



## St John Southworth's RC Parish

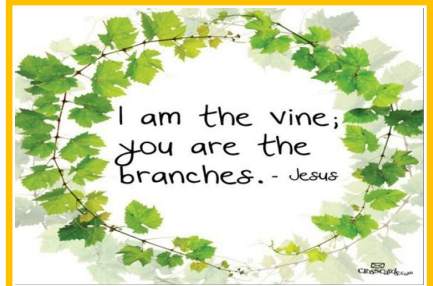
at Christ Church, Carr Road, BB9 7JS  
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**Nelson**

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**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**2nd May 2021**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On the 13th May, we will celebrate the feast of the Ascension which inaugurates a novena of prayer, leading up to the celebration of Pentecost.

I thought it to be most appropriate that we use this time for a major re-launching of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Parish.

The prayer of absolution, spoken by the priest, over the penitent goes as follows:

*God, the Father of mercies,  
through the death and resurrection of his Son  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace,  
and I absolve you from your sins  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
AMEN*

The effects of this prayer, prayed over the sincere penitent by the priest, in the name of Jesus, are beyond priceless. There are, of course, human, intellectual, psychological, and spiritual hurdles that we must negotiate in order to taste of this divine sweetness, but they are all overcome by the 'logic of faith'. I am appealing to your most mature self in taking seriously this Sacrament instituted by Christ as an essential component of his salvific work for the world. We will hear more about our Novena of Prayer and Reconciliation in the days to come.

May God bless you and your families,

Fr Gerard

### Book of Remembrance

May 3rd Chad Gildea.

May 7th Alphonsus McGuinness.

May 7th Patrick Moran.

May 9th Rosa Pomponi.



*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*

### POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Roger Lee;

£10 Miles Taylor;

£10 Chiara Fiorentini

£76 towards Parish Funds, thank you



### Mass Intentions

John Scanlon, died recently.

Mary Anne Jennings, b'day anniv, 4th May.

Mary Ward, RIP.

Monica Trudgill, RIP.

Austin Shea, RIP.

Peter McNamara, RIP

### [Monica's children's liturgy video](#)

*Boris and Phoebe look for signs of the new life of Easter!*



## Mass Schedule for week beginning Monday 3rd May, 2021

Monday 3rd May	Tuesday 4th May	Wednesday 5th May	Thursday 6th May	Friday 7th May	Saturday 8th May	Sunday 9th May
<a href="#">For times of Masses and booking at Sacred Heart, click here.</a>						HS 11.15am (booking)
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Exposition	CC 10.00am	CC No Mass	CC 9.30am (booking)

### Online booking for upcoming Masses

[Sunday Morning Mass at Holy Saviour's, 9th May, 11.15am](#) (click on link)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 9th May, 9.30am](#) (click on link)

### Times of Masses in Nelson & Colne

As the weeks go by, the congregations at the weekend Masses in Nelson and Colne are gradually increasing. As yet, the Sunday Mass at Christ Church has never been fully booked, but this is not the case at Sacred Heart where maximum capacity is being reached. As we look into a somewhat unknown future, and try to find an appropriate provision of Masses, the 11.15am Mass at Holy Saviour's will now be reinstated to see how this works out.

I think it's good to be reminded that, geographically, the link between Sacred Heart church in Colne with Holy Saviour's in Nelson is something of an anomaly, especially when we take into account that Holy Saviour's church is only 0.7 miles from Christ Church.

As we move forward, we also need to keep in mind the non-pandemic-related realities, such as the over-provision of church buildings and the ever-decreasing number of priests in the Diocese. We all need to be aware of all the factors involved as, looking to the future, we seek sustainable solutions for the Catholic Church in Nelson and Colne.

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 2nd May	Zachariah	Jeremiah
Next week: 9th May	Joan Penny-Heys	Margaret Needham

#### Sacramental Programme

I'm delighted that there was a 100% attendance at our second Sacramental Programme meeting. A big thank you to all the children and parents who came along. May the Lord continue to bless us in our endeavours to bring the children into a permanent relationship of friendship with Jesus.

#### Church Collection

Last week's collection : £347.70  
 Standing Orders: approx. £295 p/w.  
 CAFOD: £52.00  
 SPUC: £180.00  
 Book of Remembrance : £40.00  
*Offertory envelopes are still at the back of church  
 if you haven't yet picked up yours!*

#### S.P.U.C

The S.P.U.C. donation box will be available at the back of church again this weekend for anyone who may have missed the chance to donate last weekend. Online donations can be made here:

[Donate to SPUC.](#)

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Salford Cathedral Bishop John will celebrate Mass for Survivors of Abuse. The Mass will begin at 7pm and is open to all. It will also be streamed on church stream.

[Watch the Salford Cathedral Livestream here](#)