



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Solemnity of Christ the King

Pray for Ukraine



20th November 2022



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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

I would not want to leave behind the *Mass of Healing and New Life* as if it were like the white trail that a jet aeroplane leaves in its wake—gradually fading away from sight... and then from memory! Splendid though the occasion was at the time, the real significance of the event is to be found in a new fruitfulness in our experience of our Christian lives. Many of us received prayers for help or healing, and others received the Sacrament of the Sick. These moments were truly encounters with Jesus, and, as such, were moments of transformation in some way or another. Unlike the white trail from the aircraft that gradually fades away, we received a touch from the Lord which grows ever more perceptible in our lives as we remain open and committed to receiving grace!

This is the Gospel dynamic: those who met Jesus in the Gospels were transformed by the encounter - unless they preferred to remain hidden in the crowd! Jesus loves each person fully, unconditionally, and individually. A love which is not fully inclusive of all people, and which does not reach out to each person in their individual need, is not a love we can recognise as the love of Jesus. In light of this faith-knowledge, we ask ourselves, "What has the Lord done for me?" In fact, we continue and persist in asking what it is that the Lord has done, or is doing, for us!

So, I would continue to remind you that the Lord is at work in your life, right here and now! He is unravelling problems, lifting spirits, renewing faith, strengthening hope, giving us new freedom, and, beyond the power of words to describe, he is touching us with grace and new life. We do, of course, have to cooperate with the grace given—the grace which works with and through our own desires to be everything that the Lord created us to be. We might be talented musicians, and enjoy the privilege of having the best piano teacher in the world, but, unless we sit down at the piano and practise, all is to no avail. It's no excuse to say the teacher was no good when it is we who don't respond! So too, in our life of faith, we cannot sit back passively waiting for 'something to happen', but we enter into living our Christian life with full determination to be holy, knowing that we have received, and will receive, everything that we need to fulfil God's dream for us.

The great sign of the Holy Spirit's work in our hearts is that other people become more important to us than we are to ourselves! We want others to receive what we have received and we become evangelists—people who want to bring the Good News of God's love to others. So, let's not be a silent Church in which God's blessings are the best-kept secrets, but let's speak to each other about how we are discovering the Lord, or how we *want* to discover the Lord, or how we are going about seeking the Lord if we feel that he is more distant from us than we would like him to be!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This is not just a statement of fact but, more so, a proclamation of the Church, and, for a loyal subject, there is no greater honour than to lay down our lives for him who laid down his life for us!

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat! Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 21st November, 2022

Monday 21st Nov	Tuesday 22nd Nov	Wednesday 23rd Nov	Thursday 24th Nov	Friday 25th Nov	Saturday 26th Nov	Sunday 27th Nov
NO MASS	MASS CC 10.00am	MASS HS: 7.00pm	CC 10.00am Mass Exposition until 12.00	MASS CC 12 noon	NO MASS	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 13th November	Gerard King	Maggie King
Next week: 20th November	Margaret Borman	Margaret Needham

Funeral Service for Desmond McGhee on Thursday, 24th Nov at 1.30pm at Holy Saviour's.

Children's Liturgy: Christ Church - Amanda & Elaine Holy Saviour's - Venus, Irene, Anne, Monica

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Nov 20th Florence Heseltine (1971)

Annie Winkley (2000)

David Pemberton (2008)

Nov 22nd Vieva Halpin (2016)

Nov 23rd Mary Jane Darcy (1959)



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

Rhoda Settle, anniv, Nov 15th

David Pemberton, anniv, Nov 20th

Kevin Hoyle, anniv, Nov 20th

Vieva Halpin, anniv, Nov 22nd

Can we remember in our prayers, Mark Almond who is now very poorly at home. We also ask the Lord to be with Mark's wife, Tracy, and his mother, Anne, as they care for him during this difficult time.



C.A.F.O.D. Advent Soup-Lunch
beginning next Friday (25th) after
12.00 noon Mass.

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

Thursday 8th December, 7.00pm at Christ Church

Sr Nuala Doherty, from Rochdale, belongs to the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph. She was a member of Sion Community before becoming a religious sister, and has worked in Ecuador this last fourteen years. We are delighted that she is finding time to be with us for an evening, whilst on leave, before returning to the mission.

HEAVEN SENT

Friday 16th December at 2.00pm at Christ Church
Concert by Heaven Sent. The Gospel Duo will be back, by popular demand, to do a 60's concert. This will be followed by refreshments

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Chris Dunleavy

£10.00 Roger Lee

£10.00 Sheila Mary Hargreaves

£10.00 Barbara Hammond

£70.00 towards Parish funds, thank you!



CHURCH COLLECTION

13th November: £325.90

Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 19th November, 11.00am-1:30pm,
at Christ Church. **TOMORROW**

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL DRAW.

There will be the opportunity, from this Sunday, to start putting entries into the Christmas Draw

The draw will take place on **Sunday 18th December.**

1st PRIZE **£100**, Second **£75**, Third **£50** and Fourth **£25**

There will be an extra box at both Churches for you to put your entries in. Have as many goes as you wish! Good luck from *Last of the Summer Wine Group*: Jack, Wilf, and Ian.