

# 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**



## 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.

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*Cornerstone*



Please remember  
your  
Charities

# URBAN OUTREACH

(BOLTON)

Don't forget to put your  
food parcels  
and gifts into the  
**BINS**

## 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.*

## ALPHA

Our Alpha Course got off to a good start last Monday with those taking part enjoying meeting up and getting to know each other over a meal, then watching the first video which looks at a different question around faith at each session and the course is designed to create conversation amongst the group to discuss the session in general.



**Alpha** is a “meet-you-where-you-are” course. We don’t assume any background knowledge of or belief in Christianity and everyone is **very** welcome. It’s not too late to join and if you would like to do so or have any questions please contact the Parish office by email: [office@stcuthberts.org.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts.org.uk) or telephone 01204 497068 or just come along on the night. **Alpha** runs worldwide in all sorts of places but wherever you are it usually has 3 things in common:

*food, a talk and good conversation!*

*So, why not come along and see; it's free and there is no pressure or on-going obligation.*

We would love to see you and if you know of anyone who you think may be interested then please do let them know.

***The Course runs at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Eastbourne Grove Bolton BL1 5TR in the Becket Suite, each Monday evening at 7.00 p.m.***

## BIBLE STUDY Meeting

The next Bible Study Meeting will be Tuesday 31 January at 1.00pm –2.00pm

We will meet in either the Office or Lady Chapel

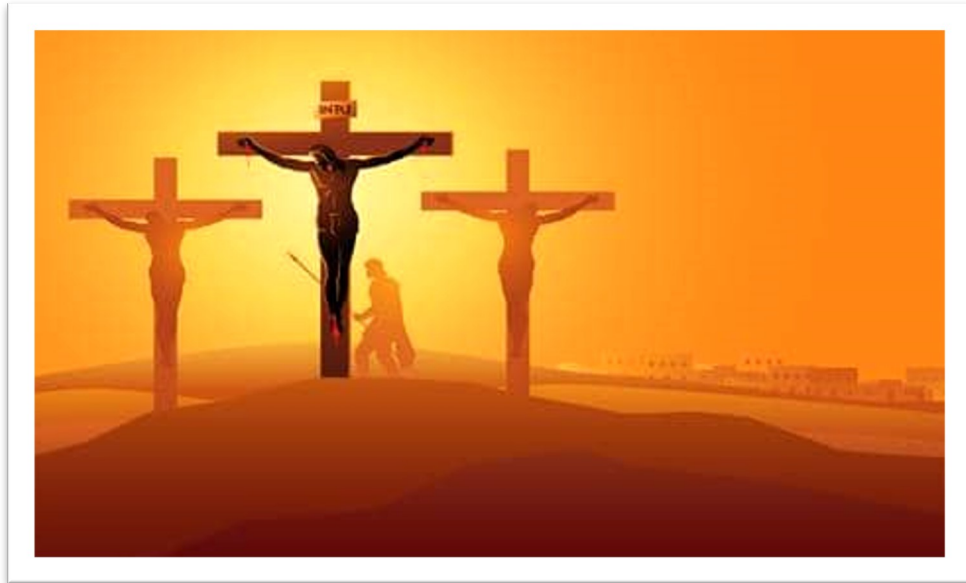




## *Lent Initiative*

### *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.*

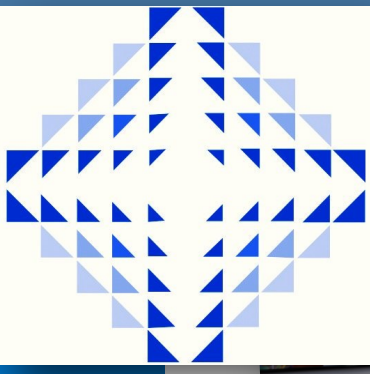
*The Parish boundaries cover the areas of Halliwell, Smithills, Doffcocker, Heaton and Lostock. Do you live in one of these areas? Would you be willing to be a host and help build our Parish family in this way?*

*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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**The CAFOD Lancashire Lunch** took place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in the Becket Suite at St Thomas of Canterbury's Church and proved to be a massive success. Good Food, provided very kindly free of charge by Carrs Pasties, a book stall, White Elephant Stall, raffle and cake auction all led to a warm and convivial winter gathering. It was wonderful to see so many people together enjoying themselves. **The total amount raised was £1,225** which will be sent to **CAFOD overseas projects**.



A big thank you to everyone that attended the CAFOD Lancashire Lunch which proved to be a most enjoyable event.

The Cafod team were overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone in their kind donations to the book stall and White Elephant Stall.

Carrs Pasties provided the food free of charge. We also received a donation of £100 from Northern Ivy Café as well as a meal voucher from the Retreat and a beauty voucher from Me Beauty for raffle prizes.

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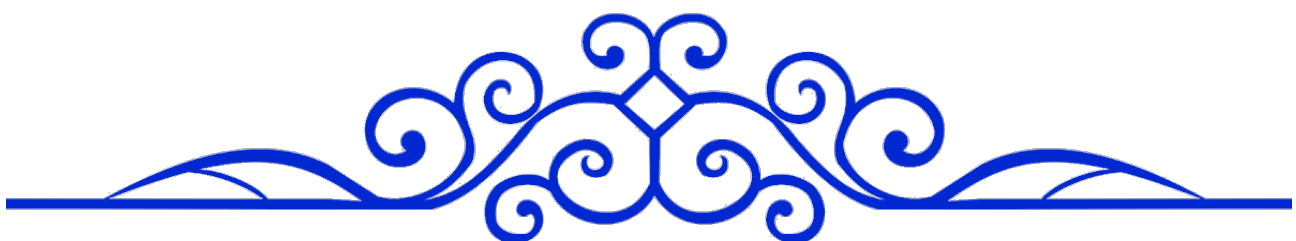
**A big thank you to all the volunteers who kindly assisted in the CAFOD event.**

**The next Youth Mass is on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feb,**



We will be having a planning meeting for this on **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. at 7pm in the Beckett suite.**

Families and young people are especially welcome to this, so we can make it as inclusive as possible.





## 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, Brownedge 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.

## 10,000 Reasons

Refrain:

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul*

*Oh-oh-oh, my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before*

*Oh, my soul*

*I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning

It's time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Refrain:

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul*

*Oh-oh-oh, my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before*

*Oh, my soul*

*I'll worship Your holy name*

You're rich in love

And You're slow to anger

Your name is great

And Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing

10,000 reasons for my heart to find

Refrain:

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul*

*Oh-oh-oh, my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before*

*Oh, my soul*

*I'll worship Your holy name*

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near, and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

10,000 years and then forevermore.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR CONFIRMATION

**Dates For Your Diary**

- 29 January Family Ramble
- 30 January ALPHA
- 31 January SVP Parish Conference Social.
- 31 January Bible Study meeting
- 1 February Youth Mass Planning Session
- 2 February Next Confirmation Session
- 7 February SVP meeting
- 7 February Bible Study Meeting
- 12 February 3rd Session Sacramental Programme
- 10 February Salford Retreat Programme
- 18 February Youth Mass

*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.

