



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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4th Sunday of Lent

14th March 2021

Laetare Sunday

(Mothers' Day)



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Happy Mothers' Day

May new mothers find joy, may young mothers find support, may elderly mothers find respect. May all mothers find love and prayers in the hearts of their children.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today, our rose-coloured priest's vestment is a reminder to us that even in the more difficult moments of our lives, we must not allow ourselves to lose the joy of the Gospel. Although we live in the certainty of a future filled with hope and glory, we are only too aware that the road to our glorious destiny leads through the Cross.

The Cross can be identified in our lives as anything which tempts us to believe that we are a people forgotten or abandoned by God. Regrets from the past, fears for the future, and difficulties in the present can weigh down our spirits leaving us wondering whether the joy, which we know our hearts are capable of, will ever be found.

If only we can realise that it's precisely in our sadnesses and sorrows that we are taken up more intimately into the heart of Jesus, then we find the strength to pick up our crosses and soldier on.

We are reminded in this weekend's Gospel that the Son of Man must be lifted up. This reference to the Cross of Christ, held high for all to see, teaches us that the Cross is a sign of certain victory without which we might know a comfortable life, yes, but never the joy of following Jesus!

Take care, and may the blessings of the Lenten season be ours.

Fr Gerard.

[3rd Lenten Reflection for Bolton FM](#)

This week you can listen to [Fr Frankie Mulgrew](#), a priest of the Diocese, talking about the amazing Sacrament of Reconciliation. When lockdown comes to an end, the provision of the opportunity to celebrate this Sacrament will be a top priority for me!

"Mummy, Mummy, what's it like being the mummy of the best daughter in the world?"
"Oh, you'd better ask Grandma!" (R.W.)



This week, we have sent a cheque for £740 to CAFOD which represents quite a magnificent effort on the part of the parish. Just looking through the parish cheque-book, I see that we have sent £1,483 to CAFOD since the beginning of December. We pray that the money will be well used to bring relief to those who suffer from poverty of every kind, especially in these pandemic times.



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 15th March, 2021

Monday 15th March	Tuesday 16th March	Wednesday 17th March	Thursday 18th March	Friday 19th March	Saturday 20th March	Sunday 21st March
SH No Mass	SH Mass online	SH 10.00am (Booking)	SH 6.30pm (Booking)	SH Mass online	SH No Mass	SH (Booking) 9.30am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am (followed by Exposition)	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	HS (Booking) 6.30pm	CC (Booking) 9.30am

SH = Sacred Heart

CC = Christ Church

HS= Holy Saviour's

Online booking for **Sunday Masses** (booking available from 11.00am on previous Sunday)

[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 20th March at 6.30pm](#) (Good Shepherd Newsletter)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 21st March at 9.30am](#) (click on link)

Sunday Mass, 9.30am	Reader 1 + Psalm	Reader 2 + Bidding Prayers
This weekend: 14th March	Margaret Needham	Joan Penny-Heys
Next weekend: 21st March	Roger Lee	Margaret Borman



POUND DRAW



Winners this week: £10 Mary Mullarkey; £10 Roger Lee; £10 Bernadette Whittaker.

£66 towards Parish Funds

To celebrate the great Feast of Easter and to thank all those of you who have re-joined the POUND DRAW in such great numbers since lockdown, the 'COMMITTEE' have made a major decision to have three different prizes on Easter Sunday in place of the usual three £10 prizes. So, on EASTER SUNDAY, 4th April, there will be a first prize of £100, (ONE HUNDRED POUNDS!!), a second prize of £25, and a third prize of £15.

Good luck to you all. Obviously, if you want to put extra pound-envelopes in for this particular draw, feel free. Might be good time to treat the grandchildren!! Thanks again for all your support; it has been a great bonus for Parish funds during these strange times.



THE COMMITTEE - Jack, Wilf, and Ian.



The online Faith-sharing meeting

I have invited a special mystery guest to join us at the Zoom Meeting on Tuesday at 7.00pm. If you would like to come along, then email me and I'll send you a link! Come on, stop missing out!

[Monica's Children's
Liturgy Video](#)



Book of Remembrance

March 16 Margaret Horner
 March 17 Norah Moran
 March 18 Bernadette Reilly
 March 18 Elizabeth Littlefair
 March 18 Margaret Trainor
 March 20 Fr M Hannan. (PP Holy Trinity 1941-42)



May they rest in peace, AMEN

Mass Intentions

Bernadette Reilly, 15th anniv, 18th March

Church Collection

Last week's collection : £120.85
 Standing Orders: approx. £285 p/w .
 Many thanks!