



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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**The 11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

13th June 2021



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I had been planning to have a couple of days away, but with the most recent developments on the Covid front, I've changed my mind! It would seem that in the Lancashire area we are all but in continuing lockdown! Government directives have not been lifted but have been softened to now being referred to as 'advice'. However, we all have the principles firmly established in our minds by now: the more travel and socialising takes place, the more the rate of transmission increases!

This period of time could be compared to the 'ploughing of the land'. All that was settled and peaceful has been brutally ripped apart. Without warning, and with no preparation, the world has been deeply disturbed in every possible way. I have always thought that the unplanned and unexpected twists and turns in life create far more impact upon us than our carefully thought-out, and probably rather unimaginative, plans. However, after the tumultuous events of this pandemic period of time, we will find that new opportunities will arise for us as we scramble to put normality back together again.

The Gospel this weekend speaks of the mustard seed as providing us with a clue to identifying ways in which God promotes the growth of his kingdom in the world, or, from another perspective, the ways in which he makes his way into our personal hearts and minds.

So, let's bring these thoughts together: our lives have been ploughed over by the deeply distressing events of this last year, and the Lord is always on the lookout for opportunities to plant new seeds! Now, this is a recipe for real excitement about our current situation when viewed through the eyes of faith and grasped in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Many new habits and routines might be already establishing themselves in our lives, and we need to be vigilant in discerning whether they are developing from the promptings of the Spirit or whether we have found ourselves just drifting into patterns of behaviour which are not really productive for us.

I can't emphasise enough that it is in prayer that we come into contact with the deeper rhythms and movements of life. The prayer I am speaking of is the prayer of simply being with the Lord—allowing the Spirit to just rinse through our thoughts and feelings, asking him to cleanse and wash away all that serves no purpose within us, and to irrigate all that he wishes to see growing and bearing fruit.

Having celebrated the great feasts of Pentecost, the Most Blessed Trinity, and Corpus Christi, we enter once again into Ordinary Time, but for the person of faith, there are no ordinary days, only days filled with the mystery of God's presence and activity!

With God's blessing upon you and your families,

Fr Gerard

Mass Schedule for week beginning Monday 14th June, 2021

Monday 14th June	Tuesday 15th June	Wednesday 16th June	Thursday 17th June	Friday 18th June	Saturday 19th June	Sunday 20th June
For times of Masses and booking at Sacred Heart, click here.						HS 11.15am (booking)
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00	CC 10.00am	CC No Mass	CC 9.30am (booking)

Online booking for upcoming Masses

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 20th June, 9.30am](#) (click on link)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Holy Saviour's, 20th June, 11.15am](#) (click on link)

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 6th June	Leroy Philbrook	Maggie King
Next week: 13th June	Maureen Rawlinson	Roger Lee

Lilian Price

We received the sad news this week that Lilian Price, Fr John Price's mother, died last weekend. Lilian, known to many at St John Southworth's, lived in Barnoldswick and was in her very late nineties. We pray eternal rest upon her soul, and for God's blessing upon Fr John and all Lilian's family at this time.

Monica's Children's Liturgy Video

What does the mustard seed have to teach us?



Mass Intentions

Barbara & Sophy Bellis, special intention.
Mildred and George Hodson, anniv.

Book of Remembrance

June 14 Daniel Donnelly
June 17 Alice Newall
June 17 Josephine Kelly
June 18 Edward Harrison
June 18 Mgt. Lesley Nolan
June 18 Leo Tansey
June 20 George Hodson



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

ANNUAL RETREAT at the BRIERY, ILKLEY.

This year, the parish retreat will take place on the weekend of Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th October.

£135.00 for the weekend with single rooms, lift etc. Saturday afternoon free in town.

Transport by own car - lifts can be arranged.

£10.00 deposit.

Dietary requirements—inform Sue on booking.

Refresh your soul as well as your body!
You will enjoy this experience!

Contact Sue Barnes on 01282 618231 for further details.

POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Anne Proctor; £10 Sheila Pollard;
£10 returned to Parish Funds;
£58 Towards Parish funds.

Thanks very much.



Church Collection

Last week's collection: £345.00
Standing Orders: approx. £305 p/w.
CAFOD Box: £105.00