



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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4th Sunday of Advent

Pray for Ukraine



December 18th 2022



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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation captures the full meaning of Advent, in that it is the ideal preparation for the celebration of the presence of the Lord in our lives! The baby Jesus is born into the humble stable; the Light shines in the darkness; the Saviour comes to reconcile us to the Father; and words of forgiveness are spoken to the repentant sinner.

These statements of faith give us glimpses into God's plan of salvation for the world, but it's only when we make our own personal step of faith that we enter into this dimension of life that is hidden from the casual onlooker. We ourselves must step into the stable; we must recognise the darkness that engulfs our world; we must desire to enter into a close friendship with God; and we must long to know God's forgiveness for our sins.

The 'Inn without vacancies', where worldly merriment is the order of the day, still stands on the corner of every street! The real excitement is taking place elsewhere! It's away from the lights and the music that the glory of God shines forth and the sound of angels can be heard!

Why not slip down to church, and, in that seemingly rather unspectacular meeting with the priest, find the only One, Jesus himself, who can speak the most important words we can ever hear:

"I absolve you from your sins... go in peace"

Opportunities to receive this sacrament of cleansing and new-beginning are available in this coming week (for Mass venues, see over):

Tuesday: after 10.00am Mass

Wednesday: from 6.00pm until Mass at 7.00pm (and after Mass)

Thursday: after 10.00am Mass until 12 noon

Friday: after 10.00am Mass

Saturday (Christmas Eve): 10.00 - 11.00am,
Christ Church

May our preparation for Christmas be complete!

With every blessing,

Fr Gerard



Advent Reconciliation



**TOTAL
ADVENT
COLLECTION
FOR
CAFOD**

£1,130

A huge thank you to all for organising and contributing to our Advent Mass and CAFOD soup-lunch fundraiser. The ladies have worked so hard to produce copious amounts of lovely soups; the children from the schools enjoyed their trips down to church; we had a great friendly atmosphere; and we raised record amounts of money for CAFOD. What is there not to like? — apart from the washing-up! And to our host, Mr CAFOD from Down-Under, we say, "Good on yer, mate!"

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 19th December, 2022

Monday 19th Dec	Tuesday 20th Dec	Wednesday 21st Dec	Thursday 22nd Dec	Friday 23rd Dec	Saturday 24th Dec Christmas Eve	Sunday 25th Dec Christmas Day
NO MASS	MASS CC 10.00am	MASS HS: 7.00pm	MASS 10.00am + Exposition	MASS CC 10.00am	CC: 5.00pm HS: 8.00pm	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 18th December	George Winkley	Joan Penny-Heys
Next week: 24th / 25th December	To be arranged	To be arranged

Children's Liturgy: Christ Church - Linda & Wendy Holy Saviour's - Antonio & Shannon

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Dec 21st Mary O'Donnell (1992)
Dec 23rd Jean Garaghty (1991)
Dec 24th Charlie Horner (2001)
Dec 25th Joan Willan (2011)



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

Patricia McAreevey, died 7th Dec.
Eddie Monk, died recently
Mark Almond, RIP

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, **this Saturday 17th December from 10.00am—12noon. TOMORROW!!**

Christmas Flowers

There will be a collection towards Christmas Flowers after the Sunday Masses this weekend. Please be generous in supporting the work of the ladies who keep the Churches looking beautiful for us at Christmas and all year round!

Save your postage stamps!

You are invited to keep hold of your postage stamps and bring them to Christ Church where there is a box to collect them together.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 J Starkie
£10.00 L Shutt
£10.00 Gill Hartley
£68.00 towards Parish funds, thank you!



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL DRAW

The draw will take place
THIS SUNDAY

1st PRIZE **£100**,

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

There will be no weekly Pound Draw this week or for the following two weeks. The next weekly pound draw will be on 8th January.

Thanks for your superb support throughout the year, from The *Last of the Summer Wine* Team, Jack, Wilf and Ian (aka Foggy).

CHURCH COLLECTION

11th December: £388.00
Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w.

Christ Church Carol Service

The Methodist congregation at Christ Church would like to invite our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers to attend our Carol Service, led by Rev Rick, **this Sunday 18th December at 11.00am**. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Rehearsal for Children's Mass

All children who are attending the 5.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve are invited to a rehearsal at 11.00am on Christmas Eve morning. If you can't make the rehearsal, come at 4.30pm to be included.