



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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3rd Sunday in Advent

Pray for Ukraine



11th December 2022



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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

How are your Advent preparations moving along? The lighting of the third Advent Candle, this Sunday, tells us that the Lord is on his way, and we don't want to be telling him, not necessarily in words, but by our lifestyle, that there is 'no room at the inn!'—no room in my busy schedule to make time for a moment of prayer; no time to reflect on my most important and priceless gift—the gift of faith!

Our Advent Service certainly tested our mettle as the temperatures plummeted below freezing, but what a special evening it was for those of us—Catholics and Methodists—who were able to attend. As it was the evening of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Sr Nuala drew our attention to Mary who was chosen by God to bring Jesus to the world, and responded with her whole heart and life to God's call.

We were reminded that we were created by God to be human BEINGS, but we take it upon ourselves to interfere with God's plan and make ourselves into human DOINGS! - busy, busy, busy! It's only when we realise that we are all chosen by God, (otherwise we wouldn't be here at all!) that we can allow God to continue his work in our lives, and allow him to bring about growth and freedom in our souls!

May we all discover afresh the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our hearts as he overshadows us to bring forth new life. May the Lord bless us with joyful expectation as the season of Advent progresses!

Fr Gerard



**The Angel Gabriel
appears to Mary!**



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Cleaning for Christmas at Holy Saviour's

The regular cleaners, who keep the church clean for us all year round, would very much appreciate some help in doing a good clean for Christmas. Please come along to help, if this is something you might be able to do, on Saturday 17th December from 10.00am—12noon. Thank you!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 12th December, 2022

Monday 12th Dec	Tuesday 13th Dec	Wednesday 14th Dec	Thursday 15th Dec	Friday 16th Dec	Saturday 17th Dec	Sunday 18th Dec
Funeral Service 12.00pm C.C.	MASS CC 10.00am	MASS HS: 7.00pm	MASS 10.00am Holy Saviours + Exposition	MASS CC 12 noon & Soup Lunch	NO MASS	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 11th December	David Zycinski	Margaret Needham
Next week: 18th December	George Winkley	Joan Penny-Heys

Children's Liturgy: Christ Church - Sarah & Barbara Holy Saviour's - Lisa S & Lorraine, Joanne T

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Dec 11th Charles Stockton (1994)

William Darcy (1991)

Bashir Variyam (2015)

Dec 12th Florrie Wilson (1987)

Thomas O'Donnell (1985)

Thomas Howarth (1975)

Dec 16th Ellen Nolan (1941)

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.



Mark Almond, RIP

The funeral service for Mark is at Christ Church on Monday at 12.00pm. We keep Mark's mother, Anne, and his wife, Tracey, in our prayers at such a sad time for them and for all Mark's family and friends.

HEAVEN SENT

Following on from a very enjoyable concert in October, the Gospel duo, **Heaven Sent** will be at Christ church on Friday, 16th December, 2.00pm, performing a mix of 60's and Christmas songs. Entry £5.00 payable at the door. The concert will be followed by tea/ coffee and mince pies.

MASS INTENTIONS

Helen Dunne, died recently

Bashir Variyam, 7th anniv, 11th Dec

Thomas Talbot Howarth, anniv, 12th Dec

Louis Gildea, anniv, 14th Dec

Charlotte Jones, anniv

CHURCH COLLECTION

4th December: £441.50

Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 S Blacklow

£10.00 Red Hartley

£10.00 Orla Dempsey

£68.00 towards Parish funds, thank you!



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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL DRAW

The draw will take place on:

Sunday 18th December

1st PRIZE **£100**,

Second **£75**, Third **£50** and Fourth **£25**

Please remember to put your name on the envelope when you entering the POUND DRAW. The Christmas draw will be held on 18th December after 9.30 Mass at Christ Church. Entries will close at Holy Saviour's after 7.00pm Mass, Wednesday, 14th December and Christ Church after Soup Lunch, 16th December. Keep having a GO!!

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: 5.00pm CC (Children's Mass)

8.00pm Holy Saviour's

Christmas Day: Usual Sunday Mass times (see above)

TODDLERS' NATIVITY

Wednesday, 14th December at Christ Church

All Welcome!