



## 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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**30th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**24th October 2021**



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*Dear Friends and Parishioners,*

### **NIGHT FEVER!**

*Night Fever* is the title given to a certain type of church event that has become quite popular in recent years. The title is a little obscure, apart from the fact that this activity usually takes place in the early evening, or at least after night fall.

The *Night Fever* event is designed to be an evangelistic exercise, in that it includes inviting people to come into church from the street, to light a candle, to say a prayer, or just to sit down for a few moments—or for however long they might wish to stay.

In the dimly lit church, there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, arrays of candles, and prayerful music being played. This spiritual setting and atmosphere is something that we, as Catholics, might take for granted, but for those who have rarely, or even never, entered a church, this experience can be very moving for them.

As part of the *Hope in the Future* programme which is ongoing in the Diocese, we have been asked by the Deanery to host a *Night Fever* evening at Christ Church on Friday 3rd December from 6.00pm—8.00pm.

We will need people to be in church, praying that there will be a positive response to our invitations, and praying for those who enter the church, that the Holy Spirit will touch their hearts and minds, and bring about real effects of grace into their lives.

We will also need some apostles - those who venture forth into the nearby streets to hand out candles and to invite people to come into the church to light their candle, or say a prayer for an intention or for another person, or for someone who has died.

I have participated in these evenings before and I always think that nobody is going to come in, and then I am always surprised by how many people make a positive response. Oh ye of little faith!

I particularly remember one young man who came into the church, stayed until the end of the service, and then was prepared to speak about his experience, saying that he had never felt so much peace in all his life!

Let us begin to pray for the success of this event, that in being prepared to step out and do something new, we might meet the Lord who stops at nothing to win one more soul!

Take care and God bless,

Fr Gerard

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 25th October, 2021

Monday 25th October	Tuesday 26th October	Wednesday 27th October	Thursday 28th October	Friday 29th October	Saturday 30th October	Sunday 31st October
<a href="#">For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.</a>						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 10.00am and Rosary reflection	CC 10.00am	CC 9.00am Funeral Mass	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC No Mass	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 24th October	Monica	—
Next week: 31st October	Roger Lee	Margaret Needham

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Next time: Sunday 31st October

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Oct 24th Thomas Nolan  
 Oct 25th Helen Ashworth  
 Oct 28th Ellen McGuinness  
 Oct 28th Eric Webb  
 Oct 28th Margaret Howarth  
 Oct 28th Bill Morgan  
 Oct 29th Ursula Hutchinson  
 Oct 30th Angela Rushton  
 Oct 30th James Allen  
 Oct 30th Robert Pomponi  
 Oct 31st Margaret Bamber



*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 on Wednesday morning will be at **9.00am**, and will be a funeral Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Rose Mary Penny.

*"May the choirs of angels come to greet her"*

### Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

On the final Saturday of the month I have been offering the sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament, when entered into with a sincere and repentant heart, brings about a cleansing and strengthening of the soul.

Another remedy for promotion of our spiritual and physical wellbeing is the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament finds its true meaning as a means by which Jesus continues his ministry of healing in the Church.

For this reason, I am now offering the opportunity to receive either or both of these Sacraments on the final Saturday of each month.

**Next opportunity: Sat 30th Oct, 11.00—12 noon at Christ Church**

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Frances Howarth  
 £10.00 Margaret Hillary  
 £10.00 Ray Condon  
 £57 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



### CHURCH COLLECTION

17th September: £204.10  
 Standing Orders: approx. £335 p/w.

### Mass Intentions

For the people of the Parish  
 Rose Mary Penny, died recently.  
 James O'Connell, died recently.  
 John Bowles, 2nd anniv, 15th Nov,

**Parents and Toddlers:** Each Wednesday from 9.45am - 11.00am at Christ Church. Fun for the children, and support and company for the parents—or grandparents!

**Voice in Action, Part II:** 10.00am—12.00 this Saturday, 24th October.