



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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2nd Sunday of Advent



5th December, 2021



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NIGHT FEVER!

Just to remind you of our **Night Fever** event which will take place this evening, Friday 3rd December from 6.00—8.00pm. As described in last week's newsletter, this event is a time of prayer, reconciliation, and evangelisation. You can pop in at any time, and stay for as short or long a time as you wish.

This is a Deanery initiative which will be attended by a number of priests who will be available for Confessions. We also have a number of "apostles" who will go out in pairs to find people to invite to come into the church (a few words of guidance and instruction will be given to those willing to go out before they set off).

However, the evening is essentially a time of prayer, in this Advent season, when we are invited to make that effort to come down to church and pray for ourselves, our families, our parish, and our world!

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world, and the Liberator of the captive;

You come to open the eyes of the blind, and to set us free from the bondage of sin.

Help us to see the stealthy approach of secular influence which seeks to form our minds according to ideas generated by the age-old temptation to be free from God's dominion.

Set us free from the seductive embrace of arms which promise comfort but seek only to capture our hearts so as to smother our faith.

Come, Lord Jesus, and help us to see who you are and to experience why we need you so urgently.

Help us to understand your birth that we may seek to understand your death—the radical solution to a desperate problem. AMEN.

May the blessings of Advent be yours, Fr Gerard



**C.A.F.O.D. Advent Soup-Lunch
this Friday (**today!**) and next,
after 12.00 noon Mass.**

It is with sadness that we hear the news of the death of Bernard Welsh. His funeral Mass will take place at Christ Church at 10.00am on Monday 20th December.

May Bernard, his trials of life over, now see the Lord face-to-face in the joy of his heavenly home.
AMEN

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

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 6th December, 2021

Monday 6th December	Tuesday 7th December	Wednesday 8th December	Thursday 9th December	Friday 10th December	Saturday 11th December	Sunday 12th December
For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00	CC 12.00 noon followed by Soup Lunch	10.00am - 1200 Readers' Training	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 5th December	Zachariah	Jeremiah
Next week: 12th December	Margaret Borman	Leroy Philbrook

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Every Sunday of Advent through until Christmas at 9.30am Mass

On Wednesday 8th December we celebrate the important Marian feast of the Immaculate Conception

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Dec 6 Mary Joan Stockton
 Dec 7 Jack Brady
 Dec 11 Charles Stockton
 William Darcy
 Bashir Varyam
 Dec 12 Thomas T Howarth
 Thomas B O'Donnell
 Florrie Wilson
 Dec 13 Joseph Heseltine.



POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Maureen Rawlinson
 £10.00 Eileen Spillane
 £10.00 Margaret Fiorentini
 £53.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



CHRISTMAS POUND DRAW

We are invited to put entries into the special Christmas Pound Draw with £100 being first prize and other prizes of £50, £25 and £15. The box will be near the usual Weekly Pound Draw box at the back of church.

The special Draw will take place after Mass on the 19th December in the cafe area. Once again, thanks for your support, and for making this year's Pound Draw a resounding success. Good Luck! Regards - Jack, Wilf, and Ian (The Last of the Summer Wine gang!)

Mass Intentions

John Craig Howarth, anniv, 1st Dec (1994)
 Special Intention

Readers' Workshops

Michael Hargreaves will be returning next weekend to Christ Church on **Saturday 11th Dec.** from 10.00am till 12.00 noon to continue working with our readers.

CHURCH COLLECTION

28th November: £139.00
 Standing Orders: approx. £335 p/w.

Synod: Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is including every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: "For a Synodal Church: *Communion, Participation, and Mission*". The Salford Diocese is now collecting responses from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can find out more, and take part by completing an online submission on this link. www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2.