



## St John Southworth's RC Parish

at Christ Church, Carr Road, BB9 7JS  
and St John Southworth Church, Vaughan St

### Nelson

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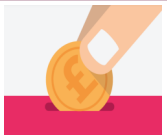
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## Third Sunday of Advent



13th December 2020



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The news is now all about the vaccination programme which is getting underway in the UK and, I'm sure, in all the other countries of the world. We thank God for the extraordinary ways in which he has gifted human beings in our genius and determination to overcome so many difficulties and dangers!

A vaccination works by introducing a mild dose of the virus into the body so that the immune system will recognise the full-blown disease when it arrives and the body will be able to fend it off.

I'm wondering whether in our psychological world the same kind of processes are at work, and especially with regards to our faith! In childhood we might be exposed to Christmas trees and gifts, to decorations and festive activities, and even a visit to the church. The mind and heart then, not surprisingly, come to be convinced that they have experienced the real thing!

Unfortunately, when the essence of Christmas is presented to us as the astonishing Good News of the God who is prepared to send his Son into the darkness and chaos of our world to save us, it's only carols, cards and family visits which come to mind, and the possibility of life-transforming relationship with Jesus is suppressed and stifled before it can take hold of us and develop!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if our faith was so potent and infectious that we would be super-spreaders bringing about a pandemic of peace and joy!

May the blessings of Advent be yours,

Fr Gerard

Roof repairs at Vaughan Street are now completed. We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £1,000 from a generous parishioner towards the total bill of £7,327.32. We still await repairs to the interior ceiling caused by the water leaking in from above. [See photos of repairs here.](#)



World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to, and help transform the lives of families living in poverty.

Click on the logo above to see the CAFOD catalogue

[Fr Gerard's Advent message for the children](#)

[Fr Gerard shares a Thought for Today on Bolton FM Radio](#)

[Monica's Children's Liturgy Video for this Weekend](#)

Filmed on location  
at Vaughan Street!



## Mass schedule for this coming week, commencing Monday, 14th December

Monday 14th Dec	Tuesday 15th Dec	Wed 16th Dec	Thursday 17th Dec	Friday 18th Dec	Saturday 19th Dec	Sunday 20th Dec
SH NO MASS	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				HS 6.30pm Remember to make a booking!	CC 9.30am Remember to make a booking!

SH = Sacred Heart

CC = Christ Church

HS= Holy Saviour's

Masses at SH, live-streamed and recorded, to be found here: [Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne](#)

Online booking for **Sunday Masses** (available from 11.00am on previous Sunday)

[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 19th December at 6.30pm](#) (Sacred Heart Newsletter)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 20th December at 9.30am](#)

Online booking for **Christmas Masses** (available from 11.00am on Sunday 13th Dec)

I'm afraid to have to say that only those who have made a booking will be allowed into church due to the necessity of maintaining a Covid-safe indoor space, as legislated by the Government.

- Please let me know if you make a booking and you are then unable to come
- Book just ONE place for a household or social bubble and add the number of people attending with you. (eg Mary Smith +3)
- Sorry, masks are a must, and singing is a mustn't!  
(All complaints directed to Mr Corona at Virus International)

[Christmas Eve Mass at Christ Church, 5.00pm](#)

[Christmas Eve Mass at Christ Church, 7.30pm](#)

[Christmas Morning Mass at Christ Church, 9.30am](#)



### POUND DRAW

The Pound Draw raised £100.00 for Parish Funds last week.

Winners: £10, M. Manley; £10 O, Dixon; £10 G. Spain.

Again, we received very generous gifts towards the Draw as well. Thank you all very much.

We have decided, because of the success of the Draw so far, that we will have a:

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRIZE OF £50**

(extra to the usual £10 Draw)

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER.**

You are welcome to have as many goes as you want!!!

Good luck and thanks again.

We pray that Jesus will reach out to a poorly Parishioner, and to all who are sick, with healing

### Book of Remembrance

Dec 16, Ellen Nolan  
Dec 17, Annie Arnold



### Mass Intentions

Louis Gildea, Anniv, 14th December  
Frank Donnelly, died recently

We remember in our prayers Alan Rayson who died on 19th November, aged 86. His funeral service will take place at Burnley Crematorium on Monday. We pray that the Lord will have mercy on him and grant peace to his family at this time.

# Masses for Christmas and New Year in Nelson and Colne

## **Christmas Eve** (Thursday, 24th Dec)

CC 5.00pm

SH 6.00pm

CC 7.30pm

HS 7.30pm

## **Christmas Day** (Friday, 25th Dec)

SH 9.00am

CC 9.30am

HS 10.30am

## **St Stephen** (Saturday, 26th Dec)

CC 10.00am

SH 11.30am

HS 6.30pm (Vigil Mass)

## **Holy Family** (Sunday, 27th Dec)

CC 9.30am

SH 9.30am

## **Monday 28th Dec (The Holy Innocents)**

CC 10.00am

## **Tuesday, 29th Dec (St Thomas Becket)**

CC 10.00am (followed by Exposition)

SH 10.00am

## **Wed, 30th Dec** (sixth day of Octave)

CC 10.0am

SH 10.00am

## **Thurs, 31st Dec** (seventh day of Octave)

CC 10.00am

SH 6.30pm (Exposition at 5.45pm)

## **Mary, Mother of God** (Friday, 1st Jan)

SH 10.00am

CC 10.00am

## **Saturday, 2nd Jan**

SH 11.45am

HS 6.30pm (Vigil Mass)

## **2nd Sunday of Christmas** 3rd Jan

CC 9.30am

SH 9.30am

## **Monday, 4th January**

CC 10.00am

## **Tuesday, 5th January**

CC 10.00am

SH 10.00am

## **The Epiphany** (Wednesday 6th Jan)

CC 10.00am

HS 10.00

SH 7.00pm

### **Key to the churches:**

CC Christ Church

SH Sacred Heart

HS Holy Saviour's