



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for Ukraine



25th September 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The mission of Jesus was to establish the Kingdom of God in our world so as to lead us into the fullness of God's heavenly Kingdom for all eternity. Jesus promoted the Kingdom of God in two ways: by proclamation and by demonstration. By 'proclamation' we mean his words of teaching, his parables, his discourses and explanations, and all that we find in his sermons and dialogues. By 'demonstration' we refer to the ways in which Jesus brought the power of God into our world and particularly into the lives of those in need of healing, exorcism, reconciliation or conversion. The proclamation and demonstration were brought together in the very person of Jesus, in the example and witness of his life, death, and resurrection.

Natural human goodness points towards this Kingdom-life, but in itself does not have the power or depth to deal with the fundamental human predicament which is that of powerlessness before the mysterious undermining condition which we call sin. It is therefore essential that the Word of the Lord is proclaimed and listened to, and that the regenerative power of the Lord is made known and experienced. This was the desire of Jesus, that he might share his unique relationship with God through which he knew that he was a beloved Son—a son obedient to the word of the Father, and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is in the Mass that all of the above is presented and celebrated, and although the work of grace is not limited to the Church's liturgical celebrations, it is in the Mass that we most particularly seek God's help, and we, as a Church, most effectively give thanks to God for his loving provision for our every need.

Once again, it is with these thoughts in mind that I intend to celebrate a Mass on Saturday 5th November at 11.00am with the specific intention of inviting and welcoming those who might be encouraged to turn to the Lord in their lives in order that they might listen to his word and receive a new gift of saving and surprising grace. As we want this Mass to be as inclusive as it can be, there will be opportunity to receive personal prayer for specific needs.

In order for this initiative to have its desired effect, we who regularly take our place around the altar of the Lord need to at least desire to play our part as working disciples who actively look out, seek out, and reach out to those whom the Lord wants to touch. If we feel that this is a task beyond our ability, then that itself is our opening to listen to the command of Jesus who tells us that the Holy Spirit will provide us with opportunities to share and words to speak.

With love and prayers for all.

Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 26th September, 2022

Monday 26th Sept	Tuesday 27th Sept	Wednesday 28th Sept	Thursday 29th Sept	Friday 30th Sept	Saturday 1st Oct	Sunday 2nd Oct
Euch Service CC 10.00am	Mass Sacred Heart 10.00am	HS: 7.00pm Euch Service	E.S. at CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00	Mass Sacred Heart 10.00am	Cemetery Mass 11.00am	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Funeral Service: for John Kevin McLaughlin (59), Thursday 29th September at 11.00am at Holy Saviour's

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 25th Sept	Margaret Needham	Margaret Borman
Next week: 2nd October	Jeremiah	Zachariah

Children's Liturgy: At Christ Church this week.
We hope to start children's liturgy after half-term at Holy Saviour's.
Offers of help are still (and always will be!) welcome!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Sept 25th, Nora Skelton (2017)
Sept 27th, Pat Warriner Smith (1987)
Sept 30th, Vincenza Patented (1999)
Oct 1st, Allen Brooker-carey (1991)



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Anthony Birchall, 18th anniv, 24th Sept.

PAKISTAN FLOODS DISASTER APPEAL

There will be a retiring collection over the next couple of weeks for the Flood victims in Pakistan. Envelopes are available for you to gift-aid through C.A.F.O.D. over the next few weeks. Thank you.

CHURCH COLLECTION

18th Sept, 2022: (see next week)
Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Eileen Spillane
£10.00 Joyce Shea
£10.00 G. Tomlinson
£74.00 towards Parish funds, thank you!



ANNUAL RETREAT at the BRIERY, ILKLEY.

October: Friday 21st (5.00pm) - Sunday 23rd (2.00pm). £140.00 for the weekend: single, double, twin rooms - all ensuite - with lift access available. £20.00 deposit required. Contact Sue Barnes on 01282 618231 for details.

Fr Stan

I am very grateful to Fr Stan for celebrating our two Sunday Masses this last five weekends. As this weekend (25th Sept) will be his last weekend with us, we will have a collection for his Order which is known as The Congregation of the Holy Spirit, or the Spiritans (formerly, the Holy Ghost Fathers). Fr Stan has not only provided a much appreciated service to the parish but has been a great blessing to us. Let us be generous in our thanks to him and to his Order by supporting them in their mission work all around the world.

Deacon Damian Buggie

I am also very grateful to Deacon Damian Buggie, the newly ordained permanent deacon from Sabden, who, at very short notice, has taken care of five baptisms in the last four or five weeks, as well as leading one or two of our Eucharistic Services. We hope that Damian will continue to make himself available to us, as and when he can!

Weekly activities at Christ Church.

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

Fridays: Exercise Class: 11am - 12noon, £4.00

Annual Mass at All Souls Cemetery

Wheatley Lane,
Barrowford, BB9 6QW

Saturday, 1st October, 11.00am