

PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Churches of St Ethelbert & St William of York, Bolton



PARISH HANDBOOK

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WELCOME

May I begin by thanking everyone who has put so much work into preparing our Parish Handbook. As the churches in our diocese move forward with our bishop's initiative, 'Hope in the Future', we are called to be 'missionary parishes'. For any outreach or mission beyond our own community, we must have a solid foundation to start from. This I believe, requires us to be aware of the activities in our own parish; along with the gifts and talents we can draw upon to bring the message of Christ to the wider community.

Our vision for our mission parish must be one that provides:

- 1) A dynamic worshipping community where people come for the first time and sense the presence of God.
- 2) A community where everyone is growing in their understanding of the Catholic Faith.
- 3) A community where everyone is growing in the life of prayer and their relationship with God.
- 4) A community where pastoral, spiritual and practical care is given to those in need.
- 5) A community where people are actively involved in the Mission of the Church and its charitable work.

God bless,

Fr Morrough O'Brien

Parish Priest



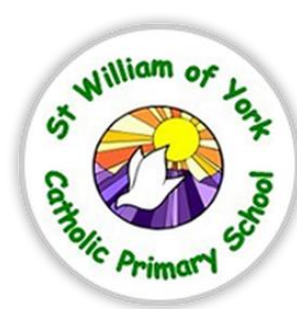
ABOUT US

We are a vibrant community and come together to worship our Lord Jesus Christ in our two churches of St Ethelbert's and St William's here in Bolton. We are part of the Diocese of Salford. Our Parish Priest is Fr Morrough O'Brien. In 2017 our two churches of St. Ethelbert's and St. William's were amalgamated and we became the new parish of Christ the Redeemer. Masses are split between the two churches. The parish leadership is shared between those responsible for various ministries and groups in the life of the parish. This handbook will showcase the many groups in our parish along with a point of contact for that group should you wish to get involved. Our parish relies on the generosity of our volunteers sharing their God given gifts and talents for the building up of our community.

We are linked with our Roman Catholic Primary Schools; St Ethelbert's, St William's and St Bernard's and our Roman Catholic Secondary Schools: St Joseph's and Mount St Joseph's.

You will find a large, mixed and varied congregation who participate in all sorts of parish activities and functions. We have many different groups.

We invite you to come and share in our beautiful worship of God through our various services and ministries.



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Hawthorne Street
Bolton, Lancashire
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St William of York R.C. Church
76A Lever Edge Lane
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WHAT'S ON

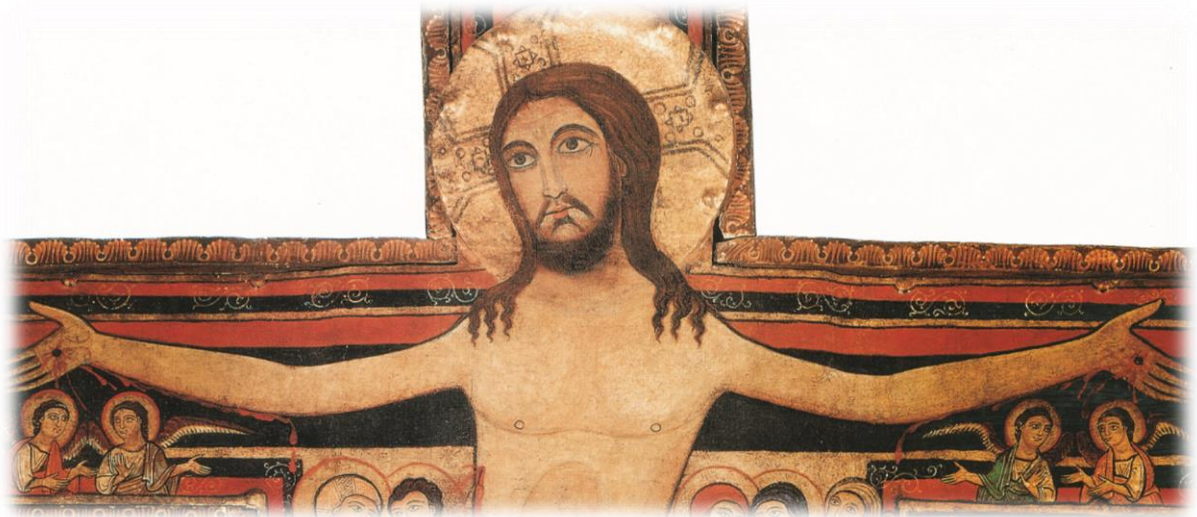
MONDAY	Mass	9:30am	St William's Church
	Prayer Group	6:30pm-8:00pm	St Ethelbert's Parish Room
TUESDAY	Mass	9:30am	St Ethelbert's Church
WEDNESDAY	Confession & Exposition	6:15pm – 6:50pm	St William's Church
	Mass	7:00pm	
THURSDAY	Youth Group (every other week)	6:15pm – 7:45pm	St Ethelbert's Church
FRIDAY	Mass	9:30am	St Ethelbert's Church
SATURDAY	Confessions, Exposition, Rosary & Stations of the Cross (during Lent)	11:15am-11:50am	St Ethelbert's Church
	Mass	12:00pm	
SUNDAY	Mass	9:30am	St William's Church
	Mass	11:30am	St Ethelbert's Church
	Mass	7:00pm	St Ethelbert's Church

Holy Days – As announced



THE GREAT STORY OF JESUS

1. God loves us, our lives are good and full of meaning.
2. Jesus is the face of God's presence among us.
3. Jesus did divine things – he healed and forgave sins!
4. Jesus embraced the Cross out of love for us.
5. Jesus overcame death, and is now alive forever.
6. We are invited to follow Jesus.
7. Our sins also can be forgiven.
8. We can accept God's Holy Spirit, through baptism, or through repentance of past sins – this requires us to set out on a way of life that leaves something old behind.
9. Many Christians now walk the path of being disciples.



**“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”**

John 3:16

SACRAMENTS & SERVICES

Baptism

Infant Baptisms are generally celebrated on a Saturday (St Ethelbert's) and on a Sunday (St William's). Parents and Godparents are asked to participate in a pre-baptismal meeting. Infants should be baptised within the first few weeks after birth. Please see Fr Morrough for a baptism pack and an initial chat.



Weddings

Congratulations on your engagement! A minimum of six months advanced planning and preparation is required. There is always a Marriage Preparation course required. Please contact Fr Morrough for more information.



Holy Communion

For the sick or housebound: Please inform us if someone is needing Holy Communion at home, or wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Welcome

If you or someone you know wants to learn more about the Church and so receive the sacraments please see Fr Morrough.



Sacrament of the Sick

If you or someone you know would welcome a visit from the priest to give the sacrament of the sick, please speak to Fr. Morrough.



Funeral

If a parishioner has died, please speak to Father Morrough to make arrangements for any service. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation

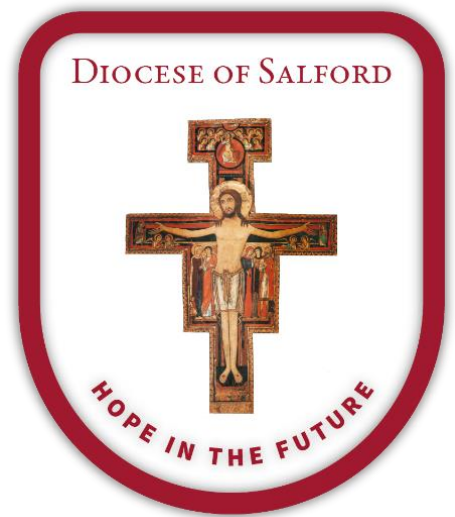
See Sacramental Programme and Welcome.

Reconciliation

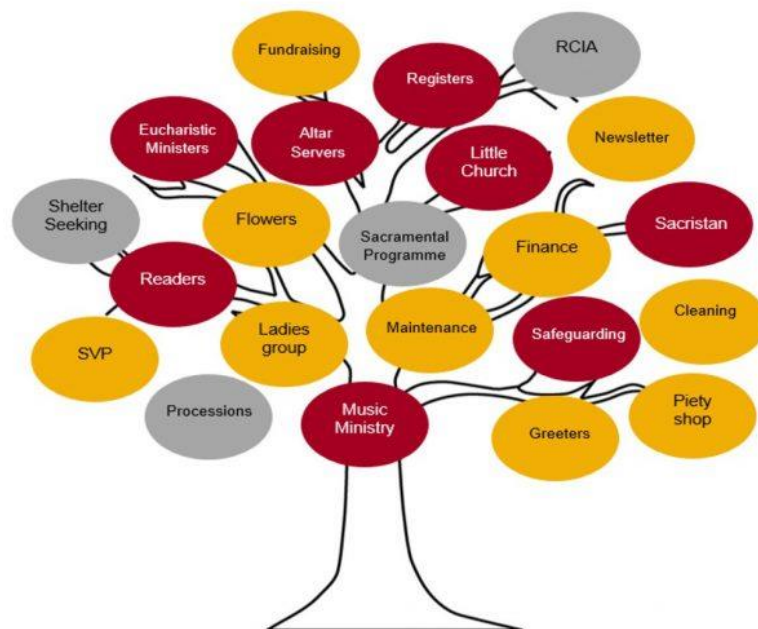
There is opportunity for confession every Wednesday from 6:15pm – 6:50pm at St William's and from 11:15am – 11:50am at St Ethelbert's.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

Hope in the Future is an invitation to every parish in the Diocese to recognise and develop their missionary identity and their call to evangelise. It is a five stage journey over five years with the main aim to **'Form Missionary Disciples in Missionary Parishes.'**



Our response was to recognize and celebrate the many ministries and groups in our parish both through this handbook and our ministry tree.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER, BOLTON
MINISTRY TREE

Ministry

Service

Mission

We also formed the Hope in the Future Leadership Team, started a prayer group and had a Pentecost Celebration. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute more to the parish and Hope in the Future and pray for its success. If you have any suggestions or feedback about the parish please get in touch with a member of the **Hope in the Future Parish Leadership Team**

Father Morrough (Chair), Liz Furey (Children's Catechesis), Chris Houghton (Newsletter and Website), Gemma Pendlebury (Adult Catechesis and Welcome), Rob Houghton (Altar Servers and Training), Andrea Taylor (Hospitality), Joanne Harwood (Ichtus Club), Ije Asike (Youth Group), Peter Morley & John Kidd (Buildings/Plant Maintenance/Health & Safety), Agnes Lloyd Holt (Safeguarding), Eileen German (Finance and Gift Aid), John Griffin (Music Ministry and Advisor on Hope in the Future), Joan Gettins (Sacramental Programme), Pauline D'Arcy (Social & Fundraising).



DEVELOPING A MISSIONARY PARISH

Inspired by the teaching of Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*, Bishop John desires to encourage the development of missionary parishes.

A missionary parish is a community called to be open to the Holy Spirit so that the Good News of Jesus Christ can be known to all through welcome, engagement and outreach.

Welcome

- Creating a place of joyful welcome and belonging, accessible to all
- Building an active and inclusive Parish Leadership/Enabling Team
- Safeguarding all parishioners through implementation of proper procedures
- Meeting the needs of children and young people
- Encouraging participation in parish activities
- Keeping all parish buildings in good repair
- Providing a prayerful ambience through church decoration and cleaning

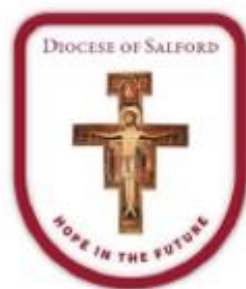
Engagement

- Celebrating well-planned and prayerful liturgies
- Providing opportunities for prayer and devotion outside of Mass
- Forming people for liturgical and catechetical ministries
- Catechising for Baptism and other Sacraments
- Engaging with schools and colleges within the parish
- Training in discipleship, including adult formation, RCIA and opportunities for growing in our Christian faith
- Preparing engaged couples for marriage and supporting those who are married
- Educating parishioners in the social teachings of the Church
- Overseeing parish finances with transparency
- Maintaining good collaboration across all parish activities

Outreach

- Communicating well through newsletters, websites and social media
- Serving the particular needs of the local community
- Creating social outreach groups open to all
- Linking with Caritas, CAFOD, SVP and similar organisations
- Caring for the local environment
- Inviting participation in activities such as parish missions or Alpha courses
- Reaching out to parishioners who do not regularly attend church
- Participating in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and action

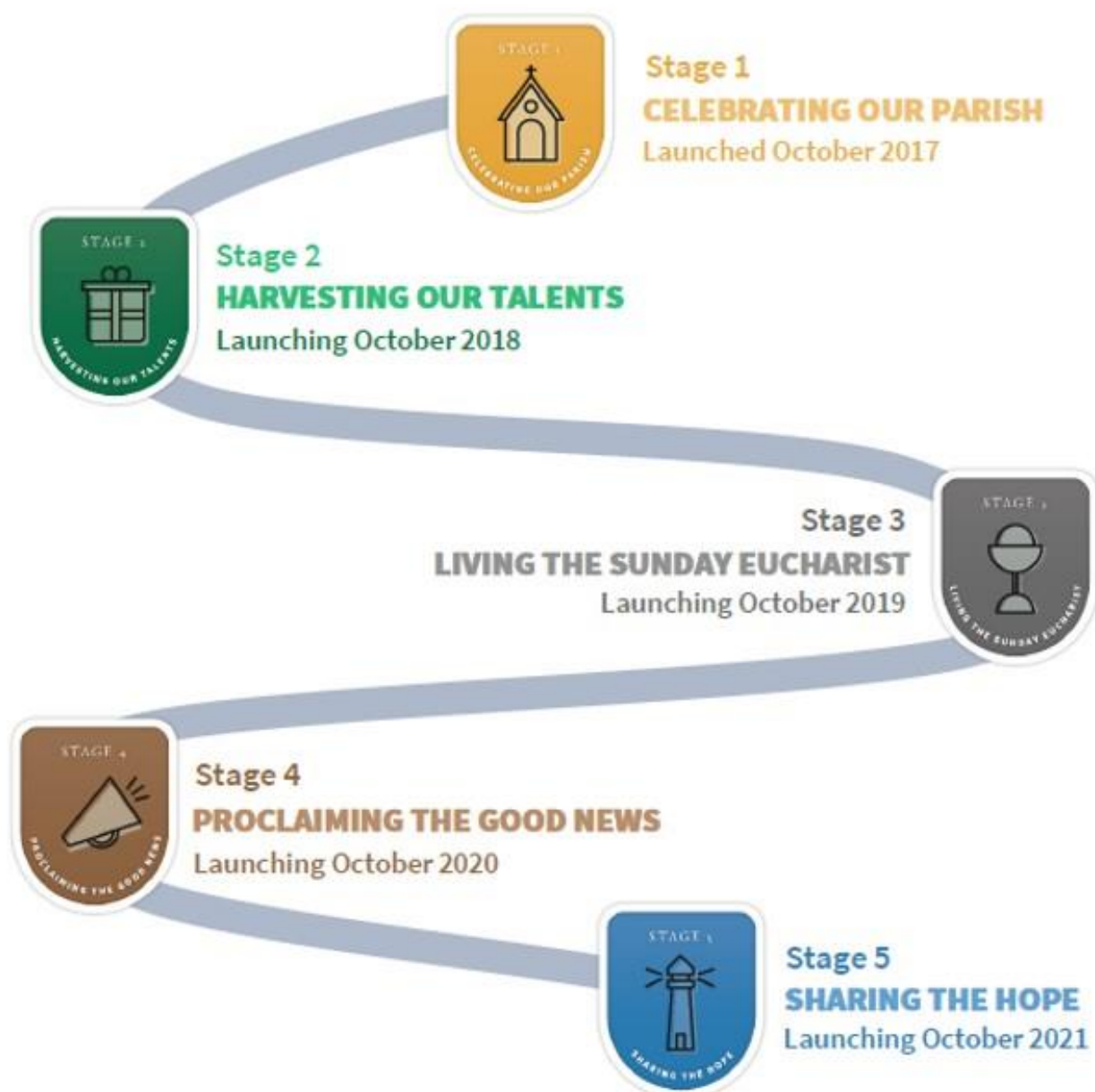
A missionary parish will have a focus on Evangelisation: deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ and inviting others to get to know him and the Gospel message. There will be a variety of ways in which the Pope's vision, already particularised by Bishop John for the Diocese of Salford, is then further expressed through the individuality of each parish community.



HOPE

IN THE FUTURE

This roadmap shows when the various stages, events and resources will be launched but your parish may want to move at a different pace.



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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

Stage 1: Celebrating our Parish

The First Stage places an emphasis on prayer. Invoking the power of the Holy Spirit to engage all people of the Diocese in this process. Key to this stage is to recognize and celebrate the Missionary Activity that already takes place in our parishes. We will seek to engage clergy in renewing and developing leadership styles.

Stage 2: Harvesting our Talents

The Church teaches that it is the mission of all people to proclaim the Gospel. Stage Two looks to develop this mission. During Stage Two, there will be an emphasis on encouraging all people in our parish to discern their gifts and put them at the service of the Church, including sharing in the leadership of the parish.

Stage 3: Living the Sunday Eucharist

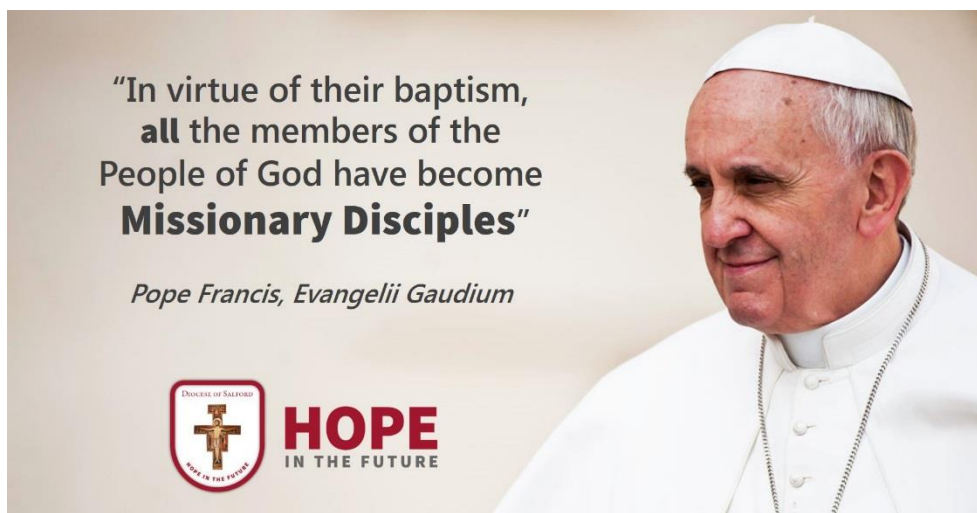
The weekend liturgy is, in a real sense, the shop window for the parish. The Third Stage will provide an emphasis on how we can build on this Celebration to ensure that our parishes are mission oriented through our welcome, our liturgy and our hospitality.

Stage 4: Proclaiming the Good News

Our schools and the celebrations of Baptism, weddings, funerals, Christmas and Easter Liturgies, bring a significant number of people into contact with our parish. These times provide us with opportunities to engage people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Fourth Stage will place an emphasis on providing formation to deepen this engagement.

Stage 5: Sharing the Hope

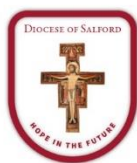
Our parishes already make an enormous contribution to the local community. The Fifth Stage will place an emphasis on building on existing outreach and resourcing and providing new opportunities for the parish to be a beacon of hope within the local area.



HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER

God our loving Father,
We thank you, for blessing our parish
with all that we need, to respond to our vocation to be a
missionary community in our locality.
We thank you for all our parish members who,
in response to your call, give of themselves so freely
to enrich our parish life in the ways of love and service.
We ask you now, to pour out afresh the gifts of your Spirit
upon each one of us that we may be inspired to serve you
in new and creative ways as missionary disciples,
bringing your Light to the world.
We ask your blessing upon us as we journey together in hope,
through Christ Our Lord.
Amen

**Please remember the Hope in the Future Programme and our
Parish in your Prayers.**



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

**"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit
comes on you, and then you will be
my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but
throughout Judea and Samaria,
and indeed to the ends of the earth."**

Acts 1:8

THE CHURCH'S YEAR

The Church works through seasons as the rest of us do. Key events and seasons are:

Advent – the beginning of the Church's year. The Advent wreath, the church bare of flowers, the preparing for Christmas with repentance. We have shelter seeking where we send a statue of St. Joseph with a pregnant Mary around the Parish and our schools sending our prayers to all those who La Posada visit during this season.



Christmas – the second most important event in the Church's calendar. John 3:16 'For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life.' White is the colour of vestments and the church's cloths. We have carols in church. Why not come along for Christmas. You are very welcome.



Epiphany - chalk is blessed and we take a piece home to bless our houses for the coming year.

Lent – preparation for Easter. A time of repentance and remembrance that Jesus died for us. Purple is the key colour and no flowers or decorations in the church. It is traditional to say the Stations of the Cross before the Saturday 12 noon Mass. A good time to consider Reconciliation in preparation.



Easter - the greatest of the Church's feasts. He is Risen, alleluia. The church is resplendent in white and gold. We are sprinkled with the new holy water blessed for Easter.

Pentecost - the Church's birthday. The day when the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples.



Mary – we celebrate Our Lady in the months of May and October. Both churches have a side altar dedicated to Our Lady and we crown Mary during the month of May and pray the rosary in October.

Corpus Christi – a procession from church showing witness to our faith. A lovely way to come together giving witness.



Sacred Heart - The Church reveres the Sacred Heart of Jesus during June.

Holy Souls - November we remember the Holy Souls. "May their souls rest in peace". Both churches have a Book of Remembrance for parishioners and loved ones to be remembered. If you would like the name of a loved one added to the Book, please speak to the parish priest. We pray for those in our Books of Remembrance on their anniversary.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING

A range of social activities take place in both churches throughout the year. We are always open to suggestions for different events and for people who would like to help.

Concerts – including an Irish Night taking place at St Vincent's Court, Michael Buble Tribute, Carol concert and the Houghton Weavers.



Family Quiz Night – a fun quiz for all the family held in St Bernard's School.

Dinner Dance – 3 course dinner, entertainment from a vocalist and dancing until late.



Christmas Fairs - are held by both churches taking place in St Ethelbert's and St William's school halls. Tombolas, crafts, cakes, games and of course, Father Christmas.

Parish outings - A regular trip to the Christmas markets takes place from St William's each year. Both churches have also had parish holidays over the years, including trips to Paris, Florence and Rome, the North East, and the Schoenstatt shrines in Scotland and Germany. Trips to religious events such as Pentecost celebration in Salford and to Birmingham for the beatification of Cardinal Newman by Pope Benedict.



200 Club - Each church has a 200 club with regular draws weekly/monthly. The club brings a much needed boost to church revenue and of course your chance to win! Please see **Phil McMinn or Agnes Lloyd-Holt (St Ethelbert's) or Fr Morrough (St William's)** if you would like to join.



Bags4Church - collection of unwanted clothes, clean and in reasonable condition. These are sent to help those in need and in return the Parish receives a donation.

Raffles - from the Grand Draw to small raffles including Easter goodies, Christmas hampers and electrical items.



*A small team of people plan these activities. If you would like to know more please speak to **Pauline D'Arcy (St. William's), Debra Percival (St. William's Christmas Fair), Lee or Gemma Pendlebury, Agnes Lloyd-Holt, Phil McMinn, Andrea Taylor or Liz Furey (St. Ethelbert's activities)**. We welcome those who would like to help in any way, whether planning, helping at the event or attending.*

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY

We support those in our community and wider afield.

Harvest 'grub tub'

Collection of non-perishable food items through the month of October and donated to a different charity in the Bolton area supporting the homeless or those in need.

APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith) (Red Boxes)

Many parishioners have red mission boxes at home and these are collected and counted by the parish reps. The APF is the Catholic Church's official overseas missionary organisation. If you would like to take a box and fill with loose change over the year, please speak to **Angela Rimmer**.



Appeals

We also have appeals for prayers and financial support for various missions, support for vocations and HCPT (Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust).



Christmas prayer tree

Prayers for loved ones at Christmas time.

Caritas

The parish supports the work of Caritas, the official charity of the Salford Diocese to help the vulnerable, lonely and those in poverty. Each church has a Caritas lead. **Pauline D'Arcy (St William's) Liz Furey (St Ethelbert's).**



St Vincent de Paul Society SVP

The SVP group provides support for those in the community that may need help whether practical help such as the purchase of essential items such as a vacuum cleaner for a family in need or bringing the housebound to church. The group would welcome new volunteers to help with its essential work.



Outgrown uniform

A bring and take service at the start of each new school year to bring any unwanted and outgrown school uniform and take any items that could be useful.

MINISTRIES

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic

Assist with the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament during Mass, take the Eucharist to the housebound or those in hospital and lead Eucharistic services when the priest is on leave. Please speak to **Peter Morley (St Ethelbert's)** or **Joan Gettins (St William's)** if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home because of being housebound or unwell. Ministers are re-commissioned each Holy Thursday.



Readers of the Word (Lectors)

Proclaim scriptural passages during liturgical services. For more information and to become a reader at Mass please speak to **Agnes Lloyd-Holt (evening St Ethelbert's)** and **Peter Morley (morning St Ethelbert's)** and **Joan Gettins (St William's)**. There is an annual retreat at the Shrine, Kearsley for all readers and Eucharistic ministers.



Altar Servers

Assist the priest during Mass, including school Masses and other services. We have a number of young people and adult servers who assist at Mass. Most young servers are recruited from the children who have just completed their sacramental programme. If you have a child who would like to consider being a server or are an adult who would like to explore becoming an adult server, please see **Robert Houghton**.



Sacristan

The Sacristan is responsible for ensuring the church is prepared for the service. He or she will set up the altar, the vessels, and ensure everything is in place. Where there is no adult server they also ensure the incense burner or other arrangements are in place. **Pat Evans, Peter Morley and John Nolan (St. Ethelbert's)**. If you need the priest or require anything for the Mass, speak to the Sacristan who will be pleased to assist.



Children's Liturgy

St Ethelbert's 11:30am Sunday Mass – Ichthus Club (Term time only) -
We are looking for additional new leaders for the weekly Ichthus Club. If your child attends or you think you could help, please consider joining our crew of leaders. No training required but subject to DBS clearing. The club is enjoyed by many children every week. Please see **Joanne Harwood**.

St William's 9:30am Sunday Mass – Little Church - For more information or to get involved contact **Helen Ahmed, Debra Percival & Holly-Beth Mansfield**.



Music Ministry

There is always a range of traditional and contemporary music at the 11:30am Sunday Mass at St Ethelbert's. The congregation are accompanied by guitar and backing tracks. We sing most of the Mass parts and sometimes the psalm as these are the most important parts of the Mass to sing. We sometimes arrange choir practices at Christmas and Easter. If you would like to join to choir, play and instrument or sing the psalm please contact **John Griffin**.

There is organ accompaniment and a choir at the 9:30am Mass at St William's.

For more information or to get involved contact **Mark Johnson**.



GROUPS

Prayer Group

The Christ the Redeemer Prayer Group meets each Monday from 6:30pm-8:00pm in St Ethelbert's parish room. The structure includes Praise and Worship, reading God's Word, times of silence, testimony, sharing and individual/group prayer. It is a great way to grow in your relationship with God and to build community and fellowship. Come along if you can and keep the group in your prayers. For more information or to get involved contact **Lynda Smith**.



Youth Group

We have a vibrant Youth Group that meets on alternate Thursday evenings from 6.30pm – 8pm at St. Ethelbert's church. The group is for young people aged 6-16. The main purpose is to get the young people involved in the activities of the Parish. Creating a sense of awareness and responsibility in relation to our faith and the role we play both spiritual and physical for growth of our parish family/community. It enables us to understand that Jesus loves us and wants us to come to Him as part of his Body the Church. We now have 13 young readers, who read at Saturday morning Masses. The readings are given to them a few days earlier to enable them practice. We say the rosary, talk about the saints, use art and imagery to have quiet reflection, parish youth retreat, and discuss the meaning and significance of the seasons in the Catholic Church calendar. In addition to our faith we also have lots of fun with gardening, football, badminton, rag fashion show, arts and crafts, music, Easter egg hunt, a stall at the Christmas Fairs & bowling. For more information or to get involved contact **Ije Asike**.



Ladies Group

We are a group of approximately 30/40 ladies from both St. Ethelbert's & St. William's Churches. Our ages range from young (ish) to mature, so we have a wealth of knowledge and experience to call upon when required. We meet monthly, usually the last Tuesday of the month, with Mass in St. Ethelbert's Church followed by a meeting in the Parish Room. The meetings vary from, visiting speakers, to just a social get together, a quiz or a cheese and wine evening (very popular). Occasionally we venture out perhaps to a restaurant - the highlight of the year being our Annual Ladies Dinner in January. The raison d'être of the Ladies Group is for all of the ladies of the parish to feel friendship and love and to know that help is always there if and when needed. We encourage all ladies of the parish to join us and to bring their friends along (female only of course) if they wish. For more information please speak to **Pat Brown**.



SERVICES TO THE CHURCH

Cleaning - Keeping our churches clean is a service to God. People attending expect to find clean toilets and the main church to be clean (and understandably so) but this requires parishioners to provide this service. A lot of behind the scenes work goes into keeping the churches to the standard everyone expects. We are always looking for people who are willing to help with keeping our churches beautiful for God. Please speak to **Mini Santosh (St. William's)** and **Maureen Morley (St. Ethelbert's)** if you have any concerns or if you are willing to help out.

Flowers - Both our churches are resplendent with floral decorations. The decorations denote the seasons especially at Easter and Christmas. If you could contribute the cost of the decorations or assist in preparing our decorations, please contact **Lois Caldwell (St. William's)** and **Pat Evans (St. Ethelbert's)**.



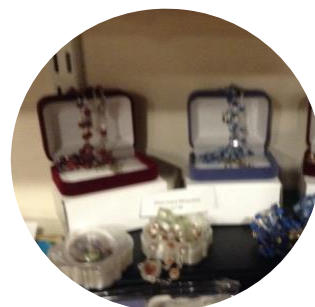
Grounds - The grounds of our churches are kept litter and weed free. St William's has extensive grounds and an employed gardener mows the grass. Volunteers from both churches remove weeds and keep the grounds litter free. Can you help with this?

Buildings - The church buildings are old and large and require regular renovation. Damp, damage from weather, and general wear and tear need regular maintenance. Both buildings are insured and we have public liability insurance in place also. Modern society, rightly, requires adequate toilet and kitchen facilities with well lit and clear access and a warm and secure church building. All this requires investment and a lot of the money raised in weekly collections, donations and fundraising is spent on these items. Please contact **Peter Morley or John Kidd**.

St Bert's Café - Coffee, tea, juice and biscuits are served after 11.30 am. Mass. All are welcome to stay for light refreshment and chat. Small donations to meet the cost of the café are very welcome. Please speak to **Andrea Taylor or Chris Ryding** if you would be willing to help staff the café. We would welcome your assistance.

Bells - There is a bell tower at St Ethelbert's and we ring the bells before Mass to give witness in the community. If you would like to volunteer to ring the bell, please see **Lee Pendlebury**.

Parish Shop - Both churches sell a variety of cards, statues, books and bibles, children's items, prayer cards, gifts, rosaries and items for sacramental programme. Please contact **Gemma Pendlebury (St Ethelbert's)** or **Una Trenbath (St William's)** for any item or if you would like to staff a stall. Any profits raised from sales go to the parish funds. Please support your shop where you can.



CATECHESIS

Sacramental programme

Each primary school carries out a programme to introduce children into the faith. This involves first reconciliation, first Holy Communion and confirmation. Please contact **Joan Gettins (St. William's)** and **Liz Furey (St. Ethelbert's)**.

Welcome Meetings

For those who are not Catholics but are considering becoming Catholic, those baptised Catholics who have been away from the Church for some while and are returning or having their child baptised, we hold "Welcome Meetings" twice a year. A chance to learn about the faith, meet members of the parish community and talk about the next steps. Please speak to **Nicola Houghton**, **Agnes Lloyd-Holt** or **Gemma Pendlebury**.



TRADITIONAL PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Morning Offering

O Jesus, through the most Pure Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, sufferings and joys of this day for all the intentions of your divine Heart in the Holy Mass, Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Eternal rest

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace, I will not sin again. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Salve Regina

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears! Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Prayer of St Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things pass away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Those who have God Find they lack nothing; God alone suffices.

For someone who has died

Father, to you the dead do not die and, in death, our life is changed not ended. We believe that all that binds us together in love and friendship does not end with death. Hear our prayers for those who have died. Hold them in your love in your Kingdom of light, happiness and peace. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

"God has created me to do him
some definite service.
He has committed some work to me
which he has not committed to another.
I have my mission. I may never know it
in this life, but I shall be told it in
the next. I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for nothing."

Blessed John Henry Newman

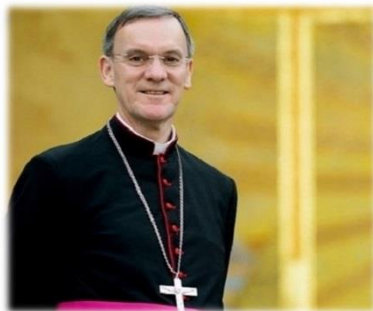


Is there a group or ministry already happening in your parish
which you can give some time to support? Is there a gap or need?
Could you help to set up a new group or ministry?

Reflect on your God-given gifts and talents. Reflect on your
baptismal promises and charisms given by the Holy Spirit.

How much time can you give to support the mission of the parish?
At the heart of all vocations is a YES to God. All parishioners are encouraged
to pray asking God to show you what he wants you to do next in your parish.

Be open to using your gifts, talents and charisms.
Be open, say YES and God will use you in amazing ways.



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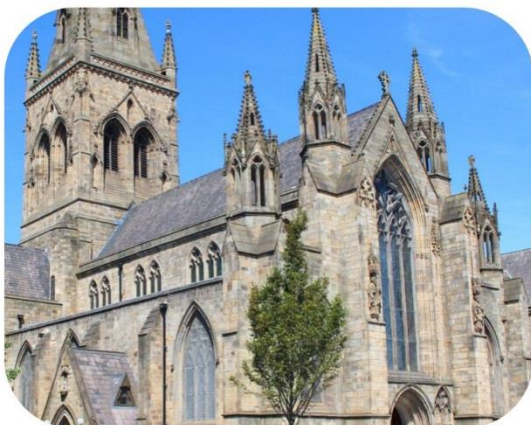
"I ask for your active participation in
both prayer and action. If we were all to
undertake just one task in our parishes we
would transform the witness we give and
make a difference to the lives of so many
people."

Bishop John Arnold

“The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses **great flexibility**, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and **missionary creativity** of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelises, if the parish proves capable of **self-renewal and constant adaptively**, it continues to be “the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters”. This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few.

The parish is the **presence of the Church** in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a **community of communities**, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant **missionary outreach**. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely **mission-oriented**.”

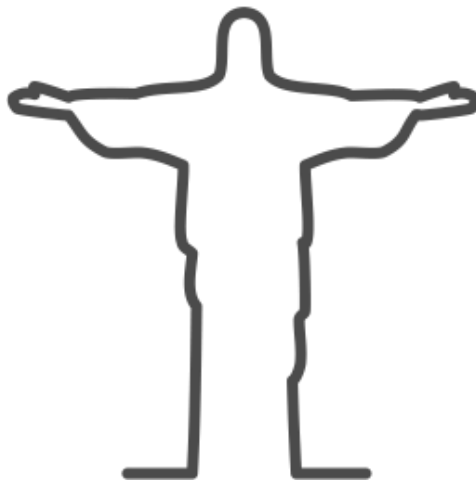
Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 28



“Evangelising is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelise”

***Pope Paul VI,
Evangelii Nuntiandi 14***

“I know that my
REDEEMER
lives and that in the
end he will stand
upon the earth”
Job 19:25



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