



## 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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## Feast of the Holy Family



27th December 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

May I thank you for the many cards and gifts I have received from parishioners over this last week. I hope and pray that everyone is enjoying a happy and holy Christmas as we remember that the Lord, in his love for us, holds nothing back from what he can give. Truly blessed we are! May we continue to receive the blessings of the Christmas season as we celebrate the Christmas Octave.



Can I take this opportunity to say, on behalf of everybody, a big thank you to Joe Gibbons and Ian Dempsey for organising the procedures for keeping Christ Church as a safe place for gathering. The three Christmas Masses ran very smoothly and prayerfully thanks to their careful planning and supervision. I would also like to thank Joe Winkley for being very supportive of our liturgies by playing the organ at all the Christmas Masses, and also at every weekend during the year. Wilf Eccles also comes to mind for his quiet and unseen service of counting the collection each week, and also Ray Condon who takes care of the gift-aid ([Who is Ray Condon? Click here to find out!](#)). There are always many more people to thank for doing the many things that need to be done and I'm sure you know that your contribution to parish life is much appreciated - thank you! May God bless you and your families with peace and joy, Fr Gerard.



C.A.F. O .D.

The usual C.A.F.O.D. soup kitchen, as you know, had to be cancelled this Advent. So we brought the C.A.F.O.D. BOX down from Vaughan St and asked for donations during Advent. We received an amazing £300.00 in the box as Advent finished last week, thank you all for your generosity. We will leave the C.A.F.O.D. BOX down at Christ Church for the time being for anyone to contribute to this great cause in the New Year.

### POUND DRAW

The first winner of our special £50.00 prize last Sunday was MONICA McCARDLE.

Congratulations to her and Happy Christmas!

Other winners: £10 Madeline Manley



£10 Roger Lee;

£10 Joe Gibbons;

Even with the extra prize we were still able to put £53.00 in Parish Funds. As usual, thank you for your support and we hope we are as successful in the New Year!!

# WORLD GIFTS

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

[Monica's Children's Liturgy Christmas Video](#)

Filmed on location at Vaughan Street!



## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 28th December

Monday 28th Dec	Tuesday 29th Dec	Wed 30th Dec	Thur 31st Dec	Friday 1st Jan	Saturday 2nd Jan	Sunday 3rd Jan
SH No Mass	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 11.45am	SH (Booking) 9.30am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am (followed by exposition)	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	HS (Booking) 6.30pm CC No Mass	CC (Booking) 9.30am

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** (booking available from 11.00am on previous Sunday)

[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 2nd January at 6.30pm](#)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 3rd January at 9.30am](#)

Just a little advance notice of a change in a Mass time... on January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, I have an appointment for a CT scan at 10.30am, so I have put the Mass forward to 12.00noon. I have already refused one appointment which they gave me for a Sunday morning! I told them that Sunday morning was rather an awkward time for a priest! 😊

This year, we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pius IX placing the Universal Church under the Protection of St. Joseph. Pope Francis has dedicated the next twelve months as a Year of St. Joseph. To mark the anniversary Pope Francis has written a meditation on St. Joseph, particularly in the light of the current pandemic. This is the link to Pope Francis' letter, ['Patris Corde' \(With a Father's Heart\)](#)

### Church Collection for 4th Sunday of Advent

£388.00

Standing Orders: approx. £265 p/w

Many thanks!

### The Telephone Mass!

You can listen-in to the recorded Sunday Mass from Middlesbrough Cathedral at any time, 24 hours a day. Just phone 01642 130120.

There is no charge beyond that of a local call.

### Mass Intentions

Michael Kenny, 1st Anniv, 19th Sept, 2020

Mary Duerden, died recently

Mildred & George Hodson, Anniv, 2nd Jan

John Condon, Anniv, 25th Dec

Deceased members of the Winkley Family

Deceased members of the Syers family

Mary Ingham, Anniv, 2nd Jan

Michael & Mary Gibbons, Anniv, 5th Jan

Michael Gibbons, B'day Anniv, 31st Dec

Veronica Stevens, R.I.P.

The intentions of the Reilly Family

### Book of Remembrance

Dec 27th Valerie Emery

Dec 29th Gwendoline Calvert

Dec 29th John Whalley

Dec 29th George McNamara

Dec 30th Paula L Dunne

Dec 31st Marion Eccles

Jan 1st Rev Fr A Baron

Jan 1st Annie Nurden

Jan 2nd Mildred Hodson

*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*

# 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 10.00am

## **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 12.00 noon

HS 10.00

SH 7.00pm

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

CC Christ Church

SH Sacred Heart

HS Holy Saviour's