



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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

Nelson

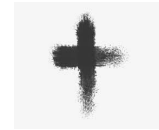
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2nd Sunday of Lent

28th February 2021



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online donation to the parish!

[St John Southworth's Facebook Page](#)

Click link for live-streamed and recorded Masses.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Along with a good number of parishioners, I attended our Zoom Faith-sharing meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm, and on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm some of us attended a Methodist Zoom Bible study, led by Methodist minister, Mark Jason, at which there were around 40 participants.

Our Faith is rooted in the Scriptures, and it's great to find different ways of engaging with the Word of God. Jesus himself defends himself from the devil's temptations by announcing that "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matt 4:4).

In the context of prayerful listening, sharing, and study we are carried along by others into a place where our appetite to listen to and 'feed on' God's Word comes more alive. In fact, one of the symptoms that someone is unwell is that they are 'off their food'!

I know that some people are overwhelmed by the problems brought about by the pandemic, but there are others, like me, who are far less busy than usual because all social activities have been ruled out!

Do we have an hour to spend in one of these most spiritually productive of activities?

The faith-sharing meeting and the Bible study will continue throughout Lent and you can join in at any time by emailing me and I will send you the links.


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

Fr Gerard.

[Lenten Reflection for Bolton FM](#)

The Requiem Mass for Jack Lawrenson will take place at Christ Church this Wednesday, 3rd March, at 11.00am. It is so sad that numbers are still limited, by law, to 30 people at a funeral, but the Mass, as with all our services, will be live-streamed to our Facebook page: [St John Southworth's Facebook Page](#)

We continue to keep Jack's wife, Molly, and his daughter, Jane in our prayers during this time of mourning. May Jesus breathe upon them his Spirit of peace.

We have collected £105 for CAFOD over recent weeks which will be added to the proceeds for the *Family Fast* collection. I would like to acknowledge and thank Mag Hillary who oversees our CAFOD collections, and who makes sure that we don't forget this most worthy of causes.  The collections in this parish are always very generous, so let's continue to keep our brothers and sisters in poverty-stricken nations always in mind!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 1st March, 2021

Monday 1st March	Tuesday 2nd March	Wednesday 3rd March	Thursday 4th March	Friday 5th March	Saturday 6th March	Sunday 7th March
SH No Mass	SH 10.00am (Booking)	SH No Mass	SH 6.30pm (Booking)	SH Mass online	SH No Mass	SH (Booking) 9.30am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am (followed by exposition)	CC 11.00am Funeral Mass	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	HS (Booking) 6.30pm	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, 6th March at 6.30pm](#) (Good Shepherd Newsletter)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 7th March at 9.30am](#) (click on link)

Sunday Mass, 9.30am	Reader 1 + Psalm	Reader 2 + Bidding Prayers
This weekend: 28th February	Margaret Borman	Roger Lee
Next weekend: 7th March	Monica McArdle	Maureen Rawlinson

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Winners this week:

£10 Fr Gerard (fully paid-up member!)

£10 Carmel White

£10 Ray Whalley

£80 towards Parish funds.



Once again, thank you all very much for your generous participation...

it puts the fun into **fund**-raising! (worthy of Ian that one!)

We look forward to the special Easter Draw... details to be announced!

Church Collection

Last week's collection : £280.75

Standing Orders: approx. £265 p/w

Many thanks!

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

A three person drama:

The Lord, Abraham and Isaac:

[A dramatic video reflection on this weekend's O.T. reading.](#)

Book of Remembrance

March 2nd, Matthew Kamran

March 5th, Mary Gildea

March 5th, John Nicholas.



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

Jack Lawrenson, died recently.

Richard Elliott, died recently.

Richard Winkley, 1st anniversary, 4th March

Mary Gildea, anniv, 5th March

Mary Patricia Kelly, anniv, 10th March

We continue to pray 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.

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

