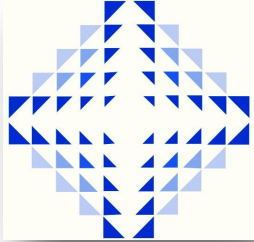


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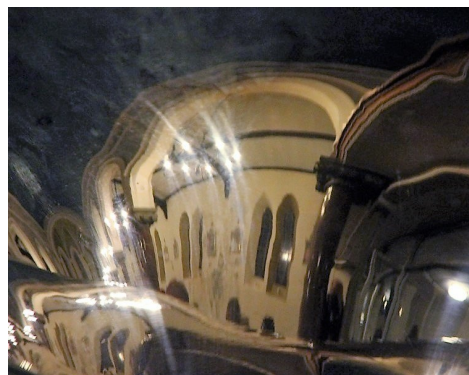


Our Active Parish

On the 23rd December, there was a **Children's Treasure Hunt** at Longtown Gardens, an area of social housing near St Joseph's Church. The funding from Bolton At Home was originally for a Summer Fun Day, but this could not go ahead due to ill health. Despite the heavy rain, hardy souls tried to solve the picture puzzles that had been fastened around the area. They certainly earned their hot pasties, which had been delivered by an elf, and their selection boxes.



Christmas Eve Brass Band Concert
St Joseph Church





Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD Lancashire Lunch on Sunday January 22nd

12.30 at St Thomas of Canterbury Church in the Becket Suite after mass

Sit down in the warmth with friends and family, eat and relax

Enjoy a CAFOD pie and pasty lunch with trimmings

Vegan options available

Tea/coffee/soft drinks & biscuits

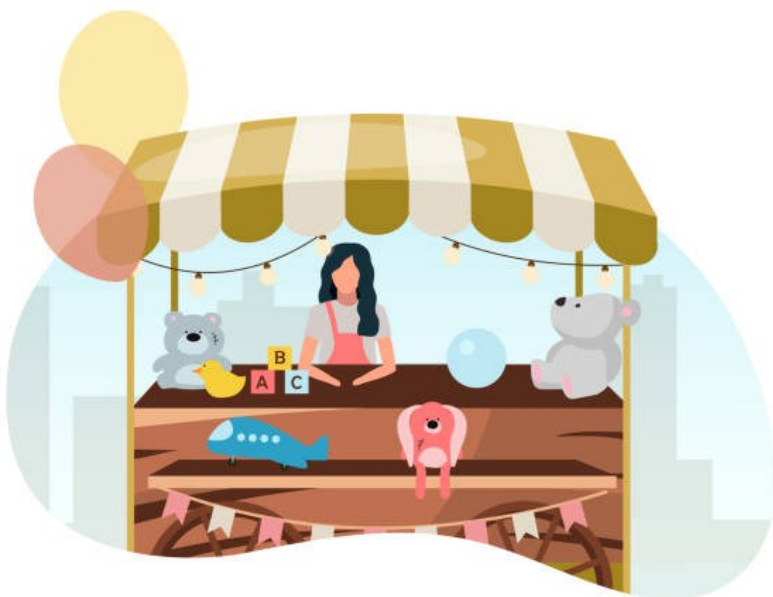
Adult tickets= £6

Children's tickets=£2



Tickets are on sale from January 7th 2023 at every weekend mass at the back of church.

Tickets will be sold at St Thomas of Canterbury Church and St Joseph's Church



Lots of exciting raffle prizes to be won

Book Stall = Needs donations

White Elephant stall = Needs donations



Cake Auction

As previously announced, the Parish is running the **Alpha** Course on Monday evenings for 10 weeks commencing 23rd January 2023.

Let's Share the experience



Everyone is welcome in our Church whether you are Catholic or otherwise.

Many people have questions about the meaning of life. Why not come along and explore how a relationship with Jesus can help you make sense of life's questions. Come and meet new friends and experience God's love.

As a first step, we invite you to join us for **Alpha**.

Alpha gives the opportunity to explore and discover answers to questions you might have.

Alpha

at St Cuthberts Parish will start on Monday January 23rd and it will run each Monday evening for 10 weeks.

Alpha gives the opportunity to ask life's big questions and explore the Christian faith in a fun, no-pressure, friendly environment.

Each session starts with our serving a simple meal and includes a short film and a discussion where you can chat through your thoughts and questions with a small group of people just like you.

Alpha is for **everyone**. There's no charge and no follow up. Just come along and bring a friend with you

The venue:

St Thomas of Canterbury Church
Eastbourne Grove Bolton BL1 5TR

at 7.00 p.m.

Please also look at the following You-Tube link <https://youtu.be/ouNia7hzP4s>
for further information

To register or for more information please

contact us by email to:

Bridget Galaska alpha@stcuthberts.org.uk

Fr. Chris Gorton christopher.gorton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

office@stcuthberts.org.uk

or telephone 01204 497068

If you know of any family members or friends who may be interested, please pass on the details including use of social media where possible

Could you help?

Could you spare some time to help? In addition to people attending the Course we are asking for volunteers to assist with the presentation of the Course and to help with the serving of food.

The presentation of the Course is quite straight forward, and a meeting will be arranged to explain the procedure. With regard to the provision of food, this would be a simple light meal to be served at the beginning of each session and then to help clear away afterwards.

For both these roles we are looking to put a rota together to cover the 10 weeks of the Course. If you are able to assist or want to know more, please do get in touch. There is a role for everyone in our Parish and your support would be very much appreciated in helping in whatever way you can. Please do come along to assist. Please pray to The Holy Spirit for the success of the Course and for people to come forward to help.

17 January Bible Study Group restarts –Becket Suite
 19 January Next Confirmation session PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR CONFIRMATION
 22 January CAFOD Lancashire Lunch– see notice
 23 January **ALPHA** starts
 29 January Family Ramble Details
 31 January SVP Parish Conference Social.

Dates For Your Diary

For details please see the individual notices

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 6 th July 2023 (tbc)	What Happens Next	Parish
12.	Thursday 13th July	CONFIRMATION	Thornleigh

The Saint Vincent De Paul (SVP) parish conference

is holding a tea and social event on

Tuesday, 31st January from 14.00 to 16.00

in the **Becket Suite**,

St Thomas of Canterbury church.

All are welcome to drop in for light refreshments and to enjoy the company and conversation of other parishioners.



Family Ramble Sunday 29th January

meet outside St Thomas of Canterbury Church at 2pm.

We plan to walk approximately 3 miles in the beautiful local countryside at a slow and easy pace. Contact Jon on 842671 for more information or if you need a lift.



Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and

grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk