



St John Southworth's RC Parish
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**Feast of the
 Holy Family**



29th December 2024



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**A HAPPY & HOLY NEW YEAR
 TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS & FAMILIES**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, we have the custom of declaring, every twenty-five years, a 'Year of Jubilee' or a 'Holy Year'. On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in St Peter's, Rome, which marked the beginning of the 2025 Jubilee which has been entitled by the Pope, *Pilgrims of Hope*.

During this coming 'year of favour', we are called to a renewal in our relationship with God, with our neighbour, and with the earth itself. The themes of reconciliation, forgiveness and the cancellation of debt will be uppermost in the mind of the Church.

A particular expression of this change of heart on the part of the people is maybe a pilgrimage to a Holy Shrine or to a local Church which has been designated as place where Holy Doors can be opened. We look forward to a year of grace in our parish in which God can do great things! Fr Gerard.



Thank you to the children who came along to the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve!

Mass Schedule for Week beginning Monday 30th December

Monday 30th Dec	Tuesday 31st Dec	Wednesday 1st Jan	Thursday 2nd Jan	Friday 3rd Jan	Saturday 4th Jan	SUNDAY 5th Jan
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 12.00 noon	MASS C.C. 12.00 noon	MASS & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	MASS C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 29th December	Joan Penny-Heys	Roger Lee
Next Sunday: 5th January	Jeremiah	Zechariah

Children's Church: C.C. - Amanda & Khuram H.S. - Annika, Amber

DIED RECENTLY

It is with sadness that we heard of the death of **Esme Thornton** who died in the early hours of 27th December. We pray for the repose of her soul and we pray for Lucina and all the family in their time of loss. Funeral to be arranged.

The Requiem Mass for **Paddy Kelly** will take place at Holy Saviour's church on Friday 10th January at 9.30am. We remember him and all his family in our prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Herman & Mary Eccles, RIP.
Gerda McArdle, anniv, 30th Dec (2019)
Peter & Hilde Bardell, golden wedding

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Dec 29th Gwendoline Calvert (1986)
 John Whalley (1996)
 George Mc Namara (2004)
 Joan Simm (2020)

Dec 30th Paula L Dunne (1998)
 Stephen McDermott (2006)
 Michael Kegg (2010)
 Peter Kushi (1998)

Dec 31st Marion Eccles (1993)
 Mary Nolan (2011)
 June Taylor (2014)

Jan 1st Rev A Baron (1949)
 Annie Nurden (2000)
 Veronica Ashton (2015)

Jan 2nd Mildred Hodson (1995)



Eucharistic Ministry (C.C & H.S.) Week 5

Carmel Dempsey	Maureen McDermott
Margaret Hillary	Marian Reilly
Mary Mullarkey	Joanne Thompson
Margaret Needham	Suzanne Kelly
George Winkley	James Hargreaves

CHURCH COLLECTION

25th December: £1427.70
Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w
Many thanks!

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!

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 Andy Parker on 07968050390 for information.

Young People's Retreat Weekend

From Friday 31st Jan, to Sunday 2nd Feb the Parish is offering a residential retreat weekend for young people of high school age and above. The retreat will take place at the Lancaster Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre in the Lake District and will be paid for by the Parish. The link to the video will give something of a taste of the Castlerigg experience: [Castlerigg Video](#) See Fr Gerard or Monica for further details and registration forms.

