



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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**22nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Pray for Ukraine



10th September 2023



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The best thing for me about being on holiday is the opportunity to attend Mass in different churches with different priests. Every architect, in designing a church building, would want to express a message of faith, and the endless variety of church designs tells us that God's message goes quite beyond human expression. We can say, in a general way, that in past generations, the emphasis was on the transcendence of God, with priest and altar at some distance from the people; while in more modern churches, the immanence of God is made more apparent by maybe more circular churches where the priest and altar are located closer to the worshipping community, and less set apart.

So too with the priests for whom their faith has formed in them according to their unique persons; and whose understanding of God has been synthesized by the Holy Spirit according to myriad patterns and shades through which one Truth is projected.

And so, with the anticipation that the Lord might have a new, and maybe a unique opportunity to bring something to my attention in a new way, I enter the church with a sense of excitement: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!"

On Wednesday, I attended Mass at Sclerder Abbey, near Looe, on the south coast of Cornwall. The ancient church spoke immediately about the tradition of faith that encompasses so much more than my little life, and our short-lived generation. The permanence of God's presence is expressed in buildings to which no thought was ever given to replacement or repurposing!

The priest was elderly, steadying himself by holding on to whatever came to hand! His sermon, however, was fresh and relevant. He used the analogy of a scientist who developed a cure for an up-until-now deadly disease. The scientist felt happy that he could now live securely and safely, but he didn't think to share his discovery with others. I think we all quietly agreed on the selfishness of his "things I have failed to do!" But then the priest suggested to us that we have found Jesus as the ultimate remedy for the ultimate disease—sin, and we do so little to enable others to experience his healing power!

I was immediately reminded that we need to have another Mass of Healing, maybe in October, to which we might invite friends and family to be open to a healing blessing from the Lord.

Wednesday's Gospel, in every Catholic church in the world, and proclaimed by every priest was that of Luke 4:40 **At sunset, all those who had friends suffering from diseases of one kind or another brought them to him, and laying his hands on each, he cured them!"**

See you all soon!
Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 11th September

Monday 11th Sept	Tuesday 12th Sept	Wednesday 13th Sept	Thursday 14th Sept	Friday 15th Sept	Saturday 16th Sept	Sunday 17th Sept
NO MASS	Euch Service C.C. 10.00am	Euch Service H.S. 7.00pm	Euch Service & Exposition 10.00am C.C.	NO SERVICE	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Children's Church: C.C. - Carmel & Molly

H.S. - Sarah K, Suzanne K, & Irene B

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Week: 10th Sept	Luke Mendoza	David Zycinski
Next Week: 17th Sept	Margaret Borman	Joan Penny-Heys

FUNERAL SERVICES

We remember in our prayers, Brian Byrne, who died last weekend. His Requiem Mass will take place at Christ Church on Friday, 22nd September, at 11.00am.

May the Lord grant eternal rest to those who have died, and give peace and consolation to their families in their time of loss and sadness.

BAPTISMS

This weekend, we welcome into the Church, Noah Isaac Jackson who will be baptised at Holy Saviour's by Deacon Damian Buggie. We congratulate Vishal and Sabah as their first child is baptised, and we thank Damian for his service in our parish.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Sept 10th Joseph Goodier (1976)
 Sept 11th Victims of Terrorism
 Catherine Barnes (2011)
 Sept 12th Arthur James Melling (1938)
 Sept 14th John Allen Cox (1984)
 Winifred Waterworth (1999)
 Sept 15th Giovanni Ferullo (1985)
 Sheila Clay (2020)
 Paul Needham (2010)
 Sept 16th Owen Moran (1981)
 Alice Hodge (2019)



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 Siobhan Fitzpatrick
 £10 Helen Keating
 £10 Tony Finnan
 £10 Pat Clough



£88.00 towards Parish funds. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Rehmat Masih, 33rd anniv, 30th August.
 Michael Sharples, sick (Favordale).
 Miss Susan Ellis, died recently.

Welcome to Fr Joseph, MHM

Thank you to Fr Joseph who will be visiting the parish this weekend, on behalf of the Mill Hill Missionaries. Let us give him a warm welcome, and support his mission appeal generously!

Julie Taylor has agreed to lead a task force to tackle the weeds around Holy Saviour's church. She suggests a time of 10.00am this Saturday (9th) if you would be able to join her. You can contact her on: julietaylor_2010@yahoo.co.uk

Julie is also doing **THE GREAT MND WALK** which is a twenty-one mile walk around the Preston Guild Wheel, on Saturday, 23rd September. This is to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Care and Research Centre. Let us be speaking the language of generosity in our parish!

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To Tony & Aileen Finnan
Happy 50th Wedding
anniversary

**May the Lord continue to bless you
in your lives together!**