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**7th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



**20th Feb 2022**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I sometimes ponder on how the daily Mass at Christ Church is essentially a provision for the retired! At 10.00am in the morning, most people of working age are engaged in precisely that—they are out at work! This situation brings a couple of thoughts to mind: firstly, if we cater for only the retired, it doesn't seem to be such a great strategy for the future growth of the parish. Secondly, the Mass itself is thrown into a rather awkward perspective in that, if it is not more accessible, it cannot be presented as the heart and soul of the spiritual life of all Catholics. It is most certainly a radiant truth of our faith that the opportunity to participate in the Mass, when at all possible, should always outshine the attractiveness of any other non-essential activities.

With these thoughts in mind, and with the consideration that Holy Saviour's church will shortly become part of our parish, I intend, in the first place to offer a Mass on Ash Wednesday at 7.00pm at Holy Saviour's in addition to the regular morning Mass at Christ Church. My intention is then to maintain this pattern of Masses on all the Wednesdays of Lent. This will help us to see whether the provision of out-of-hours Masses is something desired or sustainable.

Fr Gerard



Coming soon...  
**THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS ON  
ASH WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH**

We have received a request from Belvedere Manor Care Home for a person to lead a short prayer service on a Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm from time to time. Please see Fr Gerard if you would like more details.

**Lenten Soup Kitchen**



This Lenten event will take place on all six Friday's during Lent, i.e 4th March through to 8th April. It is held in the cafe area at Christ Church.

A lovely way to observe fasting and almsgiving during Lent and a great help towards the work of C.A.F.O.D.

Always great home-made soups: plenty of choice and plenty to go round!  
Put the dates in the diary!

**SORRY! NO Community Lunch** this coming Tuesday due to sickness. 😞

Next Community Lunch will be on 8th March!

**No booking, no cooking!** ★★★★★ 😊

Christ Church, 12noon.

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 21st February, 2022

Monday 21st January	Tuesday 22nd February	Wednesday 23rd February	Thursday 24th February	Friday 25th February	Saturday 26th February	Sunday 27th February
<a href="#">For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.</a>						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00	CC 10.00am	No Mass	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This week:</b> 20th February	Monica McArdle	Maureen Rawlinson
<b>Next week:</b> 27th February	Margaret Borman	Carol Hartley

**Children's Liturgy :**    **This week:** Margaret B & Siobhan    **Next week:** Linda & Amanda

### Mass Intentions

Joan Morrison, died recently.  
 Sheila Morrisroe (died 16th Dec 2020)  
 and her husband, Patrick James Morrisroe  
 (died 29th Nov 2021)  
 Mary Winkley (for comfort and strength)  
 Jack Lawrenson, 1st anniv, 17th Jan.

### POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Eileen Spillane;  
 £10 Jack Dempsey;  
 £10 St John Southworth;  
 £81 towards Parish Funds, thanks very much.



### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 22nd Margaret Brierley (2021)  
 Feb 23rd John Sharkey,(1978 )  
 (Anne Whalley's father)  
 Feb 24th Patricia Tansey (2003)  
 Feb 27th Italo DiGeorgio (1984)



*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.*

### CHURCH COLLECTION

13th Feb, 2022: £204.20  
 Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

### 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.

### 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

### Food Bank

Thank you to all those who have been bringing in empty EGG BOXES over the last few months. The food bank no longer gives eggs away in the food parcels. So please don't bring any more. We have quite a stock of them if anyone wants them for their hens or ducks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
 Thank you.