



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Trinity Sunday



30th May 2021



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we re-enter Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical year, I have some observations to make about some of our rather ordinary church practices, customs, and habits. The change in behaviours brought about by the pandemic guidelines and restrictions do give us some food for thought; but it really is amazing how we do get used to new ways of doing things, and even begin to see the value of doing things differently!

For example, when Masses began to take place according to procedures which were compliant with Government legislation, I felt that Communion time was rather drawn out as members of the congregation came forward, one at a time, to receive the host. However, I have now come to appreciate that this more controlled approach leads to a more reverent and prayerful atmosphere in the church during Communion. Not that I am advocating maintaining this practice, but the practice of 'queueing up' for Communion is not exactly something that adds anything to the Liturgy!

Another observation which has a practical aspect to it, refers to the custom of taking a collection at the Offertory time of the Mass. The essential 'Offertory' is that of the gifts of bread and wine which expresses the desire of our hearts to be united to the Sacrifice of Christ when the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ in the Consecration. In recent months, however, the donation money has been collected in a box at the back of church and monies are placed into the box either on the way in or on the way out of church.

Once again, I notice that without the congregational searching for coins, notes, and envelopes, in pockets, purses and bags, actually during the Mass, the collection of money is not intruding on the Liturgy in such a way that it is a distraction from the essential offering of the heart and mind to the Lord. This is not to mention the embarrassment of being without cash as a basket is passed in our direction!

On this point, I would once again encourage the use of standing-orders which makes life so much easier. Cash has to be counted, bagged, recorded and taken to the bank every week! With standing-orders, once the form has been filled in there is no need to think about it again, and the bank do the major part of the accounting for us by sending the monthly bank statements. I can't think of the benefits to anyone in using the system of handling cash! I attach a standing order form to this email which I invite you, once again, to consider filling in to simplify our financial procedures.

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to some relief from pandemic restrictions, hopefully, in the very near future.

With every blessing in the name of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Fr Gerard

Mass Schedule for week beginning Monday 31st May, 2021

Monday 31st May	Tuesday 1st June	Wednesday 2nd June	Thursday 3rd June	Friday 4th June	Saturday 5th June	Sunday 6th June
For times of Masses and booking at Sacred Heart, click here.						HS 11.15am (booking)
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Exposition	CC 10.00am	CC No Mass	CC 9.30am (booking)

Online booking for upcoming Masses

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 6th June, 9.30am](#) (click on link)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Holy Saviour's, 6th June, 11.15am](#) (click to see Good Shepherd newsletter)

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 30th May	Margaret Needham	Joan Penny-Heys
Next week: 6th June	Jeremiah	Zachariah

Baptism

Next Saturday (5th June), Martha Pearson, daughter of Martin and Autumn will be baptised into our Parish community and into the Family of God. May this young family always find friendship and support here in the Parish. Our prayers are with you!

Monica's Children's Liturgy Video

Boris is thinking about the Trinity!



ADVANCE NOTICE

ANNUAL RETREAT at the BRIERY, ILKLEY.

This year, the parish retreat will be Friday 22nd October - Sunday 24th October.

Refresh your soul as well as your body! You will enjoy this experience!

Sue Barnes will give further details over the next few weeks.

POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 The Ellison's; £10 Pauline Firman;
£10 Linda Shutt. £52 towards Parish Funds.

Thank you very much!



Mass Intentions

Cian O'Leary, I.d.

Mark Randall, I.d.

Ann Atkins, b'day anniv, 31st May

John Warner, 1st Anniv, 8th June.

Dr Christopher Corbett, died recently.

Special Intention: Great niece and nephew making their first Holy Communion.

Church Collection

Last week's collection: £526.80
Standing Orders: approx. £305 p/w.

Book of Remembrance

May 31st, Grace Langstroth

June 1st, John Thomas Hudson

June 1st, Robert McManus

June 2nd Ethel Chippendale



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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at Christ Church this Saturday morning (29th May) from 10.00am until 11.30am.

