

Parish Newsletter Supplement



Parish Website

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Advent

The Season of Hope and Expectation



First week of Advent

HOPE

Eternal God

You will come when we do not expect You.
Help us to welcome You now in one another
to reach out to our sisters and brothers
in need of care and support .
And in this way may we be found ready,
when You come again in glory.
Amen. (CAFOD)

Lord Jesus come into our lives more deeply during this Advent Season



Mulled wine, mince pies, and carols evening

with the Parish Folk Group

Friday 15th 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 with a
Seasonal Advent Theme
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 on Sale £2

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

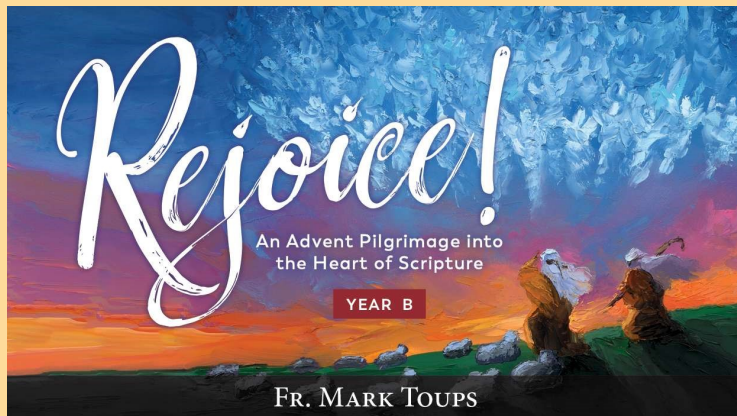
On the evening of Good Friday, March 29th at 4.30pm Manchester Baroque will be playing again at Manchester Cathedral to perform Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Manchester Cathedral Choir, one of the most moving pieces of music ever written, performed for the occasion in the Church calendar for which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

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

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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. 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



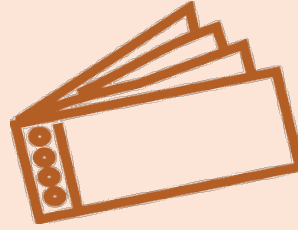
Fun,
faithful,
& **FREE** activities
for kids & families
for every day
during Advent!

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 6th 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

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



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

St Thomas of Canterbury Church

Tuesday 5 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 available afterwards



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

10 DECEMBER 2023

3:00 PM

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

Tickets £8 now on sale at [https://
www.trybooking.com/uk/CWCF](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CWCF) or pay on the door.

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CHRISTMAS

Lunch

Thursday 7 December 12.00 Noon

Signature Restaurant / Bolton College

£20.00

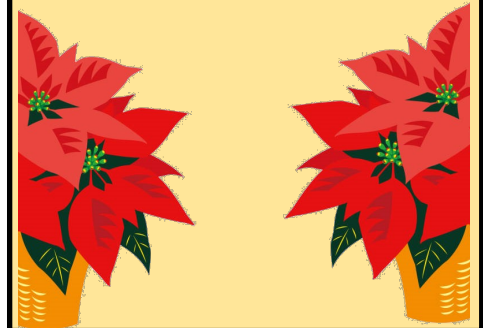
Book with Ken 01204 843114

Advanced Notice

Poinsettias

will be on sale

*This 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

