



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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**19th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Pray for Ukraine



13th August 2023



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On Tuesday of this week, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This Feast Day expresses our Christian hope, that, united with Jesus, we can be assured that our journey through this world, with all its joys and sorrows, is a journey that leads us home—to the Father's house! This hope is personified in the person of Mary.

Mary's journey through life included the shock of the Angel Gabriel's message, the joy of giving birth to her Son, the confusion of her Son's mysterious vocation, the agony of standing by the Cross, the wonder of Pentecost, and then the final glory of her Assumption into heaven.

Mary recognizes that she is nothing more than a lowly handmaid of the Lord, and it's in that attitude of surrender, that she wouldn't dare to choose her own way, but desires only to hold steadfast to the road the Lord has marked out for her.

The faith-journey of Mary took her from being a lowly virgin to the supreme status of Queen of Heaven; body and soul she was elevated to glory because she allowed the Lord to take full control over her destiny.

Just as Mary did not choose her own journey, we too do not choose so much of how our life unfolds, with all the surprising twists and turns that life can bring. However, with Mary, we can say, "Be it done unto me according to your word!"

The only real meaning our lives can have is the meaning that God intends, and it's when we stop trying to write our own story, and stop insisting on travelling according to our preferences and desires, that the Lord can direct us through the maze which life can sometimes be.

May Mary, assumed into heaven, assist us with her prayers, and keep us strong in our determination to stay under the protection of the will of God.

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

Fr Gerard

NB. Mass for the Holy Day on Tuesday will be at Holy Saviour's church at 10.00am

You can find evening Masses at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart, Colne, and Christ the King, Burnley.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 14th August

Monday 14th August	Tuesday 15th August	Wednesday 16th August	Thursday 17th August	Friday 18th August	Saturday 19th August	Sunday 20th August
No Mass	MASS H.S. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition 10.00am H.S.	MASS H.S. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

NB, All Masses are to take place at Holy Saviour's on the weekdays of this week!!

Children's church resumes after the holidays on 3rd September

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Week: 13th August	Luke Mendoza	David Zycinski
Next Week: 20th August	Gerard Spain	Roger Lee

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Aug 13th Annie Fegan (1985)
 Aug 14th Jason Lee Thompson (1992)
 Aug 14th Paul Simm (2019)
 Aug 15th James Burrows (1915)
 Aug 15th Mary W Whalley (2005)
 Aug 18th Harry Winkley (1975)
 Aug 19th Jude Percival (2001)



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 Ash Ghulam
 £10 Gerard Turner
 £10 Orla Dempsey
 £10 Brian Sagar



£92.00 towards Parish funds. Thank you!

CHURCH COLLECTION

6th August: £345.30
 Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w
 Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Margaret (Jean) Phelan, 1st anniv, 24th July
 Thanksgiving for prayers answered
 Thanksgiving

The Zycinski family: Martin, Eva, and David would like to acknowledge the overwhelming generosity shown by the parish in raising a grand total of £560 as a thankyou gift for the work they have undertaken, with great professionalism, in both our churches. They would like me to convey their heartfelt thanks!

(I love this language of generosity—may this be the native language in our parish, which we all speak fluently because we practise it every day! ed.)

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.

Monthly meetings will take place on the first Saturday of every month, beginning on **2nd September**. The meetings, of about one hour, will be held at **9.30am at Sacred Heart presbytery**.

Everyone is welcome to come along to these meetings as a way of growing in faith or maybe exploring the Catholic faith for the first time.

Please contact Fr Gerard if you might like to attend.

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.