



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

During Advent we want to be thinking about prayer. Or, better still, we want to be praying!

I would like to offer a few personal reflections on prayer which might just help us along. First of all, my own experience of prayer is different on different days, and varies according to my mood, or what's on my mind, or what's going on in my life.

There is one experience of prayer, however, which never seems to be far from me—the experience of prayer as 'waiting'. Waiting for what? Well, I'm not quite sure! Waiting for a new opportunity, waiting for something to happen which will help me on in my life, waiting for a difficult situation to come to an end... it could be anything really.

But, in faith, we know that all waiting is always, ultimately, a waiting for God, waiting on God, waiting for God to reveal himself, waiting for God to do something! And the most exciting experience of faith and prayer is that of waiting for God to do something that we know we can't do for ourselves—waiting for a miracle!

What do we do while we are waiting? Well, for me, that's not such an important question. As long as I stay in the place of prayer or remain in the attitude of prayer, then prayer is happening. I'm waiting for God, and my faith tells me that He's on his way!

How long am I prepared to wait for? Well it depends on how much I desire to be there when the Lord turns up to give me what I need! Let's just imagine that we really love somebody; how long would we be prepared to wait for them?

That's my Advent prayer today: that we'll all be able to wait for as long as it takes!
The Lord has turned up before, we're sure that he will show up again!

May the Lord's Advent Blessings be ours!

Fr Gerard



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

[Fr Gerard shares a thought for today on
Bolton FM Radio](#)



Click the box to make
a secure online donation to the
parish!

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



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 schedule for this coming week, commencing Monday, 30th November

Monday 30th Nov	Tuesday 1st Dec	Wednesday 2nd Dec	Thursday 3rd Dec	Friday 4th Dec	Saturday 5th Dec	Sunday 6th Dec
SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 6.30pm	SH 10.00am	SH 11.45am	SH & CC 9.30am

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

We return to the online booking system for Sunday Masses:

(Remember: Book just ONE place for a either a person or a household group)

[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 5th December at 6.30pm](#)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 6th December at 9.30am](#)

Catholic/Methodist online Zoom Faith-Sharing Meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm.

We will have four meetings on the Tuesdays of Advent. I will send out a link and a piece of Scripture to all those who have previously attended. If you would like to come along, please email me using the email at the top of the newsletter, and I will send you a link and some words to explain what happens.

Book of Remembrance

- Dec 1 John Craig Haworth
- Dec 2 Leon Emery
- Dec 2 Myles Wm D'Arcy
- Dec 3 Harvey Maden Burnett
- Dec 5 Nellie Sharkey
- Dec 6 Mary J Stockton



The Book of Remembrance, with its display cabinet, was commissioned to celebrate the Centenary of Holy Trinity, Brierfield in 1996, the cost being covered by fundraising.

When Holy Trinity was closed, the Parish was amalgamated into St John Southworth's. The B o R was offered to, and adopted by, the Parish, and has since been the Book of Remembrance for deceased relatives and friends of Parishioners.

Entries are made in the book at no cost, by request from members of the Parish. Apart from deceased clergy, no titles, awards or decorations are referred to, since all are equal in the eyes of the Lord!

Requests for entries can be made by giving details of the person's name, date of death and age to Father Gerard or Ray Whalley. As stated above, no charge is made, but people may make a donation to Parish Funds if they wish. Ray

Monica's Children's Liturgy Video for this Weekend

Filmed on location at Vaughan Street!



POUND DRAW

So here we go again with the Pound Draw! We had a great start after the last LOCKDOWN, let's see if we can keep it going. Starting again at Mass next Sunday, 6th December.

So far, we have had 42 people taking up the option of buying multiple weeks and then another 20 or so putting in weekly which is great, thanks very much. This has made the difficult decision to stop the BONANZA DRAW a bit easier for the Parish Finances.

At this stage we should thank WILF ECCLES for his perseverance every year for the last 40 years in making such a great success of the Bonanza Draw, thanks Wilf!! He is helping out with the Pound draw now, along with Jack Manley.

Multiple week people will be contacted in next few weeks to see if you want to update your entries or you can ask us at the back of church to see when yours runs out. Hope you all lucky!!

Mass Intentions

Cecilia Allen, died recently
 Jack Brady, Anniv, 7th Dec
 Joseph Pemberton, Anniv, 28th Nov
 Holy Souls, R.I.P.