



## 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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## Easter Sunday



4th April 2021



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

May I wish you all a Happy Easter!

As the disciples rather cautiously and hesitatingly made their way down to the tomb, not knowing what to expect, we are now cautiously and hesitatingly thinking about meeting up with family and friends as a long-awaited optimism begins to filter through the news.

This is a time for a new beginning in so many ways, and as we realise that we all so easily took our global health for granted, maybe we have also allowed ourselves to fall into that place where we think our spiritual health will just take care of itself without our attention and maintenance.

To re-engage with the Church and her sacraments is to be protected against our faith losing its life and vitality, and will lead us to experience the Easter graces as the most choice of all blessings.

Take care, and may the blessings of the Easter Season be ours.

Fr Gerard.

### First Holy Communion Programme

We are now beginning, after Easter, a preparation programme for First Holy Communion children.

The parents of children from Holy Trinity school and St John Southworth's, in Year 3 or above, who have expressed interest, have now been contacted, but if there are any Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools who would like to participate then their parents can contact me on the email above.

I have 29 children registered so far, and a team of 5 catechists to help to lead the course. We know that this is all the Lord's work which can be accomplished only by the power of the Holy Spirit. Please do remember parents, children, and team in your prayers!

We pray for those who have died. We received the sad news this week of the deaths of Alan Waddington and Irene Sumner. Both Alan and Irene have been deeply committed and highly valued members of the parish for many years. They will be greatly missed. We pray that they may now be taken up into the resurrection of Christ .

### POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Ken Parkinson; £10 Maureen Rawlinson; £10 Maureen Bridge. £134 to Parish funds in last two weeks.

### SPECIAL EASTER £100 DRAW THIS SUNDAY

£100 1st PRIZE, £50 2nd PRIZE, £25 3rd PRIZE, £15 4th PRIZE!

The Draw will take place immediately after the 9.30 Mass on Easter Sunday.

Thanks for all who have taken part in such great numbers.

The Prize Draw box will be out until before Mass Sunday.



## Mass Schedule for week beginning Monday 5th April, 2021

Monday 5th April	Tuesday 6th April	Wednesday 7th April	Thursday 8th April	Friday 9th April	Saturday 10th April	Sunday 11th April
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[Please see parish of the Good Shepherd newsletter for Mass times at SH and HS](#)

CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Exposition	CC 10.00am	CC No Mass	CC 9.30am (booking)
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Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
Next week: 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Margaret Needham	Joan Penny-Heys

### Online booking for upcoming Masses and Services

[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 10th April, 6.30pm](#) (Good Shepherd Newsletter)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 11th April at 9.30am](#) (click on link)

#### Easter Greeting Cards

are available at the back of church. Remember, the Easter lasts for seven weeks so it's not too late to send a card!

The CAFOD box has yielded a further £137.00 in the past couple of weeks.

Thankyou!



An appeal from the Food Bank at CC for: **plastic carrier bags** and **6-egg egg-boxes**.

Contributions can be put in the wicker box at the back of church. Thank you. *Elena*.

#### Mass Intentions

Fr Michael Gallagher, elderly and frail  
Fr Vincent Cavey, died recently  
Mike Kenny, RIP

#### BAPTISMS

Although we have celebrated a number of baptisms over the last twelve months, we do need to establish a more structured approach as we return to more normal ways of living. If any Catholic parent, living in this parish, has a child they would like to be baptised then please contact me for an application form. Fr Gerard

#### Church Collection

Last week's collection : £223.00  
Standing Orders: approx. £285 p/w .  
Many thanks!

#### Book of Remembrance

April 5th Father Thomas Dillon  
(PP Brierfield, 1919 to 1928 )  
April 9th, Catherine Burrows  
April 9th, Mary Holden  
April 10th, Betty Hirst  
April 11th, Irene Burnett



*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*

#### Greening of the Cross

Although there will not be a formal gathering for the Greening of the Cross this year, we are invited to bring some flowers down to Church on Easter Sunday which David Lambert will use to Green the Cross. The splendidly decorated Cross will speak to passers-by of our Christian joy in the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus.

**Χριστὸς ἀνέστη Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη**  
**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

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

*Boris and friends wish you all a Happy Easter!*

