

Next week we enter the Season of Lent - a time of
Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

PRAYER

*focuses on our need for God's Forgiveness
It's a time for us all to Repent (turning away from our sins) and
receiving God's mercy and love.*

A prayer of preparation for Lent

Loving God,
I open the windows of my heart.
I open the door of my soul.
I welcome you here.
Thank you that you are with me.
Thank you that you are for me.
Thank you that your love will never leave me.
Speak new words of hope to me this Lent.
Grant me fresh insight, encouragement, and peace.
Lead me further along the path of your light.
I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Parish Family of

St Cuthbert

Invite
you
to a

St Patrick's Day Celebration

Thornleigh Main Hall
Friday 15th March
7-10pm

£12.00 per ticket



**LIVE MUSIC plus
BUFFET Supper**
Bring your own drink

Tickets sold after Mass



Lenten Devotions

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God, His immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe. Let us follow the steps of Jesus which enable us to engage actively with the path of suffering walked by Jesus and to recall the Crucifixion of Jesus and the redeeming benefits of his Passion and death.



During Lent you are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross, which are being led by our Parishioners at the following times:

Immediately after each Tuesday Mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury

and

immediately after each Friday Mass at St. Joseph.

- **THE CROSS IS THE VICTORY.....THE RESURRECTION IS THE TRIUMPH**

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FORMATION DEPARTMENT

SPIRITUALITY - RETREAT PROGRAMME 2023-24

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

The day retreats are hosted at:

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Rd, Lostock Hall PR55AA

Tuesday 5th March 2024: - IGNATIAN PRAYER & DISCERNMENT | *An Introduction to these helpful Christian approaches.*

St Thomas of Canterbury R.C. Primary School Eastbourne Grove Bolton BL1
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E Mail: office@stoc.bolton.sch.uk



Caretaker

Grade C (Point 4-6)
Appointment Type: Permanent
Hours: 20 hrs per week (Work pattern to be decided)
All year round

The governors of our popular two-form entry school are seeking to appoint a part time caretaker. The governors would be happy to receive applications from those who are keen to work at our happy, caring school and support our strong Catholic ethos.

We wish to appoint an enthusiastic and hardworking caretaker who will play a key role in helping us achieve our vision.

The successful candidate will, under the direction of the Site Manager have some responsibility for;

Opening and closing of the school building at times determined by the Governing Board, including ensuring that the fire and intruder alarm system are fully operational.

Cleaning duties including clearing litter as well as spot and emergency cleaning which may be necessary to maintain hygienic standards.

Ensuring all statutory mandatory Health and Safety checks including legionella are conducted and completed as required i.e. weekly or monthly.

Maintaining the grounds and shrubs, beds and tubs not covered by the grounds maintenance contract termly.

Porterage messenger duties both within and outside school premises.

The successful candidate will need to be:

enthusiastic and enjoy working in a vibrant community

willing to attend training and enter into long term professional development

flexible and willing to work alternative hours from time to time - this may include some evenings and weekends to meet school needs.

We can offer the successful candidate:

An ambitious school with a clear vision and the highest aspirations for our children.

A school that cares for and nurtures every member of our school family.

A strong commitment to continuing professional development.

A supportive headteacher, staff team and school family.

For further details of the role, visits to school and how we use your data, please contact the school directly on 01204 333131.

Closing date for Applications: FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2024 at 9.00a.m.

Interviews: WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2024

'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'.

A job description, person specification and further details are available from our website www.stoc.bolton.sch.uk

Only applications on CES forms will be considered

National Novena to St Joseph

10th -18th March 2024



Each year the **Mill Hill Missionaries** prepare for the **feast day, on March 19th of St Joseph**, their Society Patron, with a **Novena of Masses and prayers**, asking for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach in their work for MISSIO and for the intentions of all who support their work.

If you would like to join in the Novena, the Masses from St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead, will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. The masses will be at 10.00am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it will be at 11.00am. Also available on Zoom will be Evening Prayer together with the Novena Prayer at 6.00pm every day during the Novena.

You are welcome to send in your intentions and petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet, to enable you to join in from home, by praying the daily Novena prayers. **Please write to the Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society,**

6, Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or Tel: 01628-673178
or email novenamhm@gmail.com



BIBLE JOURNEYS

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

VACANCY

St Joseph's RC High School in Horwch require an Exam Invigilator. This is a casual paid position. Full training will be provided. Required for internal and external examinations throughout the year. Please contact Mrs Sheenagh Currass at the school for an application form and additional information. office@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk

VACANCY FOR CARETAKER

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THE PARISH OF ST. CUTHBERT

INVITATION

TO OUR

PANCAKE PARTY

TO OUR ALTAR SERVERS AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM
Music Group and other younger members of our Parish



PANCAKE DAY

ON

TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY - 6.00 P.M.

AT

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH
EASTBOURNE GROVE BOLTON BL1 5TR
IN THE BECKET SUITE

Friendship Cafe

Meet every Wednesday in the Becket Suite,
at St Thomas of Canterbury Church
Bolton, BL1 4PN : 1pm-3.30

*Come along for a cup of tea,
Biscuits, cake and a chat*

Entertainment Provided

Bring along friends and
Carers or come alone and
share some memories and
have a laugh with others.



ALL WELCOME



Phone 07428 340797 or 07519 176890 for details

The weekly Friendship Cafe is
from 1pm to 3pm.
Our doors are open for all members
of our parish and the wider
community. Bring a friend or a
neighbour and enjoy the
entertainment, meet new people,
renew old acquaintances, whilst
having a tea or coffee and a slice of
cake.

URBAN OUTREACH

Caritas

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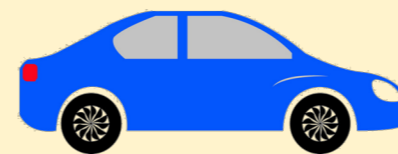
mary's meals



Cornerstone

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - DRIVERS NEEDED!



It's a new year and a new opportunity to volunteer in our Church Community!

Some elderly members of our community cannot get to Mass, but for the help of parishioners willing to give up their time to drive them to church. Have you got space in your car for 3 people? Can you sacrifice time to help get some parishioners to Mass on a Sunday morning and/or take them back after Mass?

For further information please contact Judith on 07882688972 (11:15 Sunday Mass).
Thank you & God bless you as you consider taking up this wonderful opportunity