



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Feast of the Transfiguration

Pray for Ukraine



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

School's out for Summer!

The words 'holiday' and 'holy day' quite clearly stem from the same root. Similarly, the words 'recreation' and 're-creation' also have common root-meanings. Quite simply, there are times when we need to rest from the business of life—not just to give our physical bodies a break from constant activity—but to allow ourselves to make contact with the deeper levels of our being.

For the person of faith, this means to make contact with the voice of the Lord who is constantly speaking to us through the deeper moods and desires of our hearts. It is with this understanding, that we see that a holiday and a holy day are one and the same thing. When we turn away from that which routinely occupies our lives, we don't turn towards nothing, in fact we can discover something more sustaining and fulfilling than we might find in the demands of our daily lives.

The world is constantly encouraging us to be secular in our thinking, in our attitudes, and in our ways of life; we are constantly tempted to deny the spiritual aspect of our being which can be crying out to be attended to and cared for. When holidays and recreation are understood merely as times of relaxation and fun, they lose that power to truly refresh and renew us so that we can return to our responsibilities with fresh energy!

Holiday and recreation are both words that originate from a culture of faith where it is recognized that only the Creator can restore that which is worn down, and only the Lord himself can provide that true rest for the soul— "In God alone is my soul at rest" (psalm 61)

Is the holiday period enabling you to spend a little more time with the Lord, so that you may come to appreciate that the holidays can truly be the most holy of days?

Lord bless us and our families as we put Jesus first in our lives! Fr Gerard

It was announced this week that **Fr Emmett Dagens**, a former parish priest of what was then St George's parish, died peacefully on Wednesday, 2nd August at his nursing home in County Down.

His Requiem Mass will take place at 12 noon on Monday 7th August at St Malachy's, Kilcoo, Co. Down, and will be available for viewing online by clicking on the following link:

[Live stream of Fr Dagens's Requiem Mass.](#)

If you would like to, you are most welcome to come to Holy Saviour's presbytery, 2 Vulcan St, at 12noon on Monday where we'll be able to watch the Mass on the large screen.

May he rest in peace!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 7th August

Monday 7th August	Tuesday 8th August	Wednesday 9th August	Thursday 10th August	Friday 11th August	Saturday 12th August	Sunday 13th August
No Mass	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition 10.00am C.C.	MASS C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 6th August	Zachariah	Jeremiah
Next Week: 13th August	Luke Mendoza	David Zycinski

The Children's Liturgy in both churches will resume in September.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Aug 9th Lucy Gildea (2005)
Aug 12th Annie D'Arcy (1955)



We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, that the Lord will receive them into the fullness of his resurrection life!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10 Anne Callaghan
£10 Sheila Ashton
£10 Maureen Waddington
£10 Sheila Haythornthwaite
£90.00 towards Parish funds. Thank you!



MASS INTENTIONS

Annette Ryan, died recently
Kath Aherne, died recently
Staff at Angel Mount Nursing Home.
Special Intention

CHURCH COLLECTION

30th July: £347.00
Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w
Thank you!

Introduction to the Catholic Faith

In September, we will once again, together with Sacred Heart parish in Colne, offer a course of study and reflection on the Catholic faith.

It can be very helpful to reflect on our faith in a different context in order to give a jolt to our minds, and to allow our habits of thought to be challenged a little.

If you, or anybody you know might be interested in discovering more about the enormous wealth of riches in the tradition and teaching of the Church, then please let me know.

For anybody who is interested in becoming a Catholic, then this would be their opportunity to further explore their interest.

Please contact Fr Gerard for more details.

Advance notice of Retreat at The Briery, Ilkley

5.00pm Fri 20th Oct—2.00pm Sun 22nd Oct

Cost £170, deposit £20 to Sue Barnes (01282 618231). Single, double, twin rooms; all ensuite; lift. Own transport, or lifts can be arranged.

A Date for the Diary

The Annual Mass for the Dead will take place at All Souls Cemetery (weather permitting, otherwise at Sacred Heart, Colne) at 11.00am on Saturday, 7th October at 11.00am.

Please note...

All Masses in the week 14th -18th August will be at Holy Saviour's church because the Children's Bible Holiday Club will be taking place each morning at Christ Church.