



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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**21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

22nd August 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we move towards September, I think we can now dare to think more positively about how life can begin to return to some sort of normality; the vaccine rollout seems to have created a strong, although not impregnable, resistance to the spread of the virus. We must continue with careful and sensible precautions, but we can now begin to look at areas of life which may have been rather neglected during this last eighteen months.

The first thing to say is that **when August comes to an end we will dispense with the booking system for Sunday Mass**. This system has worked very well for us, and I would like to thank everyone who has co-operated with this extra little thing to remember week after week. We will monitor the need for masks as we go along, but for now I think if masks are still to be worn in the supermarkets, then, in church, we should not be too hasty in putting this practice to one side.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. I thought that I might introduce some opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and offer availability on the **final Saturday of each month** to see how this works out.

Saturday Confessions: 11.00am - 12.00 noon			
28th August	25th September	30th October	27th November

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. I would like to resume a children's liturgy so that the little ones can have a more child-friendly experience at Sunday Mass. If you feel that this is something that you may be able to help with, then please email me. Hopefully, we can develop a team which can share responsibility. We might start with just a once-a-month provision so that it is not too daunting a step to begin with.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST. I have visited a number of housebound parishioners who would appreciate receiving Holy Communion at home. If you are already an Extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, or you feel that this is an area of ministry that you could contribute to, then please email me and we can arrange a planning meeting in the near future.

CHRIST CHURCH TODDLER GROUP. Christ Church Toddler Group is re-starting on Wednesday 8th September from 9:45 to 11:15am. 50p per child. The Toddler Group is a great place for parents and carers to find friends and support while the children enjoy their time together in a safe setting. Please mention this provision to any parents of small children you may know. All parents and carers with pre-school children are welcome.

Please do think carefully, and pray with an open heart, about how the Lord might be calling you to serve Him in the parish. If you have more ideas then please share them with each other and with me.

May the Lord bless us with his love and peace,

Fr Gerard

Mass Schedule for week beginning Monday 23rd August, 2021

Monday 23rd August	Tuesday 24th August	Wednesday 25th August	Thursday 26th August	Friday 27th August	Saturday 28th August	Sunday 29th August
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	CC 10.00am	Confessions 11 - 12.00	CC 9.30am (booking)

Online booking for upcoming Masses

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 29th Aug, 9.30am](#) (click on link)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Holy Saviour's, 29th Aug, 11.15am](#) (click on link for Good Shepherd newsletter)

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 22nd August	Maggie King	Margaret Needham
Next week: 29th August	Leroy Philbrook	Joan Penny-Heys

POUND DRAW WINNERS

- £10 Joe Winkley
- £10 Janet Starkie
- £10 Madelene Manley



£50 towards Parish Funds, thank you.

Please note those who put their envelopes into the draw on a Sunday should carry on doing so. They are allocated a number for the Bingo machine at the time of the draw. The draw takes place after the 10 o'clock Mass on a **TUESDAY**.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

- Aug 22nd Rev Alexander Smith
(PP Holy Trinity, 1916 to 1919)
- Aug 22nd Janet Wilkinson
- Aug 23rd John Dempsey
- Aug 25th Dorothy Harrison
- Aug 28th Milton Duckworth.



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.

We offer our prayers and congratulations to Andy and Vanessa as they bring their son, Noah, for baptism this weekend. May this sacramental seed of grace bring Noah to experience and recognise the love of God in his life.

CHURCH COLLECTION

15th August: £184.20
Standing Orders: approx. £315 p/w.
CAFOD: £70

Mass Intentions

Edward Reilly, 3rd anniv, August 21st

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN AFGHANISTAN AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Heavenly Father, source of all life and giver of every blessing.
We bring our troubled world before you, pleading for mercy.
May the suffering of Christ your Son not be in vain, that we may cry out to receive the graces he has won for us by his sacrifice on the Cross.
May we bring our prayer to you with hearts full of love for all those with whom we share our world.
AMEN.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday, 31st August, 7.00pm

Welcome Service at Christ Church for the new Methodist minister, Rick Ormrod. We pray that Rick will be very happy in his new post and that the one the Lord is sending to us will bring us many blessings.

Saturday, 2nd October, 11.00am.

Annual Mass and blessing of graves at All Souls cemetery.