



St John Southworth's RC Parish

at Christ Church, Carr Road
and St John Southworth Church, Vaughan St

Nelson

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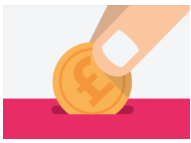
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Feast of Christ the King



**22nd November
2020**



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(I tried it myself, just for fun—it works! Fr G)**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We celebrate, this weekend, the Feast of Christ the King which brings us to the end of our liturgical year. Although we celebrate Jesus Christ as King of the Universe, we know that His reign is established first and foremost in the hearts and minds of individual believers who acknowledge Him to be Lord of their lives. When we have been born into a family or culture of faith, an aspect of our 'conversion' is that of moving from a simple acknowledgement of the Church's announcement that, "Jesus is Lord", to a more personal moment of acceptance that— "Jesus is MY Lord."

It is in submitting to Christ—which means that we allow Him to conquer us and take up His rightful place on the throne of our hearts—that we experience all that can be described as our salvation. This salvation can be experienced as the refreshing peace of forgiveness, or as a passionate hunger for justice; it can be experienced as a delightful courage in the heart, or an overwhelming sense of the love of God. Personal salvation can be described as the experience of being lost and found, or being empty and then satisfied... we can never fully capture in words the effects of allowing the victory of Christ to be expressed in our lives. On that note, isn't it good to hear from others and share our own experiences of the love of God, to help protect against the danger of allowing our Faith to become an abstraction which is not really grounded in personal reality.

Zoom Faith-Sharing Evenings – 4 Tuesdays of Advent at 7.00pm, beginning 1st December

It would seem that, as we move into Advent, it would be an opportune moment to resume our online Faith-Sharing Meetings. I will send out a link to all those who have previously attended, but everyone is more than welcome to join in, just to see what it's all about. If you would like to come along, then just email me at the email address at the top of the page and I'll send you some words of preparation and explanation, and a link to join in the Meeting.

We continue to keep Cecilia Allen in our prayers as we prepare for her Funeral Mass at Christ Church on Tuesday. We pray God's blessing of peace on her family at this time, especially for her two sons Gerard and Christopher. Due to Government restrictions on numbers, if you would like to attend this Service, then please email Joe Gibbons: joegibbons1@outlook.com, or give him a ring on 07553 271685.



[Pastoral Letter from Bishop John for the Feast of Christ the King](#)

(If you prefer to listen to his letter
there is an audio version here:

[Audio of Bishop's Pastoral](#)

Have you got time to check out
[St John Southworth Facebook](#)
page and leave a like or two?



Mass schedule for this coming week, commencing Monday, 23rd November

Monday 23rd Nov	Tuesday 24th Nov	Wednesday 25th Nov	Thursday 26th Nov	Friday 27th Nov	Saturday 28th Nov	Sunday 29th 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](#)



[Monica's Children's Liturgy Video for this Weekend](#) – As ever, filmed on location at Vaughan Street!

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

[Click here to join in with the online ZOOM Methodist Service which takes place at 10.30am on Sunday](#)

The Telephone Mass!

You can listen-in to the recorded Mass from Middlesbrough Cathedral at any time, 24 hours a day. Just phone **01642 130120**.

There is no charge beyond that of a local call.

Mass Intentions

Rhoda J. Settle Anniv, 15th Nov
Vieva Halpin, Anniv, 22nd Nov
Holy Souls, R.I.P.

Caritas Diocese of Salford – Advent Appeal 2020

At this time of year, Caritas Salford traditionally begins a winter appeal for donations. Please use the following link to visit:

[Caritas Salford website](#)

to watch a short film about how Caritas helped Rochelle, Quinton and Nikki and to make a small donation by debit or credit card if you are able. Please continue to remember in your prayers all the staff, volunteers and beneficiaries of Caritas services this winter. Thank you.

Book of Remembrance

23 Nov, Mary Jane D'Arcy
29 Nov, Robert Halstead.



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

THE BIG CLEAN UP.

Thankfully, the work on the outside roof at Vaughan Street is now complete. We just need to get the ceiling inside sorted where there is some water damage.

The cleaning team from Vaughan St came along on Tuesday to give the Church and the Hall a good spring-clean - the first time since March! The Blessed Sacrament is still reserved in the Tabernacle so it is nice to make it look like a cared-for Church again. Quite a few benches had to be moved when it was raining in, but now all is back in place. It would be lovely if we could have a service there again soon. Thank you team! Ian



[More pics of the Big Clean Up - click here!](#)