



# Parish Newsletter Supplement

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## **FLAME CONGRESS**

YOUTH GATHERING AT WEMBLEY, MARCH 2023

There is the opportunity from across the Diocese for in the region of 45 young people or so to attend the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales

This will be a great opportunity for them to get to know each other better and to experience together this great Youth event

Each Ticket costs £50.00. So that as many from our Parish as possible from our Confirmation Group and Youth Leadership Team are able to attend we are looking for sponsors to help subsidise or off-set the costs

Cheques should be made payable to  
**"The Parish of St. Cuthbert"**

and please place payment (or if you wish to sponsor anonymously put your cash) in an envelope marked **"World Youth Day Ticket"** and please place it in the Red Box in the Church porches or hand in to the Parish office

For further information please email the office - [office@stcuthberts.org.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts.org.uk) or telephone 01204 497068

*THANK YOU*

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 Saint Vincent De Paul (SVP) parish conference

is holding a tea and social event on

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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.*



## NEW ST CUTHBERT'S THEATRE CLUB

We are delighted to introduce the new St Cuthbert's Theatre Club. This is a chance to come together, socialise and enjoy the latest must-see production together at the award winning Octagon Theatre. You could meet beforehand for a bite to eat in the cafe or catch up with an interval drink with one another

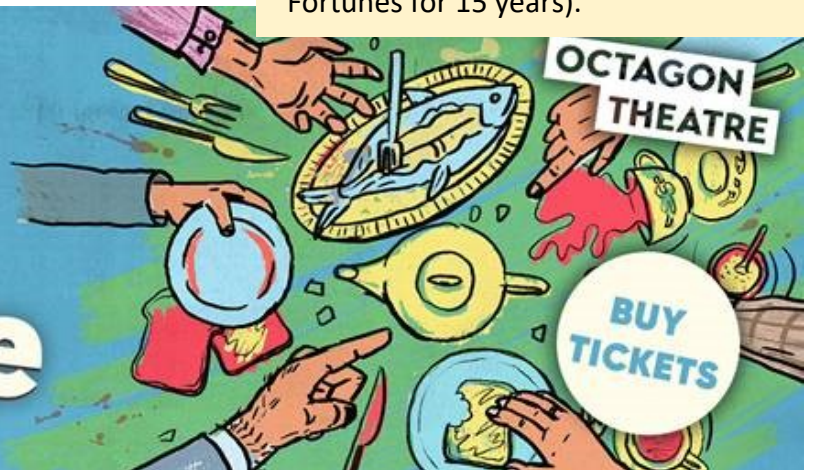
The first production we will be watching will be Spring and Port Wine on Thursday 9th February at 7.30pm. It is Bill Naughton's touching and funny light-hearted drama which follows the Crompton family as they struggle to cope with the ups and downs of life in 1960s working class Bolton. Featuring a stellar company of 8 talented northern actors, including stars of stage and screen, Mina Anwar and Les Dennis (who was host of the ITV gameshow Family Fortunes for 15 years).

BILL NAUGHTON'S  
BOLTON CLASSIC

# Spring and Port Wine

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Delighted to say that all seats will be next to each other and are offered at a discounted rate of just **£23.10**. To buy a ticket just call the **Box Office on 01204 520661** and quote

**ST CUTHBERT'S TRODDEN.**

Alternatively you can call into the Box Office and book in person (quoting the same code). Please note that tickets are limited and this code is for our use only – please do not share wider than our parish.

As previously announced, the Parish is running the **Alpha** Course on Monday evenings for 10 weeks commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:alpha@stcuthberts.org.uk)

Fr. Chris Gorton [christopher.gorton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:christopher.gorton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

[office@stcuthberts.org.uk](mailto: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**

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**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.**

## *Lent Initiative*

### *Stations of the Cross in house groups*

*Lent is a time of contemplation, a time of dedication, and a time of preparation.*



*There are many ways and places to pray the wonderful Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross and it doesn't need to be in Church or led by a Priest or Church leader. This Lent we would like to offer as many people as possible, adults and children, the opportunity to pray the Stations by organising these to take place in small house groups across the Parish at different times and on different days.*

*Could you provide a space in your home for others to gather and pray the Stations with you? The Parish will supply a booklet or cards with all the words. All that will be needed is an appropriate room and seating, perhaps a central focal point with a crucifix and candle, and a warm welcome.*

*The Parish boundaries cover the areas of Halliwell, Smithills, Doffcocker, Heaton and Lostock. Do you live in one of these areas? Would you be willing to be a host and help build our Parish family in this way?*

*Please let any of the Parish Leadership Team know if you can assist and/or contact the office [office@stcuthberts.org.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts.org.uk) - or telephone 01204 497068.*



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to the  
Diocese of Salford  
E-Newsletter

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Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**CAFOD Lancashire Lunch on**

**THIS Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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**

**Make sure you have your ticket**

**Adult tickets= £6 Children's tickets=£2**



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**we are promoting**

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**FORMATION DEPARTMENT SPIRITUALITY - RETREAT  
PROGRAMME 2022-23**

Places are Limited so please book on early to avoid  
disappointment.

We are pleased to offer the following monthly retreat  
programme led by Donna Worthington.

The day retreats are hosted at the new centre at  
Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Browndedge Rd, Lostock Hall

**Friday 10th February 2023: - INTRO TO IGNATIAN PRAYER** | Using our imagination to open up a space to  
be attentive to God.

**Saturday 11th March 2023: - LENTEN JOURNEY** | Into the Wilderness, Jesus' final words in his Farewell  
Discourses, waiting with him in Gethsemane.

**Saturday 13th May 2023: - PENTECOST** | The divine fire and the call to go forth into a life based on  
freedom and hope.

Further Retreats are available for later in the year

**The Retreats: 11.30am-3pm**

(including 30 mins lunch – please bring a packed lunch) Cost £20 (per retreat)

To register an initial interest for a particular retreat(s) by

Please contact the Parish office on 01772 335387

Or

Email – [office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk)

Please include your name and contact details and the retreat(s) you are interested in.

Please note – a MINIMUM of 15 people are required for a retreat to be offered.



# VACANCY

## LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

Grade B Point 3 (£9.36 Per Hour)

The Governors of this popular Primary School wish to invite applications for the above post.

We are looking for someone special who:-

- has a warm and friendly personality
- will enjoy the company of children and assist them with their lunch and engaging them in playground and indoor games.

The hours of work are 1hr 10 mins per day, Monday to Friday between the hours of 12.00 noon -1.20p.m.

**Term Time only plus 3 Training Days**

*'The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment'.*

This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Check.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed by prior arrangement.

CES Application forms only, which are available from and returnable to the school.

Please contact school directly on (01204) 333131

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
6.	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023 (tbc)	Fortitude & Piety	Thornleigh
7.	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Flame 2023	London (Whole Day)
8.	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 (tbc)	Awe & Preparation for Confirmation	Thornleigh
9.	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 (tbc)	Confirmation – What Happens	Parish
10.	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 (tbc)	Retreat Day	Thornleigh
11.	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 (tbc)	What Happens Next	Parish
12.	<b>Thursday 13th July</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	<b>Thornleigh</b>

**Family Ramble Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

### 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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)