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**8th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



27th Feb 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Dirt and dust, cinders and ashes! That is how we value and view everything which has lost its connection with the God who supplies light and life, vibrancy and growth!

We pour contempt on all our human achievements which serve only to puff us up with pride if we fail to remember that all we have is gift, and our gifts are to be used to give God glory!

Yes, the season of Lent opens on Wednesday as, on that Day of Ashes, we recognise that all is burnout and exhaustion without the constant input of new life provided by the Holy Spirit.

We are called to wake up to how we have been insulating ourselves from the radical call of the gospel by becoming overly dependent on earthly comforts. We have not taken seriously the call from Christ to give our lives to him, and, under his authority, to live our lives for others. We preferred an easier gospel of our own making which deafened us to the danger of self-dependence!

On Ash Wednesday we are all called to personally turn away from the sin of complacency and complicity with worldly standards and values: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." The ashes are not a devotional novelty, but a stark reminder that without listening to the voice of the Lord, our own bodies will one day crumble into dust without hope of resurrection.

Let's make our repentance real by choosing to take the road of sacrificial living: in prayer, fasting and generosity.

May God's blessing be upon us and our broken world, Fr Gerard

**Wednesday Evening Masses at
Holy Saviour's**

Throughout Lent I will be offering the Sacrifice of the Mass at 7.00pm each Wednesday evening. Any lack of desire to attend Mass cannot be described as the work of the Holy Spirit! We have to be careful that the secularisation of the world which deadens awareness of God, and our need for his help and guidance, is not at work deep within our own hearts. I hope that the Wednesday Lenten Masses will provide an opportunity for us to make a sacrifice of prayer!

A Message from Pope Francis'

"My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine.

'Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.'

We pray for peace. AMEN

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 28th February, 2022

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| Monday 28th February | Tuesday 1st March | ASH Wednesday 2nd March | Thursday 3rd March | Friday 4th March | Saturday 5th March | Sunday 6th March |
| For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here. | | | | | | Holy Saviour's 11.15am |
| CC 10.00am | CC 10.00am | CC 10.00am HS 7.00pm | CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00 | CC 12.00 noon | | CC 9.30am |

| Date | Reader 1 | Reader 2 |
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| This week: 27th February | Margaret Borman | Carol |
| Next week: 6th March | Jeremiah | Zachariah |

Children's Liturgy : **This week:** Linda & Amanda **Next week:** Carmel & Khuram

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 27th Italo di Georgio (1984)
 Feb 28th Elizabeth Holden (1981)
 Edwin Seel (1990)
 Mary Leatham (2020)
 Mar 2nd Matthew Kamran (2008)



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 Brian Clay
 £10 Shelagh Lebbon
 £10 Catherine Brady
 £81.00 towards Parish funds, thanks very much.



CHURCH COLLECTION

20th Feb, 2022: £167.10
 Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

Mass Intentions

Jack Lawrenson, RIP.
 Daniel Simpson, special intention.

Lenten Soup Kitchen



This Lenten event will take place on all six Friday's during Lent, i.e 4th March through to 8th April. Soup will be served in the cafe area at Christ Church, after the weekly **12.00 noon Friday Mass.**

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.

"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. Thank you!