



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Palm Sunday



28th March 2021



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are entering into the week which is referred to as Holy Week. It's a holy week because it's a week during which we turn our attention, as fully as we are able, to the person of Jesus—the One who alone is the Holy One, the One who alone is the Lord.

It's in this week that Jesus, who is the fount of all holiness, steels himself to surrender to the will of the Father, that the love of the Father may be fully expressed in his Sacrifice as he lays down his life for his friends.

Our attendance at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is our way of being with Jesus as he prepared, with his disciples, for his agonising passion. Our attendance at the Good Friday service is our way of expressing our faith in the power of the Cross of Christ.

At the Easter Vigil we express our desire to allow the victorious Light of Christ to shine through our lives.

Take care, and may the blessings of Holy Week be ours. Fr Gerard.

First Holy Communion Programme

With the expected lifting of some of the Covid restrictions in the coming weeks and months, I am now beginning, after Easter, a preparation programme for First Holy Communion children.

The parents of children from Holy Trinity school and St John Southworth's, in Year 3 or above, who have expressed interest, have now been contacted, but if there are any Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools who would like to participate then their parents can contact me on the email above.

I have 29 children registered so far, and a team of 5 catechists to help to lead the course. We know that this is all the Lord's work which can be accomplished only by the power of the Holy Spirit. Please do remember parents, children, and team in your prayers!

We pray for those who are sick

We remember in our prayers Bob Spillane who is seriously ill, and we pray also for Eileen and the children at this worrying time for them. We also keep Irene Sumner in mind as she continues her stay in Blackburn Hospital. May the Lord Jesus reach out to all who are sick, with healing in his hands and consolation in his embrace.

AMEN



THE POUND DRAW



Winners this week: £10 Carl Hammond, £10 Sheila Pollard, £10 Ian Dempsey (Sorry!).

With the AVALANCHE of £1 envelopes put into the **ONE HUNDRED POUND EASTER DRAW** so far, the Committee have added an **extra prize of £50** to this particular Draw. Thank you, it gives us a GREAT lift



when it is a success! We can't make up our minds if our Parishioners are the most generous in the Diocese or they just like a FLUTTER!!! Jack, Wilf and Ian. 😊



Service Schedule for week beginning Monday 29th March, 2021

Monday 29th March	Tuesday 30th March	Wednesday 31st March	Thursday 1st April	Friday 2nd April	Saturday 3rd April	Sunday 4th April
SH No Mass	SH Mass online	SH 10.00am (Booking)	SH 7.00pm (Booking)	3.00pm Good Friday Service (Booking)	7.00pm Vigil (booking)	11.15am Holy Saviour's (Booking)
CC 10.00am Exposition after Mass	CC Funeral Mass Jean Cunliffe 10.30am	CC 10.00am	CC (booking) Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm	CC (booking) Good Friday Service 3.00pm	CC (booking) Easter Vigil 7.00pm	CC (booking) 9.30am
SH = Sacred Heart				CC = Christ Church		

Online booking for upcoming Masses and Services

(bookings open for all Services for the next two weeks from 10.30am on Sunday, 21st March)

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

[Mass of the Lord's Supper, Thursday, 1st April, at 7.00pm](#) (click on link)

[Good Friday Service, 2nd April, 3.00pm](#) (click on link)

[Easter Vigil, Saturday, 3rd April, 7.00pm](#) (click on link)

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

[9.30am Mass, Sunday, 4th April](#) (click on link)

Easter Greeting Cards

are available at the back of church - a way to keep in touch with family and friends and to proclaim our Faith at the same time - WIN WIN!

The CAFOD box continues to be well-fed!
Another £148.50 has been received to go to the people of the world in most need. Thankyou!

An appeal from the Food Bank at CC for: **plastic carrier bags** and **6-egg egg-boxes**.

Contributions can be put in the wicker box at the back of church. Thank you. *Elena*.

Church Collection

Last week's collection : £201.50
Standing Orders: approx. £285 p/w .
Many thanks!

I would like to acknowledge two generous donations to the parish of £500 and £200.
May the Lord, who cannot be outdone in generosity, richly reward all our benefactors!

Book of Remembrance

March 31st Mary Fallows
March 31st Anne Moran
April 1st Mary Ellen McCarthy
April 4th John Richardson
April 4th Lilian Baldwin



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

Greening of the Cross

Although there will not be a formal gathering for the Greening of the Cross this year, we are invited to bring some flowers down to Church on Easter Sunday which David Lambert will use to Green the Cross. The splendidly decorated Cross will speak to passers-by of our Christian joy in the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus.

[5th and Final Lenten Reflection for Bolton FM](#)

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

Phoebe wants to celebrate Palm Sunday!

