



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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

Nelson

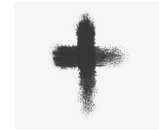
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1st Sunday of Lent

21st February 2021



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Over the last eight or nine months we have held two or three series of online faith-sharing meetings. Although Jesus did not have virtual gatherings in mind when he promised to be present when two or three gather in his name, his promise clearly holds true as he honours our humble attempt to maintain contact and connection with each other when no other form of more personal meeting is possible.

The faith-sharing meeting provides a forum—I'm tempted to say the only forum—in which we have the opportunity to share something about our personal faith, and to hear something of what is happening in the lives and hearts of those around us.

Why might this spiritual and social exercise be important? Well, when we pray the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father, we profess that we are brothers and sisters to each other in the one family of God. This language of 'family' suggests something far more personal than the language of 'membership' of a society or a club. Our faith calls us to a sharing in life and relationship which goes far beyond that demanded by merely human organisations.

This journey into deeper relationship with each other and with the Lord is like the experience of taking our feet from the bottom of the pool and beginning to swim—a little frightening but so worthwhile!

The next round of *Zoom* faith-sharing meetings will be on the six Tuesdays of Lent at 7.00pm for an hour or so. If you would like to attend the meeting, whether you have attended previously or whether this would be your first time, then let me know by sending me an email and I will send you a little more information and a link to the meeting.

Take care, and may the blessings
of the Lenten season be yours.

Fr Gerard.



In the early hours of Wednesday 17th Feb, Jack Lawrenson died. Jack was one of the 'elder statesmen' of the parish and a true gentleman. He will be much missed. We remember him in our prayers, and we pray God's blessing of peace upon Molly and family at this time. May Jack now hear the words of the Lord:

"Well done, good and faithful servant, come and join in your master's happiness.

His Requiem Mass will take place at Christ Church on Wednesday 3rd March at 11.00am

C.A.F.O.D.



In recent years, we raised over £500 for CAFOD through the weekly Lenten soup kitchen. That this is not possible this year would be a big loss to CAFOD. Just a reminder that the CAFOD collection box is at the back of church at Christ Church every Mass day. A great way to fulfil our almsgiving during Lent. Thank you!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 22nd Feb	Tuesday 23rd Feb	Wednesday 24th Feb	Thursday 25th Feb	Friday 26th Feb	Saturday 27th Feb	Sunday 28th Feb
SH No Mass	SH Mass online	SH 10.00am (Booking)	SH 6.30pm (Booking)	SH Mass online	SH No Mass	SH (Booking) 9.30am
Funeral Margaret Brierley 11.00am. Invitation only live-streamed	CC 10.00am (followed by exposition)	CC 10.00am	CC 12.00 noon NB Time!	CC 10.00am	HS (Booking) 6.30pm CC No Mass	CC (Booking) 9.30am

SH = Sacred Heart

CC = Christ Church

HS= Holy Saviour's

Online booking for **Sunday Masses** (booking available from 11.00am on previous Sunday)
[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 27th February at 6.30pm](#) (Good Shepherd Newsletter)
[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 28th February at 9.30am](#) (click on link)

Sunday Mass, 9.30am	Reader 1 + Psalm	Reader 2 + Bidding Prayers
This weekend: 21st February	Joan Penny-Heys	Margaret Needham
Next weekend: 28th February	Margaret Borman	Roger Lee

POUND DRAW

Winners this week: £10 Eibhlin Welch;
 £10 Rita Ormerod; £10 Rose Taylor.
 £92 towards Parish Funds. Thank you very much.
 We thank those who have donated their winnings
 back to the draw, hence the larger amount this week!

Book of Remembrance

Feb 23 John Sharkey
 Feb 24 Patricia Tansey
 Feb 27 Italo di Georgio
 Feb 28 Elizabeth Holden
 Feb 28 Edwin Seel
 Feb 28 Mary Leatham



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The Christ Church Methodist Mission and Care
 Team will be holding a *Zoom* Quiz on Friday, 26th
 February 2021 at 2.00pm. The cost will be £5 per
 person and all proceeds are for the Methodist
 Mission Fund. The *Zoom* contact details will be
 published nearer the time. You can support this
 vital work by sending your details to either Jill or
 Paul should you wish to join the Quiz.

Jill - jilldugdale@virginmedia.com
 Paul - paul10248@yahoo.co.uk



Church Collection

£158.00
 Standing Orders: approx. £265 p/w
 Many thanks!

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

"Who's taken the chocolates?"



Mass Intentions

Doreen Webb, died recently.
 Jack Lawrenson, died recently.

Our prayers are asked for Bernard Swinson who
 is very poorly at this time. May all those who
 are sick reach out to Jesus who brings hope,
 healing and new life.

"The Lord's Day at Home"
[The First Sunday of Lent](#)