



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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**30th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year A**

25th October 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I was delighted to be able to make a 'virtual visit' to St John Southworth's school this week. I was invited by Year 6 to be interviewed about all things related to being a priest as they are thinking about the wider subject of vocation.

One aspect of vocation that the children thought to be really important was that of finding a purpose that we would never give up on trying to accomplish, and finding the strength we need from God.

It is so true that our vocation in life cannot be fulfilled without the courage and determination which God creates in our hearts when we depend on his help. In fact, it is within the very experience of vocation that we discover a strength that we know goes beyond our own limitations, and gives us an experience of the power of the Holy Spirit.

In these pandemic times, everybody's vocation is strengthened by the very fact that everything is more trying and testing than in more clement days, but we know we have to be determined not to succumb to pessimistic thoughts and feelings.

What do we do when we feel down? Not immerse ourselves in the endless political speculation, but ask the Lord to lift up our spirits in faith and trust! That is absolutely the vocation in which we all share as followers of Jesus!

May God bless you and your families,
and may Mary intercede for us in this month of October,
Fr Gerard.



A virtual visit to school in the pandemic era! Thank you to Miss Bushell & Y6 at SJS!

Mass schedule for this coming week, commencing Monday, 26th October

Monday 26th October	Tuesday 27th October	Wednesday 28th October	Thursday 29th October	Friday 30th October	Saturday 31st October	Sunday 1st November
SH No Mass	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 6.30pm	SH 10.00am	SH 11.45am	SH (Booking) 9.30am
	CC 8.45am MP 9.00am Mass Exposition		CC No Mass		HS 6.30pm (Booking)	CC 9.30am (Booking)

SH = Sacred Heart

CC = Christ Church

HS= Holy Saviour's

Please click on the links below to access the online booking website for weekend Masses at Holy Saviour's and Christ Church. Remember, just make one booking for a pair or group from the same household. Please do let me know if you make a booking, and then find you are not able to attend.

[Saturday Vigil Mass for the Feast of All Saints at Holy Saviour's, 6.30pm, 31st Oct 2020](#)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 9.30am, 1st Nov 2020, Feast of All Saints](#)

'Mum, why is dad breaking into my money box?' 'Cos he's a burglar and he's working from home!' RW



Don't forget to put the clocks BACK this Saturday night!



This week's Lord's Day at Home prayer sheet [can be found by clicking here.](#)

Mass Intentions

Mildred & George Hodson

Book of Remembrance

Oct 28 Eric Webb

Oct 28 Ellen McGuinness

Oct 28 Margaret Howarth

Oct 28 Bill Morgan

(Bill taught at Sacred Heart after the war, then from 1960 until he retired, at Fisher More)

Oct 29 Ursula Hutchinson

(Doctor in practice at Brierfield, died young at the age of only 44)

Oct 30 Rosa Pomponi

Oct 30 J Allen

Oct 30 Angela Rushton

Oct 31 Margaret Bamber

Nov 1 Eric Oliver



May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be a people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN

POUND DRAW

This week's winners: £10 Margaret Needham
£10 Ray Whalley

Parish Funds: £60

Just to remind you that you can pay £5 or £10 to enter the DRAW for the next five or ten weeks!

Thank you again for your support.

Last week's collection came to: £194.30

We also receive approximately £265.00 p/w in standing-order donations. MANY THANKS!

THE HIDDEN HAND OF HEALING!

Lord Jesus, you stretched out your hand to cleanse the leper; you reached out to the blind man to restore his sight.

May your hand of love be the hidden hand of healing, working alongside the skilled hands of the surgeon, the caring hands of the nurse, and the praying hands of the priest.

We thank you for all the ways in which you bring your healing to us, and for allowing us to bring your healing touch to each other. AMEN. GK