



**St John Southworth's RC Parish**  
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**16th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



**21st July 2024**



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**'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'  
(Mark 6:31)**

After a series of busy Saturdays here in the parish, with the Catholic/Methodist Celebration, the Anniversary Mass of Healing and New Life, the KSC Sponsored Walk, and the parish trip to Southport, I had decided that a free Saturday might be an opportunity for a personal day of reflection and retreat. Little did I know that Jesus himself had planned a time of retreat with his disciples on the very same weekend! Jesus and his disciples went off in a boat to a lonely place, whereas I went off in my car to Stonyhurst College where a Franciscan friar was leading a retreat weekend. Just as Jesus' retreat was cut short by the demands of pastoral ministry, I too would not be able to stay for the duration of the retreat because of my Sunday morning commitments!

I knew that I needed some time to write something for my newsletter, and was wondering what theme I might take up, but with the Gospel reading speaking about Jesus' retreat day with his disciples, I thought that the retreat master might provide me with some reflection points that I might share with you! So, off I went, armed with pen and paper, my ears alert to anything the Lord might give me through the humble Franciscan friar. I was not disappointed!

Fr Emmanuel, who was leading the retreat, reminded us that the word 'retreat' does not mean running away from life with all its demands. He spoke of the meaning of a retreat as being a military term signifying a temporary withdrawal from the battle in order to reflect, regroup, and return! This is an essential strategy for the soldiers who become battle-worn, and correspondingly, an essential strategy for the serious Christian who becomes sapped by the constant demand to battle against our own self-centred perspectives and recentre ourselves on Jesus.

Fr Emmanuel is based in a community in Bradford where their particular mission is to live with the poor. According to the model of Jesus and St Francis their mission is to enter into the lives of those they come to serve. On the first Saturday of each month they have a 'spiritual day' which is open to anyone who wants to join them. With my parish-priest ears alert to opportunities, I thought that maybe we might plan to visit them on a future First Saturday! All those in favour, say 'Aye'

**With prayers and best wishes  
Fr Gerard**

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

Monday 22nd July	Tuesday 23rd July	Wednesday 24th July	Thursday 25th July	Friday 26th July	Saturday 27th July	SUNDAY 28th July
NO MASS	MASS in Holy Trinity School 9.10am	Requiem Mass 10.00am H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	MASS C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

**Children's Church: C.C.** - Carmel & Molly      **H.S.** - Lisa, Joanne, & Irene

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 21st July	Roger Lee	George Winkley
Next Sunday: 28th July	Gerard Spain	Emanuel Dwamena

### REQUIEM MASS WEDNESDAY

We pray for the repose of the soul of Holly Morgan, daughter of David and Carrina Morgan, who died last Sunday. Her Requiem Mass will take place at Holy Saviour's on Wednesday 24th July at 10.00am. May she rest in peace.

### Gerald Howarth, RIP

We are sad to hear the news that Gerald Howarth died last week. We pray for the repose of his soul and we remember his sons Stephen and Peter in our prayers at this time. Gerald's funeral service will take place at Christ Church at 10.30am on Tuesday 30th July.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

July 21st William Holden (1990)  
 July 22nd Josephine Martin (1985)  
 July 23rd Joseph Lambert (2003)  
 July 24th Michael McCarthy (1984)  
           Rev Robert Smith (1922)  
 July 25th Damon David Dean (2007)  
 July 26th Milton Duckworth (1995)  
           Tom Halpin (2016)  
 July 27th Hilda Orrell (1993)  
           Elizabeth Sumner (1988)  
           Jack Jordan (1985)



*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

£10.00: Suzanne Kelly  
 £10.00: Wilf Eccles  
 £10.00: Francis Ryan  
 £10.00: Mag Hillary  
 £85.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



### MASS INTENTIONS

Holly Morgan, died recently (24yrs), July 7th 2024  
 Fred Bate, anniv, July 24th (1992)  
 Margaret Phelan, anniv, 24th July (2022)  
 Vieve Halpin, b'day anniv, July 17th  
 Rob Barber, b'day anniv, 26th July  
 Gerard Howarth, b'day anniv, July 28th

### Annual Retreat at The Briery, Ilkley

From 4.00pm Friday 18th October -  
 2.00pm Sunday 20th October 2024

Single ensuite rooms; lift; ground floor rooms.  
 Cost: £170 with own transport or lifts can be arranged. Contact Sue Barnes: 01282 618231.  
 £20.00 deposit to Sue please, and remainder payable via phone/card to The Briery.

### BAPTISM

On Sunday, we welcome Elora Grace Cragg, daughter of Kasper and Olivia, who will be baptised at Holy Saviour's after the 11.15am Mass. May the family of God continue to grow and develop in our parish of St John Southworth.

### CHURCH COLLECTION

14th July: £318.30  
 Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w  
 Thank you!

### 'War on Weeds'

We will be gathering at Holy Saviour's on Saturday 27th July at 10.00am to clear the weeds from around the church!  
 Do come and help!

