



## St John Southworth's RC Parish

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**Nelson**

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## The Feast of All Saints



**31st October 2021**



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Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Have you ever felt really interested, enthusiastic, involved, and committed to anything or anybody, in such a way that you would do anything, pay any amount, or travel anywhere to fulfil a particular idea, ambition, or dream? This power which emerges from the heart is a human passion which when taken up into faith becomes a supernatural driving force blossoming into a desire for holiness!

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of All Saints when we put before us all those who have given their everything to serve Jesus, his Church, and his Kingdom. We remember the Saints, not so that we can sit back in our pews cherishing pious thoughts about them, but so that we too might be inspired and motivated to make progress in the very thing we were created for—to know, love, and serve God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength!

*Surely, anyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.*

*(1 John 3:3)*

Yours in the love of Jesus, Fr Gerard.

### NIGHT FEVER!

Just to keep in our minds, and our prayers, the **Night Fever** event which will take place on the evening of Friday 3rd December from 6.00—8.00pm. As described in last week's newsletter, this event is a time of prayer and evangelisation. The prayer is the prayer of adoration and intercession before the Blessed Sacrament. The evangelisation aspect is ever so simply inviting those passing by in the local streets to take a moment to light a candle in the church.

"Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Good News," says Jesus. Lord, help us to take that first step out of the church door!

### Looking Ahead

On the Fridays of Advent, we will reintroduce the CAFOD soup-lunch which will follow on from Mass which will be at 12.00 noon on those days. We will begin on Friday 26th Nov, just before Advent begins.

### Becoming a Catholic

We have two people who would like to begin finding out more about the Catholic faith, with a view to being received into the Church next Easter.

This might be a good time to put the word out to others who may be interested in joining us. Some people might be Catholics already, but in search of a renewed contact with the Church, and a new beginning with the Lord.

In Advent, we will begin a formal process of introduction to the life of the Church, and instruction in the ways of Faith.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, then do invite them to think about taking up this invitation and opportunity.

May the **Holy Spirit** prompt us, and enable us, to be a people of outreach, invitation and welcome!

**Parents and Toddlers:** Each Wednesday from 9.45am - 11.00am at Christ Church.

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 1st November, 2021

Monday 1st November	Tuesday 2nd November	Wednesday 3rd November	Thursday 4th November	Friday 5th November	Saturday 6th November	Sunday 7th November
<a href="#">For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.</a>						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	Confessions (see below)	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 31st October	Roger Lee	Margaret Needham
Next week: 7th November	Jeremiah	Zachariah

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** This coming Sunday, 31st October

### Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

On the final Saturday of the month I have been offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sacrament, when entered into with a sincere and repentant heart, brings about a cleansing and strengthening of the soul.

Another remedy for promotion of our spiritual and physical wellbeing is the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament finds its true meaning as a means by which Jesus continues his ministry of healing in the Church.

For this reason, I am now offering the opportunity to receive either or both of these Sacraments on the final Saturday of each month. **THIS COMING SATURDAY, 30th October, 11.00am—12 noon**

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 S. Haythornthwaite  
 £10.00 G. Fiorentini  
 £10.00 L. Goddard  
 £55.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Nov 1st Eric Oliver  
 Nov 2nd Carol Mary Whalley  
 (Ray Whalley's baby sister, 1944 )  
 Nov 3rd George Bradshaw  
 Nov 6th Irene Wetherall  
 Nov 7th Harry Sumner  
 Nov 7th Cecelia Allen.  
 (organist at St John Southworth's for many years)



*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.*

### CHURCH COLLECTION

24th October: £222.00  
 Standing Orders: approx. £335 p/w.

### Voice in Action (click for more info)

Michael Hargreaves will be returning to Christ Church on **Saturday 11th December** from 10.00am till 12.00noon to continue working with our readers (including parishioners from the Good Shepherd parish, and members of the Christ Church Methodist Community). Reading is such an important service to the parish community that we have a duty to be the best we can be. Michael describes these sessions as 'Master Classes' in which even the best readers can be improved!

### Mass Intentions

Mike Kenny, RIP.  
 Michael Hargrave, died recently.  
 Pomini Alfonso, 50th anniv, 12th Oct.  
 James Sutton, b'day anniv, 23rd Oct.  
 Martin Brannan, died recently.  
 Elsie and Ernest Waring, RIP.  
 Alan Waddington, RIP.  
 Thanksgiving.  
 Riley Family

# All Souls Cemetery

## (end of season) Special Report

Job well done! As Joe Winkley writes to his team, "It just shows what we can achieve when we work together!"

Why not pay a visit to the beautiful and peaceful cemetery for a breath of fresh air and a moment of prayer—particularly during the month of November when we pray for those who have died?

*Forgetfulness of death leads to forgetfulness of God!*



John Cooke, one of the star workers at All Souls, teams up with Fr Gerard and Joe Winkley who work together both in the church and in the cemetery.

*The distinctions between the spiritual and the physical blur and blend when we serve the Lord according to our gifts, opportunities, and availability in whatever needs present themselves to us.*

The Lord provides the rainbow, arcing over the cemetery, which we receive as a sign of his favour and blessing.

*To 'bury the dead' is a corporal work of mercy which finds its ongoing expression in care for the place of rest, and respect for the families of the bereaved.*

*May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN*

