

St John Southworth's RC Parish

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All Saints, 1st November

This coming Friday brings us to the month of November. It is in November that the Catholic Church remembers and prays for those who have died. On the 1st 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 call to mind all those people who have inspired us, or helped us, to be better people. They may have lived ordinary lives, 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 1st 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.

Through the intercession of Mary 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.

You will notice on the programme of Masses for this week, I have moved the Wednesday evening Mass at Holy Saviour's to Thursday evening so that we might celebrate a vigil Mass for All Saints. Mass on Wednesday will be at 10.00am at Christ Church followed by Exposition.

Have a peaceful week, Fr Gerard

SYNOD MEETINGS

The first of two parish meetings will be held on Saturday 9th November at 11.00am in Christ Church. We will reflect on how the first two themes emerging from the diocesan-wide listening groups might be relevant to our parish.

1st theme: Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow's World

2nd theme: Building Connections

You can access summary documents of the first two themes on the links above; also, there are paper copies at the back of church.

Mass Schedule for Week beginning Monday 28th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	SUNDAY
28th Oct	29th Oct	30th Oct	31st Oct	1st Nov	2nd Nov	3rd Nov
H.S Rosary 7.00pm	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS C.C. 10.00am	Mass Sacred Heart 11.00am	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 27th October	Monica McArdle	Joan Penny-Heys
Next Sunday: 3rd November	Zechariah	Jeremiah

Children's Church: C.C. - Carmel & Margaret B H.S. - Sarah K, Suzanne K and H.S. Gift Team

FUNERAL SERVICES

The funeral service for Michael Thomas (39) will take place at Burnley Crematorium on Monday 28th October at 11.30am.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Oct 28th Ellen McGuinness (1989)

Eric Webb (2003)

Margaret Howarth (2012)

Bill Morgan (2019)

Oct 29th Dorothy Howarth (2014)

Ursula Hutchinson (2003)

Oct 30th Angela Rushton (2001)

James Allen (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)

Billy Cairns (2021)

MASS INTENTIONS

Anne Callaghan, b'day intentions McGuinness Family, anniv, Oct 25th

OCTOBER - The Month of the Holy Rosary

Rosary recited on Monday evenings of October at Holy Saviour's at 7.00pm.

LAST CHANCE THIS MONDAY!

£1 DRAW CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Boxes will soon be available for entries into the Christmas Draw with £100 first prize!

CHURCH COLLECTION

20th October: £ 220.40 Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w Many thanks!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Ann Lang

£10.00 Mary Smith

£10.00 Roger Veevers

£10.00 Chris Dunleavey

£108.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



The Methodist Church Council has agreed to offer a "Warm Space" again this winter on Wednesdays to coincide with the foodbank. If you could help to provide a hot drink, toast and biscuits any Wednesday afternoon in December, January and February between 1:30 and 3:00pm please contact Janet Parker (click). Tel: 07870 669814

The Annual All Souls' Cemetery Mass

This year's Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on All Souls' Day, Saturday 2nd November, in Sacred Heart Church at 11.00am.

It will be followed by the blessing of graves in the cemetery.



C.A.F.O.D



We will be holding our Soup Lunches in aid of C.A.F.O.D. on the Fridays of ADVENT after the 12.00 noon Masses at Christ Church.

Beginning on Friday 28th November