



St John Southworth's RC Parish
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**2nd Sunday of Advent
Year C**



8th December 2024



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secure online donation to the parish!

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£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



Christmas Flowers

This weekend, we will have an after Mass collection for flowers for the decoration of the Churches over Christmas. Donations can be placed in the baskets or put in the brown envelopes and marked 'Flowers'

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](#)

**PARISH SYNOD MEETING, Saturday 14th December
Christ Church, 11.00am**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Next Saturday morning, 14th December, we will have our final Parish Synod meeting at Christ Church at 11.00am. We will share on the final two of the four themes which emerged from the BIG LISTEN meetings which took place across the diocese a year ago.

The two final themes are: 3. [Enabling Access](#) (Click on link for more information)

4. [Fostering Christ-like Care](#) (Click on link for more information)

The meeting will take the same format as our previous meeting during which we reflected on the first two themes. There is a brief presentation of the main points of each of the themes followed by a time in listening groups as we share on what we think is of particular importance to us or to the parish.

Whilst the Diocesan Synod concludes in March 2025, with a meeting of all Synod Members with the Bishop, the synodal journey we are making as a parish is ongoing, as reflecting together on our faith in Christ is an essential element of how we can grow as a parish. Please do come along to this meeting, therefore, if you can.

Fr Gerard

Mass Schedule for Week beginning Monday 9th December

Monday 9th Dec	Tuesday 10th Dec	Wednesday 11th Dec	Thursday 12th Dec	Friday 13th Dec	Saturday 14th Dec	SUNDAY 15th Dec
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	CAFOD MASS C.C. 12.00 noon	SYNOD MEETING 11.00—12.00 noon	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am
Date		Reader 1		Reader 2		
This Sunday: 8th December		Dawid Zycinski		Luke Mendoza		
Next Sunday: 15th December		Monica McArdle		Margaret Needham		

Children's Church: C.C. - Siobhan & Molly

H.S. - Lisa S & Joanne T

Eucharistic Ministry (C.C & H.S.) Week 2

Roger Lee	Barbara Martin
George Winkley	Christine Whalley
Amanda Duckett	Susanne Barnes
Bernadette Whittaker	Marie Parker
Emma Sutcliffe	Paul Stinchon

CHURCH COLLECTION

1st December: £356.20
Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w
Many thanks!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Siobhan Fitzpatrick
£10.00 Sheila Pollard
£10.00 Mabon Lebbon
£10.00 Margaret Morgan
£81.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Dec 8th Chris Paul Needham (1977)
Dec 9th Charlotte Jones (1999)
Dec 11th Charles Stockton (1994)
William Darcy (1991)
Bashir Variyam (2015)
Dec 12th Florrie Wilson (1987)
Thomas O'Donnell (1985)
Thomas Haworth (1975)
Dec 13th Joseph Heseltine (1959)



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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Charlotte Jones, 28th anniv.
Joe Smrt, anniv
Reilly & Woods Family Intentions
Lucy Baron
May Kelly, died recently.

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.

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE

Wednesday evening @ Holy Saviours
Before and after 7pm Mass
Thursday Morning @ Christ Church
During Adoration after 10am Mass

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!

TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES.

Christmas Eve

5pm @ Holy Saviour's (*Children's Mass*)
8pm @ Christ Church (*Christmas Vigil*)

Christmas day

9.30am @ Christ Church
11.15am @ Holy Saviour's

