



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for Ukraine



24th September 2023



Click on the moneybox to make a
secure online donation to the parish!

[St John Southworth's Facebook Page](#)

Click link for live-streamed and recorded Masses.

Hope in the Future Celebration Event

Tuesday 3rd October 2023, 6:30pm - 9.00pm. The Edge, Riveredge, Wigan WN3 5AB

Hope in the Future was a six-year-long pastoral programme of renewal in the Diocese. Its inspiration was the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* written by Pope Francis in 2013. The document underlined that the essential task of the Church was that of evangelisation, which means bringing others into the experience of faith, and into the life of the Church. It was in this document that Pope Francis used the term, 'missionary disciples' to describe the role of the baptised person in the Church. Bishop John has since that time frequently referred to the idea of the 'missionary parish.' We all know that these goals and ideals are way beyond our human ability to achieve, and thus we are called, in the first place, to be a people of prayer, and open to the Holy Spirit.

At the Celebration Event on Tuesday 3rd October, we will have the opportunity to hear about what has taken place in other parishes throughout the Diocese, and to listen to young people talk about their experience of faith. I will be attending this evening, and if anybody would like to have a lift, then just let me know.

Click the link to register your place at: [Hope in the Future Event](#)

Just as a word of encouragement: our experience of the Catholic Church can gradually spiral down into being the experience of one parish, and even one priest! It can be so beneficial for our spiritual growth to take the opportunities which come our way to open up our hearts and minds to a wider experience of the life of the Church, especially in our days which promise radical changes ahead!

MASS OF HEALING AND NEW LIFE

On Saturday 14th October at 11.00am at Christ Church, we will celebrate a Mass of Healing and New Life at Christ Church. The Mass will include the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and personal prayer for whatever might be the cause of our deepest anxieties. In light of the above reflection on *Hope in the Future*, we know that when our deepest concerns are not our own problems, but the problems and difficulties of others, then we can be sure that we are entering more deeply into the mysterious ways in which divine love works. The Mass of Healing and New Life is just one way in which we can respond to our calling to be 'missionary disciples' building a 'missionary parish'. Let us begin to ask the Lord whom he would like us invite to a wonderful gathering of faith and love in which "we ask the Holy Spirit to renew his wonders in our time as though for a new Pentecost!" This was the prayer of Pope John XXIII all those years ago at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 25th September

Monday 25th Sept	Tuesday 26th Sept	Wednesday 27th Sept	Thursday 28th Sept	Friday 29th Sept	Saturday 30th Sept	Sunday 1st Oct
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

Children's Church: C.C. - Siobhan & Barbara H H.S. - Monica, Venus, Antonio

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 24th Sept	George Winkley	Margaret Needham
Next Week: 1st October	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed

MASS INTENTIONS

Brian Byrne, died recently.
 John Tresedern, died recently.
 George Mullarkey, anniv, 8th Sept.
 Mark Almond, 60th b'day anniv, 13th Sept.
 Sheila & Owen Doyle, anniv, 16th Sept.
 Mike Kenny, 4th anniv, 19th Sept.
 Sean Martin, 1st anniv, 21st Sept.
 Alexander Holt, b'day anniv, 21st Sept.
 Anthony James Birchall, 19th anniv, 24th Sept.
 Christopher McDermott, anniv.

LOURDES 2024 - Diocese of Salford CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE

This coming year, 2024, marks the Centenary of the first Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Fr Francis Waddington is hoping to organise a Deanery Group to join with the Diocesan Pilgrimage 26th July to 1st August.

If you are interested in this pilgrimage to Lourdes, then you can register your interest by contacting Fr Francis at St Anne's in Accrington by email: francis.wadsworth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or Tel: 01254 232920. Further details will follow as he assesses the number of those interested.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Sept 24th Anthony Birchall (2004)
 Sept 25th Norah Skelton (2017)
 Sept 27th Pat Warriner Smith (1987)
 Oct 1st Allen Brooker- Carey (1991)



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!

Last chance to support Julie Taylor as she takes part in the Great MND Walk to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Care and Research Centre.

[Sponsor Julie by clicking here!](#)

CHURCH COLLECTION

17th September: £285.00
 Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w
 Thank you!

Harvest Festival: Service and Shared Meal

On Sunday 1st October at 11.00am, the Methodist congregation are holding a Harvest Service at Christ Church. The Catholic congregation are invited to attend the Service and to share in a meal which will follow. If you could contact [Sheila Chadwick](#) to let her know you wish to attend, then this would be very helpful for catering purposes. Thank you.

Annual Mass for the Dead At All Souls Cemetery

The Mass at All Souls Cemetery, Wheatley Lane is scheduled for 11.00am on Saturday 7th October. A final decision will be made nearer the time, depending on the weather outlook, as to where the Mass will be held—in the cemetery itself, or in Sacred Heart Church

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10 Eamonn Kelly
 £10 Maureen McDermott
 £10 Sheila Birchall
 £10 Anne Spain



£86.00 towards Parish funds. Thank you!