

Parish Newsletter Supplement

Parish Website

www.stcuthberts.org.uk

13/11/2022

Christmas Dinner on Jesus hampers are full of everything that you would want in a Christmas Dinner. This year our Parish are supporting the schools of our young people who made their Confirmation earlier this year. They will collect items for the hampers put together by Urban Outreach for distribution to people in Bolton.

Thank you to everyone who donated goods for this very worthy cause



MESSAGE FROM FR CHRIS

This Weekend **3rd/4th December** to celebrate the **Feast of St Nicholas Our Youth Leadership Team** will be running a sweet stall after each of the masses to help raise funds for **Christmas Dinner on Jesus**. Please bring some of your spending money.



Also calling children of all ages , have you brought a favourite cuddly toy to mass for a special blessing?!

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

Tuesday 6 December 8.00 p.m. start.

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

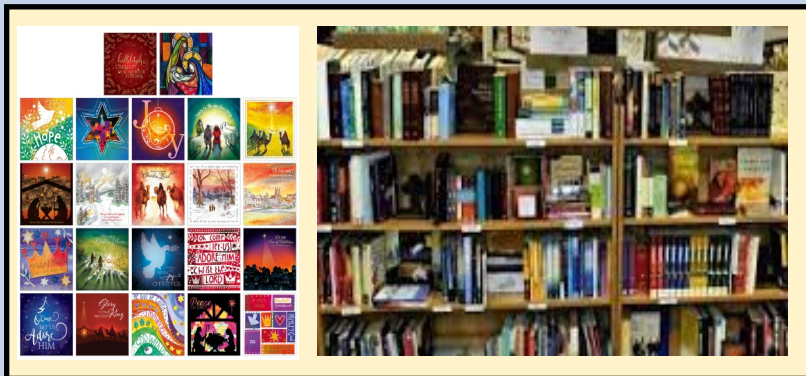
For the required link to join in the Zoom meeting

Refreshments will be served afterwards

PIETY STALL

For all your gifts for Advent and Christmas cards,
as well as Mass Cards
and that special Gift.

Please call in & look around at the stall,
positioned at the back of
both churches



Cafod World Gifts Catalogue

The Cafod World Gifts Catalogue will be arriving soon in church. It gives an opportunity in Advent to share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world.

You can buy Cafod world gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.Cafod.org.uk> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

WORLD GIFTS



Fr Chris & JOSHUA AND WOOLEY BOOK

entitled 'The Special List'

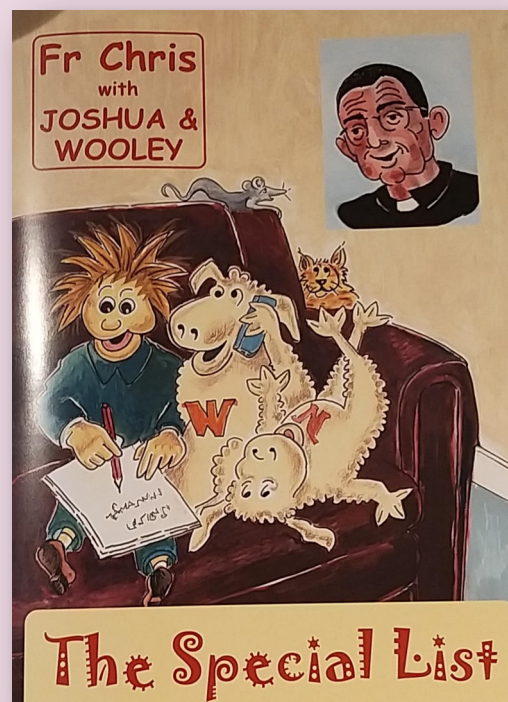
The Joshua and Woolley Books are available in the Church Porches. This would make an ideal stocking filler for children and grandchildren at Christmas. Designed to be instructive but fun.

The cost of producing the books is £2.25 and we are asking for donations of £5.00 per copy.

The proceeds will be going to Fr. Chris' chosen Charity
Radcliffe Road, Bolton, Mother and Baby Unit.

Please help to support this very worthwhile Charity. Thank you.

A Big Thank You to a generous parishioner who financed the cost of printing at **£450.00**





On the 8th December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 12 noon you are invited to the Hour of Grace at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Farnworth as requested by Our Blessed Lady Maria Rosa Mystica. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and prayers. If you are unable to attend then you are welcome to come to the Lady Chapel at STOC to pray between 12 noon-1pm for the hour of grace.



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Cornerstone



Please remember your Charities

ALPHA

'The joy of the gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded.'
(Pope Francis)

Lets help make the connection...

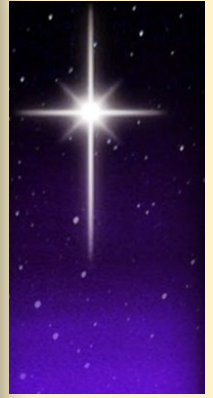
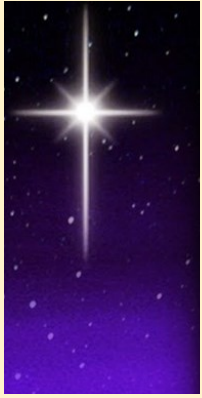
The Parish will be running the **ALPHA** Course each Monday for a 10 week period commencing on the **23rd January 2023**

In accordance with our Parish Priorities please pray to The Holy Spirit for the right people to come forward to assist with this very important mission and with your help our Parish can grow together as a family and bring others to Jesus



The Confirmation Sessions:

No	Dates	Themes	Location
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



Second week of Advent LOVE

Holy Father, thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, your greatest gift of love to your people. Fill our hearts with such love, opening our hearts to accept your great love for us. Overflow our hearts with your love, so we may pour it out into the world. Help us to love others as you've loved us – even those who aren't so easy to love. For following you means loving others as you love. Lord, we thank you for your great gift of Jesus as we celebrate Christmas. May we ever walk in your love and show the world we are your disciples by the love we show to others, keeping Jesus, your Son, close in our hearts. Amen.

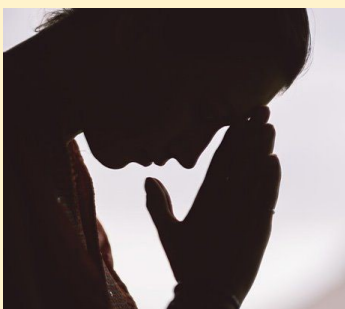
Advent – Private Prayer Time

We will be opening St. Thomas of Canterbury Church on the following Tuesdays during **Advent** to provide the opportunity for private prayer time:

**2.00 to 3.30 p.m.
6th, 13th and 20th December**

*Please do come along and spend as much time as you wish during the above times.
Everyone is very welcome, and we look forward to seeing you*

In addition, there will be the usual opportunity for Adoration before The Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel





ST CUTHBERTS' PARISH GOES ON AIR Again

Starting this Sunday 27th 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 **7.00 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

Pray this Advent with CAFOD

Visit the website

Pray and reflect with us throughout Advent during this season of preparation, hope and expectation ahead of Christmas.

Advent calendar

Advent prayers Advent family prayer resources



Use the Advent resources of the Pray As You Go website



Joshua & Wooley ADVENT Calendar

If you have subscribed to the YouTube channel **Fr Chris**, you will find the series by scrolling down to 2020 starting with the Introduction to Joshua and Wooley's Special Advent calendar.

If you haven't subscribed just log onto YouTube and search Fr Chris.

You will find it in the VIDEO section.

<https://www.youtube.com/@frchris808/videos>



View all the latest news and events on the latest Salford Diocesan E-Newsletter

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com>

Missio Advent Giving Calendar

Readers can download it from here: www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/caritas-food-collective-918.php#AGC

This is a reverse Advent calendar, and encourages people to donate an item to their local food bank each day.

Digital Advent Calendar

Archbishop Eamon Martin has launched this year's interactive digital Advent calendar. Behind the 28 virtual doors, it offers resources for schools, parishes and the home with short inspirational video messages, some seasonal crafts for children and prayers to help us keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations. See: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45962

Hallow Prayer App - with cast of The Chosen

Daily reflections and prayers. See: <https://hallow.com/advent/>

Advent Reflection Resources for 2022 from Anne O'Connor.

Prepared for the National Justice and Peace Network of England and Wales. An A4 sheet for each week of Advent on the themes: living in harmony with nature; inviting Christ into our lives; waiting with joyful expectation; and bringing hope. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/ADVENT-REFLECTIONS-2022.pdf>

An Advent Journey with Pax Christi: 'Daily actions and reflections based on the scripture reading for each day'. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/AN-ADVENT-JOURNEY-A4.pdf>

Knock Shrine:

Throughout Advent there are many events online and in-person

See: www.knockshrine.ie

Prayer and sharing in the Ignatian tradition to mark the Season of Advent.

The series is a joint initiative of Farm Street and the neighbouring Grosvenor Chapel and is co-led by Ignatian prayer guide David Hothersall, from LGBT+ Catholics Westminster. This is an ideal way to experience Ignatian prayer and prepare for Christmas. Each session will include: 1.) Short Opening Liturgy; 2.) Guided Meditation; 3.) Small Groups to reflect on the meditation; 4.) Closing Liturgy. The four sessions will be held online on Tuesday evenings via Zoom between 21.00-22.00, 22 November, 29 November, 6 December, 13 December. All are welcome and you are also invited to attend some sessions if you cannot make it to all. This is an ideal way to experience Ignatian prayer and prepare for Christmas. To register and receive the Zoom link, please e-mail the parish secretary at farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk

CAFOD Advent prayers and resources


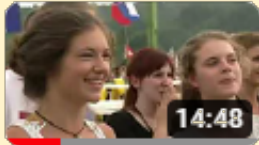



CAFOD 'Pray this Advent' and 'Prayers for Christmas' Daily Advent calendar reflections straight to your inbox if you sign up. See: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

National Catholic Reporter- Spend Advent with Saint Francis

Central to St. Francis of Assisi's spirituality is the Incarnation: God becoming one of us. He understood that God so loved the world that he sent his only son to walk among us. We at Franciscan Media are following that example. As Advent nears, the NCR is offering a daily dose of inspiration in the true spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.



Find the link to this series on the Parish Website or Facebook page

-  **Advent Reflections for Young People Introduction**
Fr Chris 12:20
-  **Hope: Advent Reflection for Young People**
Fr Chris 14:48
-  **Peace: Advent Reflection for Young People**
Fr Chris 10:49
-  **Love: Advent Reflection for Young People**
Fr Chris 12:32
-  **Joy: Advent Reflection for Young People**
Fr Chris 16:59

Thank you for supporting our #BeeThere appeal this Advent.

Caritas
Diocese of Salford



#BeeThere



CARITAS Salford

Advent Appeal 2022

Will you #BEE There for someone this Christmas

Caritas Salford Advent Appeal 2022 - Will you #BeeThere for someone this Christmas?



Watch the film on YouTube

THE BIG BOLTON CAROL CONCERT

MONDAY 12TH DEC, 7-8PM

University of Bolton Stadium

BE PART OF HISTORY
Help us break the current Guinness World Record for the largest group of carol singers!

In partnership with

Bolton Council | **University of Bolton**

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

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MANCHESTER AND DISTRICTS HOSPITALS' CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

AT THE BRIDGEWATER HALL

CONDUCTOR
CLARK RUNDELL

ORGANIST
JONATHAN SCOTT

GREATER MANCHESTER
POLICE TRUMPETERS



<p>MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2022, 7.30pm</p> <p>WITH Springfield Primary School, Sale & Aspull Church Primary School, Wigan</p>	<p>TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2022, 7.30pm</p> <p>WITH St Thomas of Canterbury RC Primary School, Bolton & Arlies Primary School, Stalybridge</p>		
<p>TICKET PRICES - £17.50 £20.50 £22.50</p> <p>BOX OFFICE - 0161 907 9000 www.bridgewater-hall.co.uk</p>		<p>The Bridgewater Hall</p>	<p>YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER</p>
<p>Prices include a booking fee of £2.50 per ticket. No fee applies to tickets bought in person at the Box Office.</p>		<p>Support your NHS Staff who are giving their time in support of:</p>	<p>Registered charity in England & Wales (1107328) and Scotland (SCO39857)</p>

TRUST MUSIC

Christmas Concert

*Join us for tea, coffee and
cakes after the concert*

MONDAY, 19TH **DECEMBER** 2022 7pm

St Thomas of Canterbury Church

£8 Adults (with option for
additional donation to the charity)
Under 18's free of charge



Musical performances by
Cantamus Community Choir
Ellie Goddard, Soprano, accompanied by
Jacqueline Tinniswood
New Century Strings (Bolton Music Service)
Westhoughton High School Staff Choir

Trust Music
raises money to
support local children
with music education.
All ticket money and
donations will
provide music
bursaries for
young people.

Book your tickets now by visiting our box office:
www.trybooking.co.uk/BZFJ
Tel: 01204 333533





MULLED WINE EVENING

FRIDAY

16TH DECEMBER

7.30 PM

Beckets suite



PARISH FOLK GROUP will be leading us in
Christmas carols

Proceeds in aid of Alain Kimolo
(Education Project)

TICKETS £ 6.00

(includes first glass of wine & mince pie)



Christmas Lunch @ Bolton College Restaurant 'Signatures'

Ken Hogg invites you for Christmas lunch

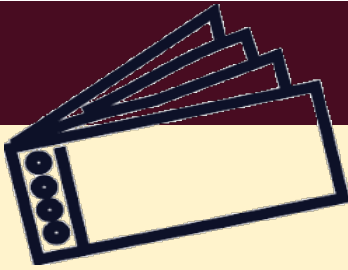
Wednesday 7th December 2022

12.00 Noon.

Cost £20.00 including all the Christmas trimmings

Or contact him

Parish Draw



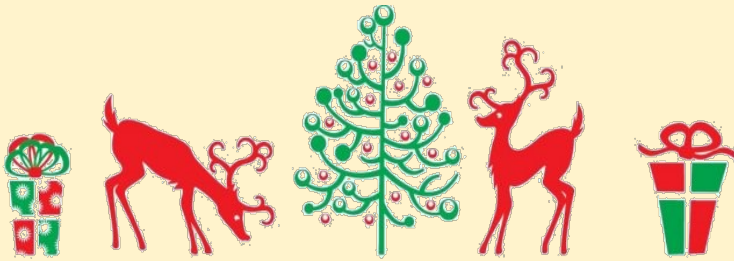
No. 476 on Book 96.
No. 361. on Book 73.
No. 416 on Book 84.
No. 72. on Book 15.

Jean Davies
Moira O'Brien King
Marie Tons
Ron Fellows

Congratulations to all the winners who will each receive £50.



St Joseph's School



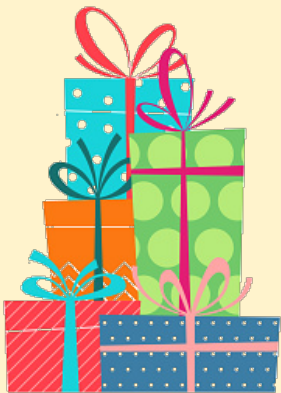
Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 21st December

starting at 3.30 p.m.

There will be;

Games, Bottle Tombola and Sweets Tombola
Stalls



Refreshments

(food and drinks) stall

Don't Forget

- * Tickets for the Mulled Wine evening
 - * Have you brought your favourite soft toy for a blessing?
 - * Your charity of choice
 - * Support your parish and school with any of the events to be held during Advent.....
 - * Parish Draw
 - * Christmas Fayre
 - * Concerts
 - * Coffee morning
- As Fr Chris said last Sunday-

PRACTICE the P's

PRAY

Prepare

Participate

Pop into see someone

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Wednesday 14th December St Thomas of Canterbury. Service of Reconciliation
2.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Friday 23rd December - Carols - Fr Chris and Band - St. Joseph's 6.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve (Saturday) Visit to Crib:
St. Joseph 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
St. Thomas of Canterbury 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 5.30 p.m. St. Joseph

Christmas Eve Mass 8.00 p.m. St. Thomas of Canterbury (with Carols before Mass
at 7.30 p.m.)

Christmas Day (Sun)
Mass 10.30 a.m. St. Thomas of Canterbury

Boxing Day (Feast of St. Stephen) (Mon)
Mass 11.00 a.m. St. Thomas of Canterbury

Tuesday (27th), Wednesday (28th) and Thursday (29th) - Masses as normal

Friday (30th) Feast of The Holy Family
Mass 10.00 a.m. St. Joseph

Sat 31st Dec Vigil Mass 5.30 St. Thomas of Canterbury

Sunday 1st Jan 9.30 St. Joseph - 11.15 St. Thomas of Canterbury

Mon 2nd Jan – No Mass

Tues and Wed (usual)

Thursday 5th Jan - 10.00 a.m. St Thomas of Canterbury + Epiphany Vigil 7.30 p.m.

Friday Epiphany 10.00 a.m. St. Josephs