



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for Ukraine



12th February 2023



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The news from Turkey and Syria continues to be shocking and more devastating with each passing day. Destruction on this scale is hard to comprehend, and the human cost in terms of loss of life and injury is overwhelming. This is not to mention the intense personal trauma and grief suffered by those who have survived, or those related to the victims.

We of course feel powerless in the face of such overwhelming need, but like the boy with his five loaves and two fish—"what is this among so many?"—we do give what little we can, as a sign of our faith in God who magnifies our humble efforts to effect a provision that goes beyond human possibilities.

I'm sure that we would like to make a special collection this weekend, and I would recommend that among all the many charities who are doing incredible fundraising work that we should continue to use the services of CAFOD—the CATHOLIC FUND for OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT. CAFOD reaches out in the name of the Catholic Church, and in the name of Jesus whose love for the human race reaches out to all people without judgement or exception.

As Catholics, we regularly, in fact unceasingly, bring to mind the hardships of all the suffering people in our world—globally and locally—asking the Lord to provide, to heal, to release, to transform, to forgive, and to bring about all that we can recognise as a blessing upon the poor human race.

Yours in the love of Jesus, 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, at which we will welcome groups of children from our three primary schools.

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 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 is invited to attend. Please put this event in your diary as a little Lenten extra!

The Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme gets underway on Tues 28th February at 6.00pm. 40 children have now been registered! I pray that the Holy Spirit will help the Sacramental Programme team to engage with the parents and children, and that new seeds of faith may be planted! Come, Holy Spirit!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 13th February, 2023

Monday 13th Feb	Tuesday 14th Feb	Wednesday 15th Feb	Thursday 16th Feb	Friday 17th Feb	Saturday 18th Feb	Sunday 19th 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: 12th Feb	Joan Penny-Heys	David Zycinski
Next week: 19th Feb	Maggie King	Gerard King

Children's Liturgy: Christ Church: **Wendy & Elaine** Holy Saviour's: **Monica, Ann P, and Shannon**

MASS INTENTIONS

Ken Keating, died recently.
Bill Morris, died recently.
John Cann, died recently.
Special Intention.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 13th Edward Nolan(1988)
Feb 14th Alexander Sumner (1951)
Feb 15th John Bookham (2020)
Feb 17th Frank Sharkey (2014)
Jack Lawrenson (2021)



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.

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Tony Finnan
£10.00 Sheila Lebbon
£10.00 Barbara Martin
£10.00 Maureen Rawlinson
£80.00 to parish funds. Many thanks!



Weekly activities at Christ Church

Tuesday : 28th Feb 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.



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

5th February: £326.70
Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.
Thank you for your generosity!

Day-Retreat for Men Saturday 29th April

Target number: **40+**
Names confirmed: **40**

Spend more time seeking out the presence of God in your life! One day you will say, "I wish I had" or "I'm glad I did!"

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