



St John Southworth's RC Parish
at Holy Saviour's Church, Vulcan St, BB9 8HE
and Christ Church, Carr Road, BB9 7JS
Nelson

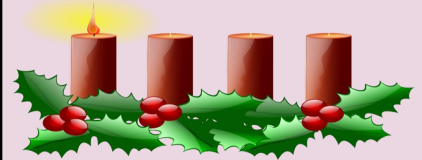
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newsletter electronically, then
please email the parish.**

Email: stjohnsouthworthrc@gmail.com (click)

First Sunday of Advent Year C



1st December 2024



Click on the moneybox to make a
secure online donation to the parish!

[St John Southworth's YouTube Channel](#)

Click link for live-streamed and recorded Masses.

£1 DRAW CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

1st Prize £100 2nd £75 3rd £50 4th £25

Just put a £1 in a brown envelope with your name
on, and pop it into the Christmas Draw Box. Have
as many goes as you wish over the next six weeks!

*The Draw will take place at the CAFOD Soup Lunch
on Friday 20th December.
GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU!*

Christmas Carol Service

Catholics and Methodists Together

Thursday 19th Dec 7.00pm at Christ Church

This event provides us all with an opportunity to
build relationships within the Catholic/Methodist
community. Not only is this an important aspect
of our vocation as parishioners in the parish of St
John Southworth, but also an excellent way to
prepare for our celebration of Christmas!

ADVENT CAFOD Soup
after 12.00 noon Mass
Fridays in Advent



Blessing of Advent Calendars and Cribbs

This service of prayer and
blessing for Advent will take
place at St John Southworth
School on Monday 2nd Dec.
at 9.15am. All Welcome!

ADVENT PRAYERS BY ZOOM

On the Monday evenings of Advent, at
7.00pm, Monica is running a series of
prayer times during which she will look
at four different ways of praying with
Scripture. The prayer times will take
place over Zoom, and can be accessed
on this link: [Prayer time link](#)

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A most important aspect of our lives as Christians is our own personal growth in holiness. Holiness is not produced by effort but is the fruit of our relationship with Jesus who is the "fount of all holiness". In the Gospels, Jesus often issues the invitation to come to him so that we might find forgiveness and healing. This invitation is still being issued by Jesus through his Church, and we can hear the words of forgiveness and healing spoken by Jesus in the words of the priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The season of Advent is a time when we might make our Confession as an expression of our desire to make a new beginning in our spiritual lives by acknowledging our need to be strengthened by God's forgiveness and grace.

I will now be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation available at different times over the next few weeks, and, in this first week of Advent, opportunities for Reconciliation will be available from 6.30pm at Holy Saviour's on Wednesday before Mass and on Thursday morning after Mass during the time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A further opportunity will be next Saturday, 7th Dec from 11.00—12.00 noon at Christ Church.

May the Advent Season be a time for our rebirth in Jesus. Fr Gerard

Mass Schedule for Week beginning Monday 2nd December

Monday 2nd Dec	Tuesday 3rd Dec	Wednesday 4th Dec	Thursday 5th Dec	Friday 6th Dec	Saturday 7th Dec	SUNDAY 8th Dec
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	MASS C.C. 10.00am	Confessions 11.00—12.00 noon	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 1st December	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed
Next Sunday: 8th December	Dawid Zycinski	Luke Mendoza

Children's Church: C.C. - Barbara H & Mary M **H.S.** - Sarah K, Suzanne K, and the H.S. GIFT team

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

CHURCH COLLECTION
 24th November: £269.70
 Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w
 Many thanks!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Dec 1st John C Haworth (1994)
 Rev Clive Birch 2020)

Dec 2nd Myles W Darcy (1939)
 Leon R Emery (2015)

Dec 3rd Harvey M Burnett (2001)

Dec 5th Nellie Sharkey 1971)
 Gorden Entwistle (2008)

Dec 6th Mary J Stockton (2001)

Dec 7th Jack Brady (2009)



POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Christine Marshall
 £10.00 Laura Durham
 £10.00 Sean Jennings
 £10.00 Bernadette Turner

£77.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



MASS INTENTIONS

Joseph Pemberton, anniv, 28th Nov
 Robert Halsted, anniv, 29th Nov.
 Jack Lawrenson, b'day anniv, 3rd Dec
 Thomas Quirke, b'day anniv.

Mill Hill Red Mission Boxes

If you have a Red Mission Box at home, you can bring it down to church over the next couple of weeks so that it can be emptied and returned to you. Thank you!

FOOD BANK Volunteers needed!

The Foodbank, based in Christ Church, provides a much needed service to those in the area who need extra support. If you would like to help out for two hours on a rota basis then please contact Any Parker on 07968050390 for more information.

Toddlers' Club

At Christ Church every Wednesday at 9.45—11.15am. All ages from babies to pre-school children with parent/carer welcome.

The Christmas Party will take place on 11th December. Tickets cost £1.50 and include a present from Santa.

Warm Space at Christ Church

On Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:00pm during December, January and February. Come and join us for tea and toast. Everyone is welcome!

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.

