



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Pray for Ukraine



New Year's Day



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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

On New Year's Day, the Church invites us to turn our gaze to Mary, the Mother of God, who looked to the future with absolute confidence as she announced: "Henceforth, all generations will call me blessed." As Mary looked to the future, she saw only God's continuing providence unfolding in her life.

We too can have that same hope for the future, but it begins by adopting Mary's attitude to the present moment— "I am the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to your word!"

If we can say that we want only what God wants for us—neither more nor less—then we are released from the gambler's attitude to the future in which happiness and fulfilment are tied to events which are outside of our control. Disappointments and surprises are sure to come, but we don't label them as 'good luck' or 'bad luck', instead we look for a deeper interpretation in which we can identify God's providence which is always at work:

We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

So, as the New Year begins, I exhort you to be open to God's blessings which will surely be showered upon us. These blessings, however, may, at times, be hard to recognise and difficult to receive, but they will ultimately bring us closer to God if that is the firm desire of our hearts.

In the love of Jesus and Mary as this New Year begins,
Fr Gerard.

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stjohnsouthworthrc@gmail.com
and I will put you on my mailing list.

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.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners now and at the hour of our
death, AMEN.



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.

Deaf Awareness Training

Clergy and parishioners are invited to attend this free training session on 10th January 2023 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at St Anne's Cobham Rd, Accrington BB5 2AD. You can book a place by emailing:

m.moffatt-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 2nd January, 2023

Monday 2nd Jan	Tuesday 3rd Jan	Wednesday 4th Jan	Thursday 5th Jan	Friday 6th Jan	Saturday 7th Jan	Sunday 8th Jan
NO MASS	MASS CC 10.00am	MASS HS: 7.00pm	MASS 10.00am + Exposition	EPIPHANY MASS CC 10.00am	NO MASS	The Baptism of the Lord CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 1st Jan 2023	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed
Next week: 8th Jan 2023	Roger Lee	Margaret Borman

No Children's Liturgy at either church on New Year's Day



The 5.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve was a lovely occasion, and there was almost 'no room at the inn' as we had to collect chairs together from every corner of the building in order to accommodate all those who attended. We thank all the children who participated in our celebration of Mass, bringing alive that special Christmas spirit of excitement and joy.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Jan 1st Rev Fr A Baron (1949)
Annie Nurden (2000)
Jan 2nd Mildred Hodson (1995)
Jan 6th W M Spencer (2003)
Jan 7th Mary Anne Jennings (2002)



(Scandal alert! Fr Alphonsus Baron served as PP in Brierfield from 1942 to 1944. When he arrived at the Parish, he appealed to the parishioners for funds to buy new vestments. These were duly acquired, but when Fr Brierley arrived in 1944, there were no new vestments as Fr Baron had taken them with him to St Mary Magdalen's in Burnley!)

CHURCH COLLECTION



25th December: £1,243.00
Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w.
Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Herman & Mary Eccles, RIP
John Coppock, anniv (7th), 30th Dec
Mary & Michael Gibbons, anniv, 5th Jan
Gerda McArdle, anniv (3rd), 30th Dec