



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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**32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**8th November
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Oh dear! More chaos, more uncertainty, and more madness... and that's just the American Presidential Election! Meanwhile, the coronavirus still has the upper hand, exerting a more repressive and intrusive control over our lives than the most despotic of dictators might ever succeed in achieving!

Experts in pandemic analysis, economists, social commentators and politicians observe the progression of events through different lenses, and of course, they are led to conflicting conclusions and predictions for the future. The common theme, however, on which all might agree, is that the future is bleak!

The Church is swept along by the flood of regulations which are designed to reduce social interactions, but, although there is some sense that we are being subjected to victimisation, I think we have to be humble in the face of those who are losing jobs, livelihoods and businesses.

Our Christian lens tells us that the virus has inflicted its most diabolical harm when its effects are to be seen in communities and social groupings setting themselves one against another.

So, we must accept that we can't use our churches for public services once again, and Fr Peter and I will resume the online Masses from Sacred Heart church.

Our trust is in the Lord, whom we will soon declare as Christ the King, the Lord of heaven and of earth!

May God bless you and your families,
Fr Gerard.

Roof repairs get underway at Vaughan Street



Book of Remembrance

*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*



Nov 9th Leonard Burrows
Nov 9th Mary Syers
Nov 11th Harry Brittle
Nov 13th Walter Wilson
Nov 15th Rhoda H Settle

Mass schedule for this coming week, commencing Monday, 9th November

Monday 9th Nov	Tuesday 10th Nov	Wednesday 11th Nov	Thursday 12th Nov	Friday 13th Nov	Saturday 14th Nov	Sunday 15th Nov
SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 11.45am	SH 9.30am

All Masses, live-streamed and recorded, to be found here: [Masses at Sacred Heart Church, Colne](#)

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Pauline Firman; £10.00 Margaret Clarke
£10.00 Sarah Southworth; Parish Funds: £105.00

We had two very generous donations towards the Draw this week - thank you very much!

So with lockdown we will have to suspend the draw until the next Sunday Mass, hopefully 6th December. It's a real shame after we had such a great start but hoping you all rejoin on the 6th!!!

All multiple week entries will be rescheduled to fit in with new dates.

This weeks winners, I will keep your winnings or you can instruct me what you would like me to do.

Thanks everybody again for your support. Ian

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

Congratulations and a very Happy Birthday to Anne Pemberton who is 80-years old on Sunday. Anne has been a member of our parish for almost the whole of her life. She is a Eucharistic Minister and also a member of the SVP. May God pour out his abundant blessings on Anne and all her family today.



Mass Intentions

Robert Maguro, died recently in Kenya
Deceased members of the Gibbons
& Kelly Families
Holy Souls

Last week's collection came to: £413.23
We also receive approx £265.00
in standing-order donations.

The 'Lockdown' Bible Quiz.

Can you find SIXTEEN books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below?



I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. A certain Luke, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others, it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a job. We want it to be a most fascinating little moment for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes the preacher to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how you will compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen books of the Bible in this paragraph!

All sixteen books will be revealed next week!