



## St John Southworth's RC Parish

at Christ Church, Carr Road  
and St John Southworth Church, Vaughan St

### Nelson

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**29th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
Year A**

**18th October 2020**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Since July 3rd, when I was given the diagnosis of my ill health, I have had the support of a long-term friend of mine, Monica McArdle. Monica has been taking care of all my housekeeping tasks, shopping, accompanying me on hospital visits, etc., and helping with day-to-day admin tasks. This week, I begin a six-week course of immunotherapy, not knowing how unpleasant the side-effects of this treatment might be, and not knowing what there will be in store for me following this period.

Monica has been employed by a parish in Kirkby for ten years and clearly cannot now sustain holding down the job in Kirkby whilst at the same time being on hand for me. During this last number of weeks, I have been in conversation with the Bishop who has agreed that Monica might be employed by the parish on a fixed-term, part-time contract under the title of housekeeper/support worker. The Parish Finance Committee are agreeable to this plan which will provide me with as much support as possible in my situation.

For the time-being, I think it best to move the 'Retreat Mornings' to Tuesdays because my hospital appointments are on Wednesdays, and I think that I might be left feeling a little delicate on Thursdays!

May God bless you and your families,  
and may Mary intercede for us in this month of October,  
Fr Gerard.



### Harvest Week at the Schools of St John Southworth and Holy Trinity

A BIG THANK YOU and well done to the school children and staff at Holy Trinity and St John Southworth for their collection of gifts for the Harvest. Parcels are usually delivered to the senior parishioners in Brierfield but this year, due to COVID restrictions, that was not possible. Instead, the gifts have been distributed to local Foodbanks. A special mention to the *Caritas* and *Gift Teams* for their hard work all week.

***"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat" (Matt.25:35).***

## Mass schedule for this coming week, commencing Monday, 19th October

Monday 19th October	Tuesday 20th October	Wednesday 21st October	Thursday 22nd October	Friday 23rd October	Saturday 24th October	Sunday 25th October
SH <b>No Mass</b>	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 6.30pm	SH 10.00am	SH 11.45am	SH (Booking) 9.30am
	CC 8.45am MP 9.00am Mass Exposition		CC <b>No Mass</b>		HS 6.30pm (Booking)	CC 9.30am (Booking)

SH = Sacred Heart

CC = Christ Church

HS= Holy Saviour's

I am now going to begin including the links for booking into the following weekend's Masses in the previous week's Newsletter. This saves sending out two emails each week, and also widens the invitation to include our schools from where the online Newsletter is being sent out.

Please click on the links below to access the online booking website for weekend Masses at Holy Saviour's and Christ Church. Remember, just make one booking for a pair or group from the same household. Please do let me know if you make a booking, and then find you are not able to attend.

[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 6.30pm, 24th October 2020](#)

[Sunday Mass at Christ Church, 9.30am, 25th October 2020](#)

*May we surrender to the **reins** of the Lord,  
allow Jesus to **reign** in our hearts, and  
may the Spirit **rain** down his blessings upon us.  
AMEN. GK*

During this new time of Level 2 restrictions, postmen have been told to work from home; so they will take your mail home, read it, and then ring you if there is anything important! RW



### POUND DRAW

This week's winners: £10 Gil Hartley  
£10, Eileen Spillane  
Parish Funds: £57

Just to remind you that you can pay £5 or £10 to enter the DRAW for the next five or ten weeks!

Last week's collection came to: £260.63  
We also receive approximately £265.00 p/w in standing-order donations. **MANY THANKS!**

This week's **Lord's Day at Home** prayer sheet :  
[can be found by clicking here.](#)

### Book of Remembrance

Oct 19 Jose da Silva  
Oct 19 Amelia Kester  
Oct 24 Thomas Nolan  
Oct 25 Helen Ashworth



*May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be a people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN*

### Mass Intentions

Elaine Eastwood, died recently.  
For the work of CAFOD  
For staff and patients at Pendleside Hospice  
Wilf Mullarkey, Anniv.