



## St John Southworth's RC Parish

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

### Nelson

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## The Feast of All Saints

**1st November  
2020**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Sunday brings us into the month of November. It is in November that the Catholic Church remembers and prays for those who have died. On the 1st of November, the Feast of All Saints, we recall with joy and thanksgiving those who have lived such holy and sacrificial lives that we might confidently recognise them to be saints.

On this Feast we can call to mind all those people who have inspired us, or helped us, to be better people. They may have lived ordinary lives in so many ways, but we know that they touched us in such a special way that their influence on us was unique and irreplaceable by any other person. These saints, although their lives may go unrecorded by the Church, can still assist us from their heavenly home—in fact, friends in heaven are the best of friends for us!

On the second day of November, this coming Monday, we remember all those who have died. We refer to this day as All Souls' Day. On this day we pray for all those who have gone before us, and we entrust them to the mercy of God.

Throughout this whole month we are encouraged to pray for those who have died whom we can help with our prayers, even offering up some of our own trials and adversities as prayers on their behalf. These traditional practices have lost nothing of their relevance or value, and they remind us of our ongoing need to allow the Lord to purify our souls that we may enter into the presence of God in all his holiness and purity. Jesus allowed us to *disfigure* his person on the Cross; he invites us to allow him to *transfigure* our persons with the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit.

The most beautiful teaching of the Christian faith is that the bonds of love, forged in this life, are not broken by death, and that those close to our hearts remain close to our hearts once their earthly pilgrimage has come to an end. What a blessing it is to be able to pray for those we have loved and even for those who have hurt us in this life, entrusting them to the love and mercy of God, and finding healing for our own souls.

Our continuing November prayer for all those who have died, is expressed in these words: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. AMEN.

May God bless you and your families,  
Fr Gerard.

### Book of Remembrance

*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*



Nov 2nd Carol Mary Whalley

Nov 3rd George Bradshaw

Nov 6th Irene Wetherall

Nov 7th Harry Sumner.

## Mass schedule for this coming week, commencing Monday, 2nd November

Monday 2nd Nov	Tuesday 3rd Nov	Wednesday 4th Nov	Thursday 5th Nov	Friday 6th Nov	Saturday 7th Nov	Sunday 8th Nov
SH <b>No Mass</b>	SH <b>No Mass</b>	SH <b>No Mass</b>	SH 6.30pm	SH <b>No Mass</b>	SH <b>No Mass</b>	SH (Booking) 9.30am
CC All Souls Mass 10.00am	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

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, 7th Nov 2020](#)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 9.30am, 8th Nov 2020](#)

Bookings open 11.00am  
on the previous Sunday

### POUND DRAW

£10.00 Jack Lawrenson; £10.00 Mary Mullarkey;  
£10.00 Carrie Ann Rothwell; Parish Funds: £60.00

The POUND DRAW has got off to a great start; thank you all very much. The Grandchildren appeal seems to have gone down well with four different ones winning so far, and we also managed to pay an extra prize this week as well! 39 people have taken the option of buying multiple weeks and some of you will be approached in the next few weeks to see if you want to buy your next 5 or 10 weeks. If you are not sure of your run-out date we have a copy at Sunday Mass each week or contact Ian, 615057. If the draw carries on this well we are considering a special extra prize around Christmas time in the region of £50, Thanks once again for your generosity.

Our recent CAFOD collection raised £393.00 which is a magnificent effort, especially without the possibility of extra fundraising events .



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

### Mass Intentions

**Morrison Family**  
Margaret Howarth, 8th Anniv, 28th Oct  
Molly Moore, died recently  
Bill Morgan, 1st Anniv, 28th Oct

Last week's collection came to: £298.60  
We also receive approx £265.00 p/w  
in standing-order donations.

This week, I had a lovely visit from the *Get Well Soon, Autumn Hedgehog*, sent to me by Molly Brighton. He really cheered me up - thank you Molly!



### THE HIDDEN HAND OF HEALING!

Lord Jesus, you stretched out your hand to cleanse the leper; you reached out to the blind man to restore his sight.

May your hand of love be the hidden hand of healing, working alongside the skilled hands of the surgeon, the caring hands of the nurse, and the praying hands of the priest.

We thank you for all the ways in which you bring your healing to us, and for allowing us to bring your healing touch to each other. AMEN.

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