



St John Southworth's RC Parish
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**4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



30th Jan 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This week, you will find, attached to this newsletter, a very important letter from the Bishop.

This letter is in response, in the first place, to my ongoing pleas to the Diocese that a formal decision be made about St John Southworth's church on Vaughan St.

The decisions about closure of this church building, however, must be considered in the wider context of the parish and church arrangements for the whole of Nelson and Colne.

In ongoing reflection over the last two years with Fr Peter Wilkinson, and on the advice of the Vicars General (Canon Michael Cooke and Fr Peter Hopkinson), it is proposed that we re-draw the parish boundaries along the border between Nelson and Colne. This would, in effect, create a Nelson parish which would include the two churches of Christ Church and Holy Saviour's.

This arrangement would seem reasonable in that, at present, Holy Saviour's church belongs to the parish of the Good Shepherd which unites it to the Sacred Heart church in Colne which is twice as far away as it is from the centre of Nelson.

On Tuesday 8th February at 7.00pm we will hold a meeting at Christ Church so that we might come to a collective response to what is proposed in the Bishop's letter. All members of both parishes (St John Southworth's and the parish of the Good Shepherd) are invited to attend.

If you would like to make a written response before the meeting, then you are most welcome to do so, and further responses might be made after the meeting.

Yours in the Lord,

Fr Gerard

Weekly activities at Christ Church.
Everybody welcome!

Wednesdays:

Toddlers' Club: 9:45am - 11:15am. Only 50p per child including drink and snack. All preschool children and their parents/carers are welcome.

"Talk and Do" Group: 10:30am till 12:30pm
£2 per session.

Fridays:

Exercise Class: 11am - 12noon, £4 per session.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Community Lunches are held on alternate Tuesdays at Christ Church.

The next Community Lunch will be on Tuesday,
8th February, 12.00 noon

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!

Just come along, no need to book (or cook!)

Highly recommended!

See you there! (GK)



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 31st January, 2022

Monday 31st January	Tuesday 1st February	Wednesday 2nd February	Thursday 3rd February	Friday 4th February	Saturday 5th February	Sunday 6th February
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 10.00am	RCIA 10.00am	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 30th January	Monica McArdle	Carol Hartley
Next week: 6th February	Jeremiah	Zachariah

Children's Liturgy : **This week:** Linda and Carmel **Next week:** Barabara and Wendy

FORMATION SERIES

Local reality of the Church in the Diocese of Salford with Bishop John Arnold

*Wednesday 9th February 2022, 7:30pm - 9pm
Cathedral Centre and Via Zoom*

Register here - [Bishop's Talk](#)

Sacramental Programme

In Lent, we will begin our Sacramental Programme for pupils who are in Year 3 and above who are baptised. I am now collecting names, through our two Catholic schools, of those who would like to participate. If there are potential candidates attending non-Catholic schools, then please email me contact details so that I might get in touch. Thank you, Fr Gerard.

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.

POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Madeline Manley

£10 Pauline Firman

£10 Roger Lee

£124 to Parish funds! A very big thank you!



We are very grateful for the extra donations parishioners give towards the running of the draw. We had three extra donations this week, thank you.

CHURCH COLLECTION

23rd Jan 2022: £162.00

Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

Mass Intentions

Doreen Webb, 1st anniv, 28th Jan.

Thanks for a gift received

On behalf of the parish of St John Southworth, I would like to gratefully acknowledge a bequest of £1,000 from the estate of the late Joan Simm. May she rest in peace, and may her family remember her with faith, love and affection.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 1st James Waterworth

Feb 4th Margaret Frodsham

Feb 5th John Spain



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.