



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for Ukraine



23rd October 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The world of politics is one of sailing through the unpredictable currents of power, persuasion, and popularity. At times—although not very often it might seem!—the waters can be calm, allowing for a relatively smooth passage; at other times, however, an unfortunate confluence of forces and factors creates an unmanageable turbulence leading to the cry of, “Man overboard!” Or, at this particular time, “Woman overboard!”

The shortest term of office for any prime minister in our history might be understood as being nothing more than a novelty occurrence without deeper significance, but the wider context of chaos and confusion suggests that deeper instabilities are at work.

For the Christian, the correct reading and interpretation of events is revealed by looking through the eyes of faith. Our faith tells us that our world is tainted by dysfunctionality which when given free-rein wreaks havoc upon us, leading to the destruction of all that we describe as ‘life’. Nearly four thousand years of the Judaeo-Christian tradition of faith and wisdom teaches us that the forces of destruction cannot be tamed or brought under control solely by human endeavour. We need help; we need guidance; we need a benevolent power to be at work on our behalf!

Our Christian faith tells us that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus we find a light which illuminates the human predicament, yet, at the same time, provides a glow which brings healing, harmony, and new life. The man who lives and dies to bring peace to our world is the man who finds his deepest security and stability, not in managing to navigate the turbulent currents of this world, but in depending on the constancy of his relationship with his heavenly Father.

A correct reading of all we see happening in the world around us serves to deepen our faith and makes the Gospel more real and relevant to us: when our relationship with God grows weak, the chaotic forces of destruction well up in our souls; these negative influences are then compounded by human relationships from which God is excluded. Meanwhile, the Spirit hovers over the darkness and chaos, waiting patiently to be invited to help us to re-establish order to all that has been damaged and disrupted.

Throughout history, religious people have announced that we are in the end times, which would be a correct although only partial observation. Throughout the history of the Church, many have claimed to having been born again into a new life which, although indisputable, is still not the fullness of the story. The dynamics of life and death—or rather, death and new life—are always at work.

In these days of national, European, and global disruption, we do see and feel the cold shadow of darkness which is never far from us. However, this is our opportunity to come closer to Jesus, and to experience his saving power, which is always available to those who call out to him in their need.

With love and prayers,

Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 24th October, 2022

Monday 24th Oct	Tuesday 25th Oct	Wednesday 26th Oct	Thursday 27th Oct	Friday 28th Oct	Saturday 29th Oct	Sunday 30th Oct
Mass CC 10.00am	No Service	HS: 7.00pm Mass	CC 10.00am Mass Exposition until 12.00	No Service	No Service	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 23rd October	Joan Penny-Heys	Roger Lee
Next week: 30th October	Margaret Needham	Monica McArdle

Children's Liturgy: At Christ Church this week: Carmel and Khuram

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Oct 24th Thomas Nolan (1978)
Oct 25th Helen Ashworth (1995)



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

Sean Martin, died recently.
A special intention

CHURCH COLLECTION

9th October: £380.50
Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 19th November, 11am-1:30pm. Stalls – Cakes and preserves, gifts, Christmas items, books, toys & games. Tombola. Lunches. Entry £1 includes hot drink & biscuits / mince pies. Items for the stalls are very welcome. Please note: it has been decided not to have bric-a-brac or jewellery stalls this year. If you can help on the day or to set up on Friday afternoon (18th Nov) please let Jill Dugdale know. Many thanks, Jill

Weekly activities at Christ Church.

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

Fridays: **Exercise Class:** 11am - 12noon, £5.00

Fridays: **Bible study** at Christ Church, 11.00am.

Community Lunch

Not this week, but Tuesday (1st Nov) and every other Tuesday at Christ Church, 12.00noon, £4.00. Food and friendship! Just come along, no need to book.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Joe Winkley
(a few extra notes for him to play with!)
£10.00 Sean Jennings
£10.00 Elaine Howarth
£10.00 Roger Lee
£64.00 towards Parish funds, thank you!



There will be another special draw with £100 first prize plus others for Christmas.

ANNUAL RETREAT at the BRIERY, ILKLEY.

We keep all the retreatants in our prayers this weekend, that they be refreshed in their Christian lives through their time away.

Mass of Healing and New Life

Please keep in mind our Mass on **Saturday, 5th November at 11.00am**. During this Mass there will be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or personal prayer.

In our modern world, with such sophisticated understanding of the human person, and all that can adversely affect our physical, emotional and spiritual health, we come to a new awareness of the need for the healing touch of Christ.

The invitation to our parishioners, and beyond, is to come along and to invite or bring along someone else who might be struggling in any possible way.

The Lord will effect some positive change in our lives and relationships—ask and you will receive!