



## St John Southworth's RC Parish

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## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**29th October 2023**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends ,

This coming week brings us into the month of November. It is in November that the Catholic Church remembers and prays for those who have died. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, the Feast of All Saints, we recall with joy and thanksgiving those who have lived such holy and sacrificial lives that we might confidently recognise them to be saints.

On the Feast of all Saints we can call to mind all those people who have inspired us, or helped us, to be better people. They may have lived ordinary lives in so many ways, but we know that they touched us in such a special way that their influence on us was unique and irreplaceable by any other person. The Church calls all the faithful to attend Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> November which is designated a holy day of obligation.

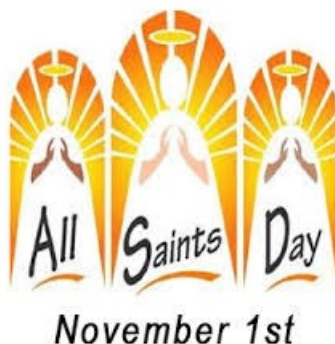
On the second day of November we remember ALL those who have died. We refer to this day as All Souls' Day. On this day we pray for all those who have gone before us, and we entrust them to the mercy of God.

The most beautiful teaching of the Christian faith is that the bonds of love, forged in this life, are not broken by death, and that those close to our hearts remain close to our hearts once their earthly pilgrimage has come to an end. What a blessing it is to be able to pray even for those who have hurt us in this life, entrusting them to the love and mercy of God, and finding healing for our own souls.

Our continuing November prayer for all those who have died, is expressed in these words: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace, AMEN.

Through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven,  
and of all holy men and women,  
may God bless you and your families,  
those who are dear to you,  
and those who have died.

May you have a blessed week,  
Fr Gerard



**Blessing of Graves**  
All Souls Cemetery

**12.00 noon**

All Souls Day,

**Thursday 2nd November**

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 30th October

Monday 30th Oct	Tuesday 31st Oct	Wednesday 1st Nov <b>ALL SAINTS</b>	Thursday 2nd Nov <b>ALL SOULS</b>	Friday 3rd Nov	Saturday 4th Nov	Sunday 5th Nov
NO MASS	<b>MASS</b> C.C. 10.00am	C.C. 10.00am H.S. 11.15am	<b>MASS &amp; Exposition</b> 10.00am C.C.	<b>MASS</b> C.C. 10.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

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

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This Week:</b> 29th October	Margaret Needham	Joan Penny-Heys
<b>Next Week:</b> 5th Nov	Zechariah Javed	Jeremiah Javed

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Oct 29th Ursula Hutchinson (2003)  
 Oct 30th Angela Rushton (2001)  
           Allen James (1991)  
           Robert Pomponi (1988)  
 Oct 31st Margaret Bamber (1997)  
 Nov 1st Eric Oliver (2003)  
 Nov 2nd Carol M Whalley 1944)  
 Nov 3rd George Bradshaw (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!*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Birthday intentions  
 Special intention  
 Caroline Ryan, speedy recovery  
 Patrick Armstrong, anniv.  
 Margaret Howarth, 11th anniv, 28th Oct

### Pendle New Neighbours (PNN)

PNN is a community volunteer group that supports the refugees and asylum seekers living in our area.

**We urgently need retired teachers to help with teaching English!**

If you are interested in devoting two hours/week to support those in need, please contact:  
 Paul Gauntlett on: 07870 626633. Thank you!

### Introduction to the Catholic Faith

Next meeting will take place on Saturday 4th November at **9.30am at Sacred Heart presbytery.**

Just come along if you would like to find out more. **ALL WELCOME!**

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10 Jim McArdle (Monica's dad!)  
 £10 Barbara Quinn  
 £10 Sheila Hawthornthwaite  
 £10 Jackie Jennings



£89.00 towards Parish funds. Thank you!

*Looking ahead....*

Entries into the **Special Christmas Pound Draw**, with **£100 first prize**, will be available from Sunday 12th November. It will be drawn on Friday 15th December at the **C.A.F.O.D.** Soup kitchen at Christ Church.

The **Advent C.A.F.O.D. Soup Kitchen** will start on Friday 24th November for four Friday's.



### CAFOD DONATIONS

Harvest Family Fast: £467.50

**Since 15th August:**

T & C at Christ Church £177.00

T & C at Holy Saviour's £268.80

Many thanks for your wonderful generosity to help the poorest people in the world!

### CHURCH COLLECTION

22nd October: £357.20

Standing Orders: approx: £632 p/w

Thank you!

### QUIZ EVENT

On Saturday 11th November at 2.00pm at Christ Church we will be hosting a joint

**Catholic/Methodist Quiz Afternoon**

Tea and cakes will be served.

Please get together in a team of up to six people, or just come along and join a team. **£2 per person.**

# MASS OF HEALING AND NEW LIFE at CHRIST CHURCH

## Reflections and Feedback (page 1 of 2)

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Following on from the Mass of Healing and New Life, I wanted to offer some reflections on the occasion, both in the light of the Gospel, and in the light of what we experienced as a community of faith.

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### GOOD, BUT DAMAGED!

When we use the word 'healing', we are using it in the widest possible sense of the word. As human beings we are all, without exception, 'damaged goods' in that sin has caused a fundamental brokenness in the lives of each one of us. The result is that we all have areas of our lives which do not function as they might do, which gives rise to every kind of problem: spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, and ultimately spilling out into discord in our relationship with God and our relationships with each other.

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### DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I HAVE REDEEMED (HEALED) YOU!

Jesus comes to heal us! This healing is not just the guarantee of a safe passage to heaven, but, rather, is a matter of God's real active involvement in our lives as clearly revealed in the life and ministry of Jesus. As Jesus heals us from the wound of sin, and its negative effects in our lives, we begin to experience what we might call (to follow through our analogy), 'the symptoms of grace.' Just as sin manifests itself in countless ways, grace outnumbers the effects of sin (c.f. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound, Rom. 5:21).

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### THE TREASURES OF GRACE

It is in entering into our new life in Christ that we understand more clearly what Jesus can do for us. In fact, it's ONLY by entering into the new life that Christ extends to us, that we can experience what he wants to do for ME—individually and personally. The Gospel can only extend the invitation and promise, but it's in the step of belief and response that the treasures of grace begin to be laid open.

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### THE MASS OF HEALING AND NEW LIFE

On Saturday 14th October, we held a Mass of Healing and New Life during which we administered the Sacrament of Anointing. In this sacrament we truly meet Jesus! And just as the Gospels recount the stories of those whom Jesus ministered to in Israel, I would like to share with you stories of how Jesus is still at work in his Church, even in St John Southworth's parish! (see next page to read all about it!)

### Luke 6:19

...the crowd was trying to touch him because power came out of him that cured them all.

# MASS OF HEALING AND NEW LIFE at CHRIST CHURCH

## Reflections and Feedback (page 2 of 2)

**The following words of testimony come from several parishioners who experienced the healing touch of the Lord in a variety of ways.**

*I was brought up a Catholic and have practised my Faith in the way I believe most Catholics do: regular attendance at Mass, involved in the Catholic community and activities, and have enjoyed it all. I have never had a life-changing experience that some people talk about when they 'encounter the Lord'... until last weekend!*

*I attended the Mass of Healing and New Life, as usual thinking it would be a lovely occasion, and sure it was. But the big difference for me was that after I had been anointed and was sitting down, something prompted me to go to be prayed over. This was not something that I would normally do. I was prayed over by a Catholic and a Methodist, which was a great experience in itself, and I shared an anxiety I have had for a few years. When they began to pray, I felt very calm and with the words, "Trust in God" and "He knows what your every need is," I felt as though the Spirit was moving me to action.*

*The following day, instead of waiting for my prayers to be answered, I again felt prompted to do something myself to relieve me of this anxiety, and so I did, and 'praise the Lord,' within the hour my answer came. The feeling I got was one of peace, and over the next few days, I felt more committed to becoming an 'Ambassador for Christ' as St Paul calls us, in my local community, and long may it continue!*

*Another person who attended the Mass shared with me how it was only on Monday or Tuesday that he experienced inner feelings that were difficult to put into words. "It was as if something inside me had snapped! Feelings of anxiety that can drag me down towards depression were now feelings of a kind of excitement that lifted me up. I knew it was the power of the anointing."*

*Another person shared how she had brought along two others to the Mass. Her joy was that the two who came along got so much from the experience. This is the joy of evangelisation when we help others to meet Jesus.*

*Two others, who were praying for hospital appointments, received them in that same week. The Lord likes to use the NHS—as I know so well! Fr G)*

*Another lady was praying for a successful operation for a friend, and this prayer was granted. The above stories are merely a glimpse into how Jesus is at work bringing his healing touch into the lives of our parishioners. No two people will experience the healing of Jesus in the same way; and the individual person will experience Jesus in different ways at different times in their lives. The healing power of Jesus does not come to an end—first of all he attends to that which he sees to be in need of repair and restoration, and then he begins to build new additions to our lives... if we give him permission!*

*Let us give praise and thanks to God for the marvels he works among his people!*

*Fr Gerard*

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