



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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3rd Sunday of Advent



12th December, 2021



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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 ours, Fr Gerard



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

A Word from Joe Gibbons...

I am very grateful for all the telephone calls, the texts, emails, cards, calls and gifts.
I am now back on the road to recovery, it's slower than I anticipated, but gentle steps...
Thank you all, especially for your prayers, that is the one gift that costs 'your deeper thoughts', and they are really appreciated!
God Bless, Joe.

Get well soon, Joe!

Readers' Workshops

Michael Hargreaves will be returning to Christ Church **this weekend Saturday 11th Dec.** from 10.00am till 12.00 noon. We ask all our readers who have not had their 'second dose' to attend!

The funeral Mass for Bernard Welsh will take place at Christ Church at 10.00am on Monday, **20th** December.

Parents and Toddlers: Nativity presentation this Wednesday (15th Dec.) at 10.00am in church.

St John Southworth School

CONGRATULATIONS: In a recent OFSTED inspection, St John Southworth's has once again been judged to be a GOOD school. We thank all those who contribute to the life of St John Southworth's school, especially the Headteacher, Miss Jemma Stuttard and all the staff, for their commitment to the safety, well-being, and development of the pupils in their care. We keep them all in our prayers!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 13th December, 2021

Monday 13th December	Tuesday 14th December	Wednesday 15th December	Thursday 16th December	Friday 17th December	Saturday 18th December	Sunday 19th December
For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 9.15am	CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00	CC 12.00 noon followed by Soup Lunch		CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 12th December	Margaret Borman	
Next week: 19th December	Roger Lee	Monica McArdle

Please note: Wednesday Mass is at 9.15am followed by Toddlers Nativity at 10.00am

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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Dec 12th Thomas T Haworth
Thomas B O'Donnell
Florrie Wilson
Dec 13th Joseph Heseltine
Dec 14th Louis Gildea
Dec 16th Ellen Nolan
Dec 17th Annie Arnold.



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.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Sue Barnes
£10.00 S.M. Welsh
£10.00 Elliot Taylor
£ 66.00 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.

Mass Intentions

Denise Smith, I.d.
Bernard Welsh, I.d.
Alan Waddington, RIP.
Thomas Talbot Howarth, anniv, 12th Dec.
Louis Gildea, anniv, 14th Dec (2017).
Jack Brady, anniv, Dec 17th

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: 5.00pm (Children's Mass)
7.30pm
Christmas Day: 9.30am



CHURCH COLLECTION

5th December: £199.85
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.

GAUDETE! REJOICE! THE LORD IS NEAR!