



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Christmas Day



25th December, 2021



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Christmas story has an enduring attraction to it because we can find, written into the short Nativity drama, precious insights into the mind and heart of God.

First of all, we come to know God as a humble God who makes his entrance into the world without claiming any special rights or privileges for himself. He is content to spend his first night with us under the shelter and protection afforded by only a stable.

Secondly, God reveals himself to be a trusting God who entrusts himself, in Jesus, to the simple family care provided by Mary and Joseph. That which is genuinely divine can never be protected by force or might but responds generously to tender loving care.

And, thirdly, God is faithful to his promises to the people of Israel - to send a Messiah and King - these promises are now fulfilled in the person of Jesus.

However, the Christmas story really captures our hearts when, through the gift of faith, we realise that we ourselves are created in the image and likeness of God! We too can discover within ourselves a God-given capacity for humility, trust, and faithfulness when we allow the new-born King to be born into our hearts.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas, celebrating God in our midst.

Fr Gerard



Thank you to all who helped in making the Advent Soup Kitchen such a magnificent success: to all those who attended the Fridays, and to those who were unable to attend, but sent in donations.

We raised the tremendous sum of

£825.20p for the work of C.A.F.O.D.

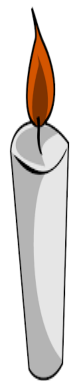
By far the best we have ever done!

Thanks again for your **GENEROSITY!**

The Soup Team. Happy Christmas!

A Christmas Prayer

The Light of Christ: a peaceful glow
The Light of Christ: a guiding truth
The Light of Christ: a searching beam
The Light of Christ: bright, shining truth
The Light of Christ: sparkling with joy
The Light of Christ: shining on me
The Light of Christ: leading me home.
(GK)



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Last chance before Christmas!

Tomorrow! Christmas Eve!

10.00am - 11.00am



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 27th December, 2021

Monday 27th December	Tuesday 28th December	Wednesday 29th December	Thursday 30th December	Friday 31st December	Saturday 1st January	Sunday 2nd January
For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 12 noon	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Funeral	CC 10.00am	CC 12 noon	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 26th December	Carol Hartley	Margaret Needham
Next week: 2nd January	Jeremiah	Zachariah

The Thursday morning funeral Mass is for Maureen Tipping, aged 83 years.

CHRISTMAS POUND-DRAW WINNERS

£100.00 Linda Shutt
 £50.00 Brian Sagar
 £25.00 Charlotte Hancox
 £15.00 Bernadette Whitaker



£ 497.00 towards Parish Funds.

Thanks again for making the Christmas Draw such a great success, Happy Christmas!
 Jack, Wilf, and Ian.

CHURCH COLLECTION

19th December: £173.10
 Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

Mass Intentions

John Condon, anniv, 25th Dec,
 and Peggy Condon, RIP
 Jack (John) Simm, b'day anniv, 26th Dec
 Thomas Donnelly, 3rd anniv, 26th Dec.
 Joan Simm, 1st anniv, 29th Dec
 Gerda McArdle, 2nd anniv, 30th Dec
 Mildred & George Hodson, anniv, 2nd Jan
 Thomas Emery, anniv.
 Valerie Emery, anniv.
 Leon Emery, anniv.
 Theresa Waddington, anniv.
 Bob Spillane, RIP.
 Holy Souls.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Dec 27th Edward Nolan
 Norah Seel
 Valerie Anne Emery
 Dec 29th Gwendoline Calvert
 John Whalley
 George McNamara
 Joan Simm
 Dec 30th Paula Louise Dunne
 Dec 31st Marion Eccles
 Mary Nolan
 Jan 1st Rev A A Baron
 Annie Nurden.



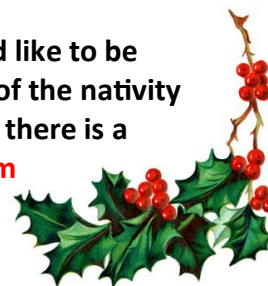
May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be a people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: 5.00pm (Children's)
 7.30pm

Christmas Day: 9.30am
 Boxing Day (Sunday) 9.30am

If you have a child who would like to be involved in the presentation of the nativity Gospel at 5.00pm Mass, then there is a **rehearsal** for them at **10.30am** on **Christmas eve**. Just come along for half an hour or so!



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS!