



St John Southworth's RC Parish
at Christ Church, Carr Road, BB9 7JS
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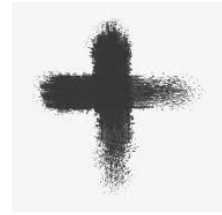
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1st Sunday in Lent



6th March 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The world is being shaken, in our days, by climate-change, pandemic, and now... war! The scientists do the science, the politicians do the politics, and the Christians... well, essentially, we do the prayer!

Prayer might sound like the easy option, or even a rather naïve response to such serious global issues, but if that's what we think, then we probably haven't pondered on the prayer of Jesus.

Let's look at this Sunday's Gospel, and what do we see? We see Jesus in prayer, and his prayer is not a cosy experience of nestling into the warm embrace of his Father, but, rather, a direct confrontation with the devil.

The devil probes the humanity of Jesus, looking for what he knows to be the characteristic human weaknesses: the desire for comfort, the desire to be self-reliant, and the desire to live outside of God's will.

It is in his prayer that Jesus finds the power and strength, and ultimately the endurance, to go to the Cross, and from that place of torture and captivity to defeat the enemy, unleashing the greatest power for good that could ever be conceived of.

As Christians, we shouldn't be standing idly by, thinking ourselves to be powerless spectators; we are the front line troops when, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we fight against the evil which is trying, unceasingly, to enter the world through our very own hearts!

With every blessing for a fruitful Lent!

Fr Gerard

Lenten Station Masses

During this time of Lent, there will be three Station Masses taking place in different parts of the Deanery.

24th March at St John the Baptist, Burnley

31st March at St Mary's, Clayton le Moors,

7th April at St Anselm's, Whitworth

All Masses begin at 7.00pm and Fr Ian Kelly will be preaching at all three Masses.

Are we going to attend? Here I am, Lord, send me!

Wednesday Evening Masses at Holy Saviour's

Throughout Lent we will have Mass at Holy Saviour's each Wednesday evening at 7.00pm. I hope that those who usually can't attend Mass might find this to be a welcome opportunity.

Lenten Soup Kitchen



This event will take place on all six Fridays during Lent, i.e 4th March through to 8th April. Soup will be served in the café area at Christ Church, after the weekly **12.00 noon Friday Mass**.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 7th March, 2022

Monday 7th March	Tuesday 8th March	Wednesday 9th March	Thursday 10th March	Friday 11th March	Saturday 12th March	Sunday 13th March
For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am HS 7.00pm	10.30am Requiem Mass for Mary Winkley	CC 12.00 noon CAFOD LUNCH		CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2	
This week:	6th March	Jeremiah	Zachariah
Next week:	13th March	Joan Penny-Heys	Margaret Needham

Children's Liturgy : **This week:** Carmel & Khuram **Next week:** Wendy & Barbara

CHURCH COLLECTION

27th Feb, 2022: £214.50
Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Bernadette Turner
£10 Linda Goddard
£10 Elliott Taylor
£86 towards Parish Funds, thank you very much!



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 9th Moira Steer (2011)
March 10th Thomas P Dunne (1988)
March 12th Alice V Pollard (1994)
March 12th Reginald Elphick (2003)



May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN.

Mass Intentions

Albert Shea, I.d.
Mike Kenny, RIP.
Isabella Lenihan, I.d.
Patricia Dale, I.d.
Richard Winkley, anniv, 4th March (2020)
Mary Gildea, anniv, 5th March (2018)

COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch will be this coming Tuesday, **8th March, 12.00 noon**, at Christ Church. Everyone is welcome, and of course it's a new opportunity to find a friend... or to be a friend! Just come along - no need to book (or cook!) £4.00 per person. **Highly recommended!** See you there! (GK)

