



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st January 2021

*We welcome our visiting priest this weekend:
Fr Gavin Landers*



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[St John Southworth's Facebook Page](#)

Live-streamed Masses: All week, 10.00am:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

First of all, many thanks to everyone for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers, and for the many kind words and cards I have received over this last seven months. My health has been something of an overriding concern for me during this time, but I have now arrived at what feels like a much better place.

I continue with the immunotherapy treatment, but the doctors won't call me for another camera investigation until five-months' time. This reassures me that everything is well under control, and I am deeply grateful to the NHS for their marvellous work.

Unfortunately, the pandemic is still preventing so much of our social interaction which is the very fabric into which our faith is interwoven. The secular news will often remind us of how families are suffering under the lockdown restrictions, but as Christians we have the same concern for our parish communities where the, probably weaker, bonds of relationship can so easily be stretched beyond their vital elasticity. When I consider that I have never ever even seen the vast majority of the Catholics in my own parish, I realise that mountain boots will be required for my ongoing ministry here!

This week we bring *Caritas*—the Catholic Church's umbrella organisation for all its social outreach programmes and initiatives—to our attention. In a sense, *Caritas* serves the Church's broadest understanding of family by showing concern to all those in need, whoever they may be!

One rather amusing lockdown development is that of the live-streamed Facebook Mass. The video from 25th January, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, now registers nearly 900 views! Who would have thought that St John Southworth's parish was the place from which to launch an international preaching ministry! Life is certainly very strange, and God's ways even more unfathomable!

Let us be grateful in counting our blessings, and generous in sharing from all that we have received.

Take care and God bless,

Fr Gerard

Book of Remembrance

Feb 1 James Waterworth
Feb 4 Margaret Frodsham
Feb 5 John Spain.



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

[Monica's Children's Liturgy Video](#) (click) for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 1st February 2021

| Monday 1st Feb | Tuesday 2nd Feb | Wednesday 3rd Feb | Thursday 4th Feb | Friday 5th Feb | Saturday 6th Feb | Sunday 7th Feb |
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| SH No Mass | SH Mass online | SH 10.00am | SH 6.30pm | SH Mass online | SH No Mass | SH (Booking) 9.30am |
| CC 10.00am | Feast of the Presentation CC 10.00am | CC 10.00am | CC 10.00am | CC 10.00am | HS (Booking) 6.30pm CC No Mass | CC (Booking) 9.30am |
| SH = Sacred Heart | | CC = Christ Church | | | HS= Holy Saviour's | |

Online booking for Sunday Masses (booking available from 11.00am on previous Sunday)
[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 6th February at 6.30pm](#) (Good Shepherd Newsletter)
[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 7th February at 9.30am](#) (click on link)

| Sunday Mass, 9.30am | Reader 1 + Psalm | Reader 2 + Bidding Prayers |
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| This weekend: 31 st January | Margaret Needham | Joan Penny-Heys |
| Next weekend: 7th February | Roger Lee | Margaret Borman |

Mass Intentions

John Hartley, died recently.
John & Catherine Haythornthwaite



Caritas Sunday.

Thank you to our parishes for sharing Bishop John's recent pastoral letter and for holding a retiring collection to mark Caritas Sunday this weekend 30th/31st January. We are deeply appreciative of your support in these difficult circumstances. We have also made it easier for parishioners to make a one-off debit or credit card donation online via our secure website:

[Donate to Caritas Salford](#)

or set up a direct debit mandate if you wish.

You can also call Rachel Taylor on 0161 817 2285

Your donation will help us to continue to deliver an immediate response to those in most urgent need.

The Christ Church Methodist Mission and Care Team will be holding a *Zoom Quiz* on Friday, 26th February 2021 at 2.00pm. The cost will be £5 per person and all proceeds are for the Methodist Mission Fund. The *Zoom* contact details will be published nearer the time. You can support this vital work by sending your details to either Jill or Paul should you wish to join the Quiz.

Jill - jilldugdale@virginmedia.com

Paul - paul10248@yahoo.co.uk



As you know, I am deeply ecumenical, but we can't allow the Methodists to win this one! Come on, Catholics, sign up! (Fr Gerard)

POUND DRAW.

Winners this week: £10 Khuram Javed
£10 Sarah Ellison

£61 to Parish Funds. Thank you.



Sunday Prayer Resource
"The Lord's Day at Home"

[The 4th Sunday
in Ordinary Time](#)



School Chaplain

Dates: Apply by: 12 noon, Friday 5 February 2021

Interview date: Wednesday 10 February 2021

Salary: Grade 6 (£21,748 - £25,481) Pro-rata, term time only.

Hours: We are supportive of applications from candidates who would prefer a part-time role.

Contract type: Permanent

Location: Colne, Lancashire

Fisher More is a thriving, oversubscribed, comprehensive Catholic school, proud of its heritage and success, and always striving for improvement.

We wish to appoint a Chaplain who can help and nurture our Catholic community to further develop our relationship with God.

The successful candidate will be a practising Roman Catholic. They will be extremely enthusiastic and demonstrate skills that will enable our young people to feel inspired and challenged. They should be creative, imaginative and possess a flair for promoting the Gospel values in an accessible way. They must have high standards in their own work and have experience of working successfully with young people.

We are seeking a team player who has the drive and ability to support and promote the Catholic ethos of the school as well as contributing towards the highest quality educational experience for all pupils in our care.

For further information please contact the school, email atkins.a@fishermore.lancs.sch.uk or visit our website (<http://www.fishermore.lancs.sch.uk>). Completed application forms outlining your relevant training, experience and vision for the role should be submitted to the Headteacher by 12 noon on Friday 5 February 2021.

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