



St John Southworth's RC Parish
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



16th November 2025



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A NEW BEGINNING!

If we really love somebody, we delight in making a new beginning with them. We promise that we will not go over old ground, raising past hurts. We make a new commitment to putting the other first in our lives. We realise that we are only truly happy when the other is happy!

God really loves us, and all the above applies to God's relationship with us! He loves to give us a new beginning with no strings attached, and the only condition on our part is that we want to make a new beginning with him.

This new beginning is offered to us by God through the Church which in the name of Jesus has authority to dispense the graces won for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. The most radical of new beginnings is called a Plenary Indulgence.

In this Jubilee year, which comes round only every twenty-five years, the Church offers us the opportunity to make this brand new start with God and to receive a Plenary Indulgence. The word 'plenary' gives us the word 'complete', and the word 'indulgence' means 'favour' - in fact, an 'undeserved favour!' A Plenary Indulgence is God's gracious gift of forgiveness for every sin we have committed in our lives in thought, word, and deed. However, beyond this forgiveness, which is always available in the Sacrament of Confession, God promises to take upon himself all the negativity and suffering that our sin has brought into our own lives and into the lives of others! Our innocence is restored and we are set free from any shadow of guilt.

There is no playing of games here—we need to be sincerely repentant with a true sorrow for our sins, and a firm resolve not to slip back into former ways. It's God's desire that we be so overwhelmed with thanksgiving that we just want to live our lives with a much deeper commitment to his will and to manifest the life of Christ in our own persons.

As a parish, we will reach out to receive the Plenary Indulgence by fulfilling the conditions laid down by the Church: to visit a Shrine Church and pass through the Holy Door, to pray for the intentions of the Pope, to receive the Sacrament of Confession and the Eucharist.

*We will all meet at Christ Church at **1.30pm** on the **Saturday of November 29th**. We will then travel together to St Mary's, Burnley where we will enter the Church through the Holy Door. We will pray for the Pope's intentions and then will spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Tea and coffee will then be provided for us in the parish rooms at St Mary's at 3.00pm.*

*On the following **Wednesday, 3rd Dec**, we will hold a **Reconciliation Service at Christ Church at 7.00pm** at which five priests will be available to hear Confessions. As Jesus said to the Samaritan Woman, "If only you knew what God is offering!" Let's muster up a seed of faith, and be ready to receive from the fullness of God's generosity!*

Take care and God bless, Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 17th November 2025

Monday 17th Nov	Tuesday 18th Nov	Wednesday 19th Nov	Thursday 20th Nov	Friday 21st Nov	Saturday 22nd Nov	Christ the King, Sunday 23rd Nov
NO MASS	Mass 10.00am C.C	Mass 7.00pm H.S	Mass & Exposition 10.00am C.C.	Mass 10.00am C.C.	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 16th November	Monica McArdle	Sarah Ellison
Next Sunday: 23rd November	Margaret Borman	Margaret Needham

Children's Church: **C.C** Khuram & Margaret M **H.S.** Annika, Amber / Monica, Doreen, Sammy

Eucharistic Ministry 3rd Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Dawid Zycinski	Marian Reilly
Joe Gibbons	Lisa Stinchon
Tyrone McLaughlin	Marcin Zycinski
Helen Keating	James Hargreaves
Linda Goddard	Liz Variyam

Maureen Fannon, RIP.

We are sad to announce the death of Maureen Fannon who died peacefully this week surrounded by her family. Funeral details later.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Eileen Wilcock
 £10.00 Marie Clark
 £10.00 Joe Gibbons
 £10.00 Eamonn Kelly

£82.00 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!

CAFOD



Donations received from 14th Sept - 9th Nov.

£210.00 Tea & coffee donations at C.C.

£273.50 Tea & coffee donations at H.S.

£483.50 transferred to CAFOD on 12th Nov 2025

Many thanks for your generosity to those who struggle to survive in the areas of greatest need in our world.

We will be running our usual C.A.F.O.D. soup lunches on the three Fridays during ADVENT at Christ Church. These will take place after the 12.00 noon Masses to which the children from our schools will be invited. Why not make these Masses and lunches a personal Advent challenge!

CHURCH COLLECTION

Standing Orders: approx: £685 p/w.
 9th Nov: £278.30. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Colin Crabtree, died recently
 McGinness Family, anniv, Nov 16th
 Deceased members of the Parish

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Nov 17th Robert Bradshaw (1986)
 William Shepherd (1958)
 Nov 18th James F Shutt (1992)
 Frederick Heseltine (1992)
 Nov 19th Joyce Duggan (2001)
 Nov 20th Florence Heseltine (1971)
 David Pemberton (2008)
 Annie Winkley (2000)
 Patrick Phelan (2022)
 Nov 21st Mary Verda Gorton (2015)
 Nov 22nd Vieve Halpin (2016)
 Alexander Kegg (1980)
 Anastasia (Cissie) Phelan (2008)



*May the souls of all the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

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

Over the next few weeks there is the opportunity to have as many entries as you wish. Just put a pound in one of the brown envelopes at the back of church marked with your name and contact and pop it in the CHRISTMAS DRAW box.

The GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW will take place on 19th December. Thank you, Ian

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Following on from my few words of encouragement to review our parish financial support, I have attached a standing-order form to this week's newsletter which you might fill in and return to me. With grateful thanks, Fr Gerard

St John Southworth RC Parish, Nelson

(Incorporating Holy Saviour's and Christ Church)

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