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**31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



3rd November 2024



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SYNOD MEETINGS

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

The word 'synod' used to be reserved to describe meetings of bishops or clergy, however, Pope Francis has broadened our understanding of the term to include all church meetings which have the character of listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit. They are not essentially business meetings or planning meetings but meetings in which we share our thoughts, concerns and hopes, and from there we might discern ways forward.

I would say that there has been a little confusion surrounding the issue of synods in that there have been two synods running at the same time! The first synod was called for by Pope Francis which called forth responses from the Universal Church, which means the Church as it is spread out throughout the whole world. This synod began in 2021 and has now been concluded with a meeting of bishops and laity in Rome. The concluding document is available only in Italian at this moment but a summary is available [on this link](#) (click).

In 2023, Bishop John called for a Diocesan Synod which began with the gathering of thoughts and reflections from all the parishes in the Diocese. We held a number of listening meetings here in the parish, and our thoughts and reflections were sent to the Diocese where 30,000 submissions were reflected on in order to discern the areas of concern and interest throughout the Diocese.

The Diocesan Synod moderators grouped all the submissions into four themes which have now been sent back to the parishes that we might once again listen and reflect and then feed back two concrete proposals relating to each of the four themes. We are now holding two listening meetings, which will take on the format of previous meetings in which we don't enter into debate (which can so easily lead to argument!) but we express our thoughts and feelings relating to the themes.

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. I will begin the meeting by just introducing the two themes as it's all rather a lot to take in!

May the Holy Spirit guide our parish community along the roads that lead to life!

With every blessing,

Fr Gerard

Mass Schedule for Week beginning Monday 4th November

Monday 4th Nov	Tuesday 5th Nov	Wednesday 6th Nov	Thursday 7th Nov	Friday 8th Nov	Saturday 9th Nov	SUNDAY 10th Nov
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	MASS C.C. 10.00am	Parish Synod Meeting 11.00 C.C	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 3rd November	Monica	Zechariah
Next Sunday: 10th November	Luke	David

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

Eucharistic Ministry Week 1 (C.C. and H.S.)	
Francis Ryan	Sarah Kelly
Ewa Zycinska	Joanne Thompson
Khuram Javed	Sheila Cooper
Siobhan James	Venus Ghulam
Margaret Morgan	Dawid Zycinski

CHURCH COLLECTION
27th October: £430.20
Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w
Many thanks!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Terry Pollard
£10.00 Doreen Batson
£10.00 Helen Keating
£10.00 Michael Taylor

£71.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



FUNERAL SERVICES


The funeral service for Margaret Cookson will take place at Christ Church on Tuesday 12th November at 10.00am
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN

£1 DRAW CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Nov 4th David Lavender ((2023)
Nov 5th Colin Murgatroyde (2011)
Nov 6th Irene Wetherall (2003)
Nov 7th Cecilia Allen (2020)
Harry Sumner (1988)
Nov 8th Marco Dempsey (2001)
Nov 9th May Syers (1996)
Leonard Burrows 2008)
Nov 10th Geoffrey Burnett (2014)





Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy

The Annual Mass for Clergy who have worked in this part of the Diocese and who have now died will be held at St. Mary's, Burnley this Thursday 7th November at 10.00am.
Everyone is welcome.
Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Richard Goodway, died recently.
Margaret Cookson, died recently
Charles Black, anniv, 29th Oct.
Patricia Armstrong, anniv, 30th Oct (2009)
Alan Turner, anniv, 1st Nov (1975)
Peter Cichocki, b'day anniv, 3rd Nov.
Susan Lawson, sick.

 **C.A.F.O.D** 

The October Family Fast raised a magnificent total of £580.00

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

Catholic and Methodist Time of Prayer

This coming Wednesday, the first Wednesday of the month, there will be a time of shared prayer at Christ Church. The prayer time will begin at 11.30am and will be for just half an hour.