



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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**23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

5th September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This week we welcomed the new Methodist Minister, Revd Rick Ormrod. During the Service, the District Chair, the Revd Paul Davis, received Rick's promises to be a faithful servant, teacher, and evangelist in his ministry as superintendent of the sixteen Methodist churches in the Burnley and Pendle Circuit. Rick will have particular responsibility for four of those churches, including our shared church of Christ Church.

Our shared life at Christ Church is our unique gift and responsibility, and although all sharing of life carries its challenges, it is in the context of shared life that human beings grow and develop. I certainly want to make the most of this opportunity and I look forward to working with Rick as we seek out, with the help of the Holy Spirit, ways to become a missionary community at the heart of Nelson.

Meanwhile, although we are still hindered by the stubborn persistence of corona virus, we are going to introduce a little singing into our Sunday Mass, and you are invited to stay for a few moments of social time afterwards. Although the wearing of face masks is still to be recommended, little by little we will move beyond the pandemic life-style which has exerted a damaging influence on every area of lives, including our church activities. Yours in the Lord, Fr Gerard



Pictured above, the new Methodist superintendent, Revd Rick Ormrod (centre) flanked by Revd Mark Jason, lay preachers and, on the far side, circuit stewards.

CHRIST CHURCH TODDLER GROUP. Christ Church Toddler Group is re-starting this Wednesday 8th September from 9:45 to 11:15am. 50p per child. The Toddler Group is a great place for parents and carers to find friends and support while the children enjoy their time together in a safe setting. Please mention this provision to any parents of small children you may know. All parents and carers with pre-school children are welcome.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 6th September, 2021

Monday 6th September	Tuesday 7th September	Wednesday 8th September	Thursday 9th September	Friday 10th September	Saturday 11th September	Sunday 12th September
For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.						HS 11.15am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC No Mass	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 5th September	Jeremiah	Zachariah
Next week: 12th September	Monica	Maureen Rawlinson

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Khuram Javed
 £10.00 Tyrone McLaughlin
 £10.00 Jack Dempsey



£67.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you.

Please note those who put their envelopes into the draw on a Sunday should carry on doing so. They are allocated a number for the Bingo machine at the time of the draw. The draw takes place after the 10 o'clock Mass on a **TUESDAY**.

CHURCH COLLECTION

29th August: £203.90
 Standing Orders: approx. £315 p/w.

Mass Intentions

McGuinness Family, anniv.
 Christine Bassek, died recently.
 Marjorie Cooke, died recently.
 Holy Souls
 George Mullarkey, anniv, Setember 8th
 Dominic Dunleavy, special intention.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Sept 6th Mary Ellen Shutt
 Sept 9th Mary Nicholas
 Sept 10th Joseph Goodier
 Sept 11th Victims of Terrorism
 Sept 11th Catherine Barnes
 Sept 12th Arthur James Melling.



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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN AFGHANISTAN AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Heavenly Father, source of all life and giver of every blessing.
 We bring our troubled world before you, pleading for mercy.
 May the suffering of Christ your Son not be in vain, that we may cry out to receive the graces he has won for us by his sacrifice on the Cross.
 May we bring our prayer to you with hearts full of love for all those with whom we share our world.
AMEN.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST. We have a number of housebound parishioners who would appreciate receiving Holy Communion at home. If you are already an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, or you feel that this is an area of ministry that you could contribute to, then please email me and we can arrange a planning meeting in the near future.

Date for the Diary

Saturday, 2nd October, 11.00am. Annual Mass and blessing of graves at All Souls cemetery.