



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for Ukraine



5th February 2023



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"You are the Light of the World!"

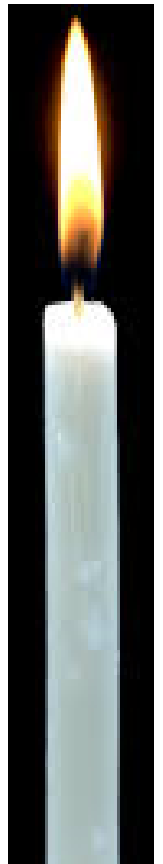
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Now who is talking to whom, here? We are quite certain that the above words do not refer to John the Baptist because in the prologue of John's Gospel we read that, categorically, "John was not the light, but only a witness to speak for the light!" Later in John's Gospel, Jesus announces, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We are happy to acknowledge that this title represents a fitting description of Jesus whose teaching and guidance gives light to our steps (Ps 119:105). However, in this weekend's Gospel these words are directed from Jesus to all those who choose to listen to him: "You are the light of the world" (Matt 5:14)! Who, me? Yes, you!

In our days of energy crises, we might have, understandably, turned our house boilers down a degree or two; but maybe it's in these times of economic gloom that we must stoke up our light of faith so that we can shine as brightly as can be.

Does it not seem that in so many ways the world is a dark place? And where is the source of new light to be found? The answer is always in Jesus, but Jesus shines his light through the hearts of his disciples, so may not our hearts be clouded and cluttered, and may the light of Christ shine out in our world!

Yours, in Christ, Fr Gerard.



Lenten CAFOD Mass and Soup-Lunches

Ash Wednesday is on 22nd Feb.

We look forward to our **Friday Noon Masses and CAFOD soup lunches** in Lent.

The World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 3rd 2023, 7.00pm at Christ Church

This will take the form of a Lenten evening of prayer, and will be organised by the Catholic and Methodist women of the parish, but everyone will be invited to attend. Please see Monica after the weekend Masses if you would like to be involved.

Lenten Deanery Masses

The Deanery Masses will take place on:

Thursday 9th March at St Mary's, Oswaldtwistle

Thursday 16th March at St Peter's, Newchurch

Thursday 23rd March at Christ Church, Nelson

Masses will begin at 7.00pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

The Sacramental Programme

For children of Y3 or above who wish to make their first Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Let me know as soon as possible of any children who don't attend our Catholic schools who would like to participate.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 6th February, 2023

Monday 6th Feb	Tuesday 7th Feb	Wednesday 8th Feb	Thursday 9th Feb	Friday 10th Feb	Saturday 11th Feb	Sunday 12th Feb
NO MASS	MASS CC 10.00am	MASS HS: 7.00pm	CC 10.00am Mass Exposition until 12.00	MASS CC 10.00am	NO MASS	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 5th Feb	Jeremiah Javed	Zachariah Javed
Next week: 12th Feb	Joan Penny-Heys	David Zycinski

Children's Liturgy: Christ Church: **Linda & Carmel** Holy Saviour's: **Sarah K, Suzanne K, Catherine M**

MASS INTENTIONS

Bernadette Griffiths (Betty), died recently
Ken Keating, died recently.
McGuinness family, anniv, Feb 3rd.
Michael Loftus, anniv.

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Maureen McDermott
£10.00 Pauline Firman
£10.00 Cath Brady
£10.00 Julie Palmowski
£96.00 to parish funds.



*Please remember to put your telephone number
with your name on the brown envelope, if you
think we might not know who you are!!
Thank you very much!*



After the 7.00pm Mass on
Wednesdays at Holy Saviour's—
a cup of tea and a chat.
No previous experience
necessary! Mugs provided!
ALL WELCOME!

CHURCH COLLECTION

29th January: £258.40
Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.
Thank you for your generosity!

Day-Retreat for Men Saturday 29th April

Target number: **40**
Names confirmed: **37**

*Then Jesus said, "Let's go to a place where we can
be alone and get some rest." Mark 6:31*

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 7th Bernard Marsden (2019)
Feb 9th James Littlefair (1971)
Feb 10th Rev J Youlden 1922)
(pp Holy Trinity 1902 to 1905)
Feb 10th Lilian Heseltine (2016)
Feb 11th Hilda Spain (1991)
Feb 13th Edward Nolan(1988)



*We pray for the repose of the souls of all who
have died, that the Lord will receive them into his
eternal embrace of love.*

Weekly activities at Christ Church

Tuesday : 31st January 2pm – 3:30pm

Friendship Group.

Singing, quiz, crafts, tea, coffee and cake. No
charge. All welcome

Wednesdays: Toddlers' Club

9.45 - 11.15am. All ages from babies to toddlers
and pre-school. New members welcome - 50p per
child. No waiting list!

Wednesdays: "Talk and Do" Group:

10:30am till 12:30pm, £2 per session.

Thursdays: From 10.00 - 12.00 noon

A time of welcome to a **Warm Space** at Christ
Church. Tea, coffee, and toast will be provided.

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

Fridays: Bible Study: 11.00am.