



**St John Southworth's RC Parish**  
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## 4th Sunday of Easter



**21st April 2024**



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY!

**Saturday 8th June:** Celebration of 20th Anniversary of the Catholic/Methodist partnership at Christ Church. We will begin at 12.30pm with a Service in church which will be attended by the District Choir for the Methodists, Phil Gough, and the Bishop of Salford, John Arnold. This will be followed by a shared table and social time.

**Saturday 22nd June:** Celebration for Fr Gerard and his priest friend, Fr Peter Kinsella, on their 30th Anniversary of Ordination. We will have a Mass at Christ Church at 11.30am which will include the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick—what better way of celebrating 30 years of priestly ministry! This will be followed by a buffet lunch to which all are invited.

**Saturday 13th July:** Parish trip to Southport. A coach trip to the seaside leaving at 10.30am and returning at 5.30pm. Further details to be announced.

**Saturday 19th October:** Men's Retreat Day at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst College. Further details to be announced.

*Let us keep all these occasions and events in our prayers that they may be blessed by the Holy Spirit, and that as a parish community we may grow in our awareness of the love of God which bears fruit in a stronger sense of identity and a deeper love for one another! Come, Holy Spirit!*

## Communion under both kinds

As we prepare for re-introducing the practice of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds—i.e. as the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearances of both bread and wine—we do need a regrouping of our extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist ('extraordinary' is the term used to differentiate lay ministers from the 'ordinary' ministers who are priests and deacons). I would invite you to speak to me if you feel called to this Eucharistic ministry at the service of God and of the community of the parish.

The names I currently have are: Helen Keating, Roger Lee, Joan Penny-Heys, Margaret Needham, Eileen Spillane, Linda Goddard, Joe Gibbons, Margaret Borman, Carmel & Ian Dempsey, Mick & Karen Eccles, Francis Ryan, Khuram Javed, Marie Clark, Mag Hillary, Anne Spain, Monica McArdle, Ray Condon, Tyrone McLaughlin, Bernadette Whittaker, Betty Stinchon, Sue Barnes, Barbara Martin, Paul Stinchon, Venus Ghulam, Marion Reilly, Sheila Cooper, Marie Parker, Catherine Masih...

If you would not like to be included in this ministry at this time, then do let me know.

Fr Gerard.



## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 22nd April, 2024

Monday 22nd April	Tuesday 23rd April	Wednesday 24th April	Thursday 25th April	Friday 26th April	Saturday 27th April	SUNDAY 28th April
NO MASS	<b>MASS</b> C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	<b>MASS &amp; Exposition</b> C.C. 10.00am	MASS with children H.S. 10.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

**Children's Church: C.C.** - Linda & Amanda      **H.S.** - Lisa S, Joanne T, Lorraine

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This Sunday:</b> 21st April	Tony Finnan	Roger Lee
<b>Next Sunday:</b> 28th April	Monica McArdle	Margaret Borman

### FRIDAY MASSES

For the next four Fridays, Mass will take place at Holy Saviour's church at the usual time of 10.00am. Each week, a class from Key Stage 2 from Holy Saviour's school will be attending and will participate in the liturgy. This will give the children experiences of their parish church, of the Mass, and of the priest in his church setting. May the Lord bless all we do to reach out beyond our valued parishioners who regularly attend our daily Masses! Come, Holy Spirit!

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

April 21st Agnes Bulman (1985)  
Brendan McDermott (2010)  
April 22nd Dennis McDermott (2008)  
April 23rd Leonard Quinn (1979)  
James Littlefair (1944)  
April 26th Angelina Shepherd (1993)  
April 28th Agnes Variyam (2015)



*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!*

### WEDNESDAY VISITS TO CHURCH

On the Wednesdays of the next three weeks, at 2.00pm, children from Key Stage 1 at Holy Saviour's school will be visiting Holy Saviour's church for a time of prayer and praise, and to experience the church. We pray that the prayer of generations of parishioners, offered in that place, will touch the hearts and minds of the children and awaken their faith! Come, Holy Spirit!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Bridget Quirke, died recently.  
Brendan McDermott, anniv.  
Jordan Gildea, 1st anniv (25)

### CHURCH COLLECTION

14th April: £ 345.70  
Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w  
Thank you!

### POUND DRAW

£10.00 Julia Palmowski  
£10.00 Khuram Javed  
£10.00 Sarah Southworth  
£10.00 Shelagh Lebbon  
£103.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!

### Weekly activities at Christ Church

Tuesday 26th March 2.00pm – 3:30pm

#### *Friendship Group*

*Singing, quiz, crafts, tea, coffee and cake.*

*No charge. All welcome!*

#### Wednesdays:

*Toddlers' Club:* 9.45-11.15am

*Talk and Do:* 10:30 - 12:30pm, £2

Fridays: *Exercise Class:* 11am - 12noon £5.00

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The Sacramental Programme continues this week with our next meeting on Tuesday (23rd April) at 6.00pm at Christ Church.

