



**St John Southworth's RC Parish**  
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**2nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



**16th Jan 2022**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022**

**Tuesday 18th—Tuesday 25th Jan**

At the centre of the Christian faith stands the person of Jesus who calls us to follow him, not as individuals, but as members of one family. Although the Church is called to be a reflection of the life of the Trinity, in which three persons dwell in a perfection of loving communion, the reality with which we are faced can be something rather different!

Over the twenty centuries of history since Jesus walked the earth, the Church has been embroiled in the rise and fall of empires; it has courted favour with kings and queens of different nations; it has been distorted and sometimes dominated by the cultural influences of the particular time and place.

These challenges to the Church have taken their toll, and, although the Christian church is still here, it is battered and bruised, damaged and divided.

We now have our moment on the stage of history in which we can passively accept the way things are, or we can choose to draw close to Jesus and allow him to draw us into relationship with all his brothers and sisters who have given their hearts to him.

As St Augustine once said, something like: "For you, I'm a priest, with you, I'm a Christian"

God bless, Fr Gerard

*Fr Gerard is leading the Methodist Service  
at Christ Church at 11.00am  
this Sunday 16th Jan.*

*From the undivided waters of baptism  
we received the life-giving Spirit.*

*May the power of these waters draw us ever  
more deeply into the life of the undivided Trinity.*

*We ask you, Lord, to deepen our desire for unity  
in the Christian family, that we may witness to  
your love in our world.*

**AMEN**

**COMMUNITY LUNCH**

The next Community lunch will be on Tuesday, 25th January, 12.00noon, at Christ Church. The cost for this 2-course lunch with tea and coffee is just £4.00 per person. Everyone is welcome, and of course it's a new opportunity to find a friend or to be a friend!

**Welcome!**

*This weekend, we extend a warm welcome to  
Victoria Thompson-Hey who will be baptised on  
Sunday afternoon. We keep her mum and dad,  
Charlotte and Darren, in our prayers. May Victoria  
always know the love of God in her heart, and  
trust in God's ways as she makes her way through  
life!*

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 17th January, 2022

Monday 17th January	Tuesday 18th January	Wednesday 19th January	Thursday 20th January	Friday 21st January	Saturday 22nd January	Sunday 23rd January
<a href="#">For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.</a>						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
Requiem Mass 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00	CC 10.00am	RCIA 10.00am	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 16th January		Margaret Borman
Next week: 23rd January	Monica McArdle	Roger Lee

**Children's Liturgy :**    **This week:** Siobhan and Elaine                      **Next week:** Linda and Carmel

### FORMATION SERIES

There are lots of *Zoom* events provided by the Diocese to promote our interest and involvement in the life of the Church, beyond that of our own parish. The theme of a coming event is that of: *Synodality in the Universal Church* with Sr Nathalie Becquart, Wednesday 19th January 2022, 7:30pm. Sr Nathalie is the under-secretary of the Vatican Synod Office coordinating the Universal Synod 2021-2023. There will be chance to ask Sr Nathalie questions at the end. For more information and to register, just click here: [REGISTER HERE](#) (click)

### POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Margaret Hillary  
 £10 Jack Dempsey  
 £10. Sarah Southworth  
 £74 towards Parish funds, thank you very much.



### CHURCH COLLECTION

9th Jan 2022: £184.00  
 Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

## Synod

(a Church-wide consultation process)

Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission by following this link: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2).

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Jan 16th: Fr William Brierley  
 Paul Edmund Brady  
 John D Hartley  
 Jan 18th: Esther Rourke  
 Brian Campy



(Father Brierley, was PP at Brierfield, from 1944 to 1975)

*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.*

### REQUIEM MASS

The 10.00am Mass on Monday (17th) will be a Requiem Mass for John Raymond O'Donnell. May the Lord be with his daughter, Carmel, at this time, and may all his family be consoled by the Holy Spirit in their time of sadness.

### Mass Intentions

John Hallim, sick.  
 Paul Brady, anniv, Jan 16th.  
 Sarah Langton, 35th anniv, 16th Jan  
 Arthur Porter, 12th anniv, 16th Jan  
 John Hawthornthwaite, anniv, Jan 26th  
 Catherine Hawthornthwaite, anniv, Jan 28th  
 Peter McNamara, anniv.