 th January 2023 (tbc) | Counsel | Parish |
| 6. | Thursday 2 nd February 2023 (tbc) | Fortitude & Piety | Thornleigh |
| 7. | Saturday 4 th March 2023 | Flame 2023 | London (Whole Day) |
| 8. | Thursday 27 th April 2023 (tbc) | Awe & Preparation for Confirmation | Thornleigh |
| 9. | Thursday 18 th May 2023 (tbc) | Confirmation – What Happens | Parish |
| 10. | Saturday 17 th June 2023 (tbc) | Retreat Day | Thornleigh |
| 11. | Thursday 22 nd June 2023 (tbc) | Confirmation | Thornleigh |
| 12. | Thursday 6 th July 2023 (tbc) | What Happens Next | Parish |

The Confirmation Sessions:

Please complete google form for registering your child for the confirmation programme.

https://forms.gle/61uqvfYDQ7v3m3C89 Registration closes on Monday 12th September 2022.

View this via the parish website or Facebook page.

Invitation to Parents & Guardians of Children Preparing for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or above and is a baptised Roman Catholic who does not attend either of our parish schools, Father Chris would like to extend an invitation to you to join a meeting where the programme will be explained to you in full.

This meeting is for parents only and takes place on the dates below:

St Thomas of Canterbury Church - Tuesday, 20th September at 7.00 p.m.

St Joseph's Church - Thursday 22nd September at 6.30 p.m.

If you would like any further information you can email childrensliturgy@stcuthberts.org.uk





Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic?

A Meeting for those who are interested in becoming a Catholic or is an adult Catholic who is baptised but not confirmed.

Wednesday 14th September 7.00pm. Becket Suite.

Please encourage people to come and if it helps come to support them.





Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages.

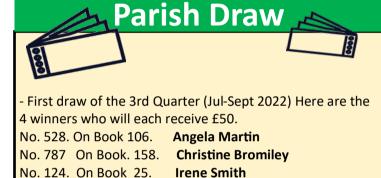
Information is available on the parish website or please see the current poster



Cornerstone



Please remember vour Charities



Sylvia Blackburn



Congratulations to all the winners.

No. 735 On Book 147.

Faith, Food Fellowship at the Triangle 6.30-8

> Wednesday September 21st

Fr Chris Gorton 'I am the Vine'

Names to Anne-Marie Martin by Sunday 18th September 07519176890 A vegetarian choice is available.



and make-up of Bolton through the eyes of faith and charity organisations from across

Come along to hear about different areas of work, life and experiences as we celebrate the diversity of Bolton

REGISTER NOW

Contact Person:

Hiren Patel

hirendra@ boltoninterfaithcouncil.org.uk

· Open to everyone · Free of charge · Refreshments will be provided · Different speakers and topics every week

• Opportunity to explore different faiths and beliefs





TO BE HELD AT: Quaker Meeting House

BL1 1PP

50 Silverwell Street Bolton

Please see the poster on display for details or view it on the parish website



There will be a Parish Music Practice on **Wed 14**th **September 7.30pm** at St Thomas of Canterbury. Musicians and singers from across both Churches come together once a month to learn new music and practice for the month ahead. It's always a relaxed, prayerful and joyful gathering with a strong sense of

community and service to the Parish through the music ministry. Newcomers are always welcome, including anyone who wishes to simply support from their pew by learning the music in advance and enjoys a good sing. Just to entice you, we will be learning a new Mass setting which we plan to introduce shortly so the more who are familiar with it in advance the easier it will be for the congregation to learn.

Hope to see you there Liz Moxham St Cuthbert's Parish Music Coordinator.

Piety Stall Open

The stall is in the East Porch SToC and at the back of St Joseph church

If you are looking for a suitable gift or card for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and other Cards

Come and browse our fine selection



Reminder

Those wishing to attend the Dinner should have completed the Booking Form in the Church Porches, indicating your menu choice, and returned it with your payment of £35.00 payable to "Christ the Redeemer"

St Joseph's Deanery Dinner Dance

in aid of Bolton Hospice raffle and fundraising on the night

Friday 14 October 2022, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm until midnight Holiday Inn, 1 Higher Bridge St, Bolton, BL1 2EW, £35 per head

3 course sit down dinner, disco, plus raffle and fundraiser for the Bolton Hospice on the night. All parishioners from all churches plus guests, friends and family are very welcome.





Menu choices

Starter

Roast pepper and tomato soup with warm roll & butter (VE GF)

Pork and duck liver pate with ciabatta bread

Sweet chilled melon with berries (VE GF)

Main Course:

Roast pork loin with apple and sage gravy (GF) King prawn and smoked salmon filo parcels with creamy cheese and leek sauce Vegetable wellington slice with tomato and basil sauce (VE, V)

Seasonal potatoes and vegetable selection

Desserts:

Sticky toffee pudding with vanilla custard Eton mess (V) Cheese and biscuits

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ORDER of SERVICE

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

GLORIA HYMN No. 1013

COLLECT

First Reading Exodus32: 7-11, 13-14

Psalm 50

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Gospel Luke 15: 1-32

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the

Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BIDDING PRAYERS

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

| HYMNS | | | |
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| Entrance: Al are welcome | 458 | | |
| Gloria: | 1013 | | |
| Alleluia: | | | |
| Offertory: Gifts o Bread Wine | 643 (Sat) | | |
| Father I place into your hands | 971 Sun | | |
| Holy Holy: | 570 | | |
| Communion: Come Back to Me | 842 | | |
| Dismissal: Freely, Freely | 849 | | |
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