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**6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



13th Feb 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The parish meeting held at Christ Church on Tuesday evening was conducted in very good order, in a spirit of friendship and harmony. It would seem that the proposal to close St John Southworth's church, and to incorporate Holy Saviour's church within an extended parish boundary, was generally understood to be a sensible move, and this was accepted by the meeting.

The report from the meeting will now be sent to the Bishop who will initiate the Diocesan processes which need to be put in place to formalise the decisions: to re-draw the parish boundary according to the norms of Canon Law, and for the proper disposal of the building.

It is within these processes of change that the Holy Spirit can do his best work as we ask him to give us vision for the future; human thinking and strategizing can take us some way down the road, but we do absolutely need divine inspiration if we are not to waste time, money, and effort.

Fortunately, I have been celebrating Mass at Holy Saviour's on alternate Sundays for nearly eighteen months (freedom from lockdowns permitting!) so I am not an unfamiliar face at Holy Saviour's, and I have got to know a good number of those who attend that church. Our shared 'Days for Readers' have also helped to put a bridge in place between the two churches of Holy Saviour's and Christ Church.

For me, I am free from anxiety about what the future might hold for us, and I'm looking forward to experiencing how the Holy Spirit will surprise us with his blessings if we can keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, and we all do our utmost to be faithful to looking towards the needs of others. In these big decisions, our understanding of who 'the others' might be has to be all-encompassing of those who will inherit what we hand on to them!

May the Lord continue to bless us with everything we need,

Fr Gerard



This week, we made a payment of £306 to CAFOD, along with £15.00 in cheques made payable directly to CAFOD. Thanks, once again, to Mag Hillary who keeps her eye on the CAFOD box, and makes sure that all monies received are passed on efficiently to CAFOD.

Synod

(a Church-wide consultation process)

Anne-Marie Coppock has very kindly agreed to host a time of discussion and sharing on the questions presented to us by Pope Francis.

This session will take place at Christ Church on Friday 4th March at 11.00am. On that day, Mass will be at 12noon, and will be followed by our first Lenten soup kitchen.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 14th February, 2022

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| Monday 14th January | Tuesday 15th February | Wednesday 16th February | Thursday 17th February | Friday 18th February | Saturday 19th February | Sunday 20th 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 | NO MASS TODAY! | | CC 9.30am |

| Date | Reader 1 | Reader 2 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| This week: 13th February | Maggie King | Gerard King |
| Next week: 20th February | Carol Hartley | Maureen Rawlinson |

Children's Liturgy : **This week:** Elaine & Carmel **Next week:** Margaret B & Siobhan

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. (NB Not in half-term week)

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

Fridays:

Exercise Class: 11am - 12noon, £4.00

Sacramental Programme

In Lent, we will begin our Sacramental Programme for pupils 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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 14th Alexander Sumner (1951)
Feb 15th John Bookham (2020)
Feb 17th Frank Sharkey (2014)
Jack Lawrenson (2021)



May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN.

POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Sarah Ellison;
£10 Sarah Southworth;
£10 Gianluca Fiorentini;
£79 towards Parish funds, thanks very much.



BONANZA DRAW.

We would like to thank Wilf Eccles for all his work over the years, in running the Bonanza Draw along with his fellow agents. Wilf ran the Draw from 1972 to 2020! This is an extraordinary expression of commitment and faithful service to the Parish! This week he closed the Bonanza account and the amount of £114 was given to the Parish - thanks again Wilf! The Pound Draw has now become the main source of extra income for the Parish, we thank you for your continued support!

Mass Intentions

Hamida Bibi, died recently.
Ann Margorie Ling, died recently
Charlie O'Malley, b'day anniv, 14th Feb
Mary Kate & James McCarthy, RIP
James McCarthy, RIP
Mary and James Frazer, RIP
Thomas Quirke, RIP

CHURCH COLLECTION

6th Feb, 2022: £173.20
Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.