

# Parish Newsletter Supplement



Parish Website

[www.stcuthberts.org.uk](http://www.stcuthberts.org.uk)



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

## SVP tea party

On Tuesday, 28 November in the  
2.00 pm in the Becket Suite



All are welcome to come along for tea and cakes between  
2.00pm and 3.30pm.

### Thank You

To our anonymous donors for your continuing generosity. So far this year you have donated £275.72 via the SVP wall box at the back of St Thomas of Canterbury church. We express thanks also to those supportive friends who donate regularly in other ways, whether by cash or Standing Order.

This support has enabled us to respond to a number of requests for help with the purchase of furniture and household goods and will enable us to distribute hampers or vouchers to local families before Christmas.

In addition to the visits and activity within our own Parish the SVP group at St Cuthbert's works in partnership with other SVP groups in Bolton. In particular, this year we collaborated with Christ The Redeemer SVP to send 6 children to the SVP Camp (activity holiday), donating £600 towards the total costs.

### A Network of Charity

In the words of our Patron, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, "The SVP provides an extended family in which we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, can respond to the many and varied problems being faced within our communities".

If you think SVP might be able to help someone you know or you would like to learn more about the Society, please have a word in confidence with the Parish Priest or contact Claire Broughton (01204 847271). Membership of the SVP is open to Christians (not just Catholics) and the Society is committed to offer friendship and support to anyone irrespective of their faith.

For more information about the Society visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk).





## Mulled wine, mince pies, and carols evening

with the Parish Folk Group

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December -

7 pm for 7.30 pm

In the Becket Suite

The folk group will be leading us in Christmas Carols

Tickets £6.00 (includes first glass of wine & mince pie

Proceeds to Alain Kimolo's Education project in the DRC.



BIBLE JOURNEYS

Continues meeting on  
a Monday evening @ SToC  
Becket Suite  
from 7.00—8.00 pm  
All welcome



### BETHLEHEM CROSSES

As a way for our Parish to provide support we have a supply of Bethlehem Crosses for sale and the full proceeds raised from these sales will go directly to the craftsman in Bethlehem who has used his skills to produce them.

The cost of each cross is £3.00 and any support you can give will be very much appreciated.

The crosses are in the Church Porches and please place your payment in the special box provided.

Thank you

**Calling all brass players!** On Friday the 22nd of December we will be singing carols outside St Thomas of Canterbury church in the early evening. This year the band I play in already have another booking that evening so it would be great if we could get some players together to accompany the carols. Please let me know if you can help, I can sort getting the music, God bless,  
Fr Chris



**CHRISTMAS**  
Prize



Friday 8th December

2.00 –4.00 pm

Becket Suite

Tickets next week

### MANCHESTER BAROQUE

**One of the highlights of the festive season for many people** is going to a performance of **Handel's Messiah**. It is the story of the life of Christ told through a series of wonderful songs and choral pieces culminating in the magnificent Hallelujah Chorus. Manchester-based Charity, Manchester Baroque and their professional orchestra will be performing it with the Manchester Cathedral Choir at

**Manchester Cathedral on Saturday December 9th at 7pm**

On the evening of Good Friday, March 29th at 4.30pm Manchester Baroque will be playing again at Manchester Cathedral to perform Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Manchester Cathedral Choir, one of the most moving pieces of music ever written, performed for the occasion in the Church calendar for which it was originally written.

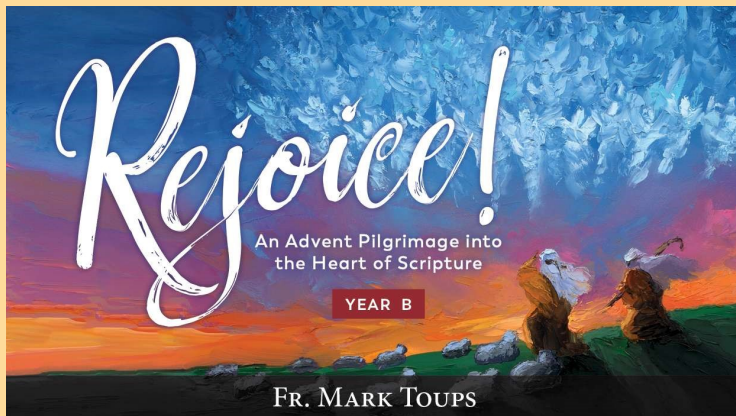
Tickets start at £10 plus booking fees. See <https://rb.gy/b9dlte> for details



# Advent

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

# Notices



Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage - This journey through advent features weekly videos with Fr Mark Toups, Fr Josh Johnson, and Sr Josephine Garrett to help you enter more deeply into the Advent season, find peace, and hear God's voice in this busy time. If you are interested in receiving these weekly videos, please contact Lucy at [lucy.cleary@live.co.uk](mailto:lucy.cleary@live.co.uk). If you currently receive Word on Fire emails, you will automatically receive the Advent pilgrimage emails.

Holy Heroes Advent Adventure is a fun and easy way for parents to help their children grow in faith and prepare for Christmas, while enjoying a peaceful advent. There is an email for each day of advent - there will be links to short videos, printable activities, and more.

The activities are designed for children of primary school age.

If you're interested in receiving these emails, please contact Lucy on [lucy.cleary@live.co.uk](mailto:lucy.cleary@live.co.uk)



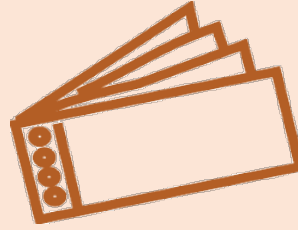
Fun,  
faithful,  
& **FREE** activities  
for kids & families  
for every day  
during Advent!

# Parish Draw

here is the list of the winners for the first draw of this fourth quarter  
(Oct-Dec 2023):-

No 605 on Book 121. Victoria Ramwell  
No 561 on Book 113. Jackie Sweeney  
No 66 on Book 14. Sally Smith  
No 687 on Book 138. Andrew Carr

Each winner will receive £50



## MEMORY CAFÉ

**Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm**  
**(Starting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.)**

**The Beckett Suite,**  
**St Thomas of Canterbury**  
**Lonsdale Road, BL1 4PN**  
**Entertainer, Raffle, Refreshments**

Contact Mairead on 07428 340797

Or Anne-Marie on 07519 176890

Councillor Kevin Morris, who attended the recent 125th Anniversary Mass at St Joseph's, kindly arranged for the choir from St Joseph's School, who sang so beautifully at the Mass, to meet the Mayor in the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall. They were able to ask the Mayor about important matters, such as did he have any pets. They were able to see important items used by the Mayor in civic ceremonies, and were even able to visit the Council Chamber.

(see 4 photos)





# Family Advent Wreath Workshop

On the weekend of 2nd and 3rd December after each of the 3 masses there will be an opportunity for families to participate in making their own Advent Wreath with countdown to Christmas advent candle.

This is an excellent way for families to share a little time together making their own Advent Wreath in preparation of Christmas

There will be some completed wreaths available to buy - a suggested donation of £10 if affordable to cover costs will be greatly appreciated



***ADVENT***  
***PEACE - HOPE - LOVE - JOY***



**PLEASE COME IN  
LIGHT A CANDLE - PRIVATE PRAYER TIME**

**We invite everyone to come along to**

**ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH**

**between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.**

**on the following Thursdays**

**30TH NOVEMBER**

**7TH DECEMBER**

**14TH DECEMBER AND**

**21ST DECEMBER**

**to light a candle and for quiet prayer time  
and especially to take the opportunity to pray for  
WORLD PEACE**

**especially in The Middle East and Ukraine**



**Please bring the children along to light a candle and  
invite family and friends**

***EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US***





✦ ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH, ✦  
LONSDALE ROAD, BOLTON, BL1 4PN

# *Festive Family Favourites*

SUNDAY

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10 DECEMBER 2023

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3:00 PM

Wingates Brass Band, Cantamus Community  
Choir, Bolton Junior Youth Choir

£8 / £1 (under 18s)

Emergency Israeli-Palestina

Crisis. Donate online:

[Cafod.Org.uk](http://Cafod.Org.uk)

## World Gifts Catalogues

Order your gifts on line.

[cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts).

Each World Gift Is a real example of Cafod's work. Share the hope and joy of Christmas with our Global family. Or collect a World Gift Catalogue from church

# CAFOD

Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development



## PARISH

# CHRISTMAS Lunch

Thursday 7 December 12.00 Noon

Signature Restaurant / Bolton College

£20.00

Book with Ken 01204 843114

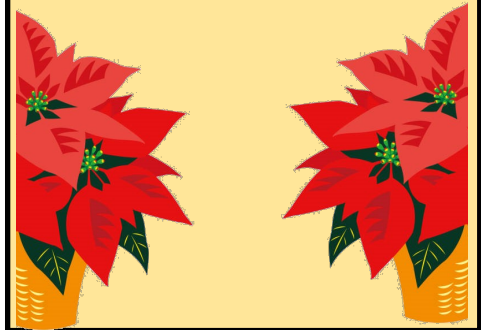
Advanced Notice

## Poinsettias

*will be on sale*

*Next Saturday & Sunday*

*at both churches*



# URBAN OUTREACH (BOLTON)

## Cornerstone

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



# Caritas

Diocese of Salford

