

St John Southworth's RC Parish at Holy Saviour's Church, Vulcan St, BB9 8HE and Christ Church, Carr Road, BB9 7JS Nelson

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Over the next few weeks, the children who have been on the Sacramental Programme will be receiving their first Holy Communion at the Sunday Masses at both Holy Saviour's and Christ Church. I understand that for those who have developed a life-style which does not include regular church attendance, it is very difficult to change; in whatever way we have developed our own habits of living, we feel that we just don't have the time to include new demands. However, our job in the church is to create an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion so that any contact with the parish community is positive, making for a good experience for those who come along. It is most timely that we are reminded this weekend, in the Gospel, that it is by the love that we have for one another that people will recognise that we are disciples of Jesus!

In the peace of the Risen Lord, Fr Gerard

# Parish Day-out to Morecambe!

On Saturday, 9th July, we will be making a parish coach trip to Morecambe! We will leave Nelson at 11.00am to arrive at St Mary's, Morecambe where we will have Mass at 12.30pm. After Mass, we will have the use of the parish hall for our

packed lunches. The afternoon will be free until we gather for Benediction at 4.45pm, and then leaving Morecambe



at 5.00pm to be back in Nelson before 6.30pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 3.30pm in church for those who would like to enjoy a more prayerful afternoon. Let's put the date on our calendars and be ready for further details as we book a coach and work out the cost.

## **VAUGHAN ST CHURCH**

The date for the final celebration of the Eucharist at Vaughan St has been set to:

# SATURDAY 2nd JULY at 12.00 noon followed be a simple JACOB'S JOIN

## All Welcome!

We are hoping to have a group who will go into church the week before for a general clean up. Anyone willing to be involved in this occasion please speak to Margaret Needham or Ian Dempsey. Thank you!

# Baptism

This weekend, we welcome Elizabeth Ingham into our Parish community as she is baptised at Holy Saviour's at 12.00noon this Saturday (14th May)

# Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 16th May, 2022

Monday 16th May	Tuesday 17th May	Wednesday 18th May		Thursday 19th May	Friday 20th May		Saturday 21st May	Sunday 22nd May
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	HS 7.00pm		CC 10.00am Eucharistic Service & Exposition	CC 10.00am			CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am
Date				Reader 1			Reader 2	
This week:	15th May		Maggie King			Gerard King		
Next week:	22nd May		Roger Lee			Amanda Duckett		

Children's Liturgy :

This week: Siobhan & Barbara

Next week: Khuram & Margaret B

# **White Flower Appeal**

This weekend we will take a collection to support the work of SPUC - a society which speaks out for the dignity of life in the womb, and upholds the rights of the unborn child. The 'moral absolute' of the 'right to life' has always been championed by the Catholic Church, and is one of the moral teachings which can cause deep controversy when applied to exceptional situations.

However, government statistics record that, "210,860 abortions were reported in England and Wales in 2020, the highest since records began." Let's support those who feel called to make this aspect of the Catholic faith, a priority concern for themselves, and who keep this challenging teaching before the



minds and hearts of those who make our laws.

## **Sacramental Programme**

The next meeting for the primary school children on the Sacramental Programme is this coming Tuesday (17th May) at 6.00pm.

## **Confirmation Preparation Meeting**

The next meeting for our Confirmation candidates will take place on Sunday, 15th May at 4.00pm in Christ Church.

Report on the condition of Holy Saviour's church, hall, and presbytery (click)

#### CHURCH COLLECTION

8th May, 2022: £422.20 Standing Orders: approx. £390 p/w.

#### POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

- £10 Margaret Hillary
- £10 Thomas Hancox



£10 Sheila Pollard

£75.00 towards Parish funds, thank you!

Watch this space for NEWS of our GRAND SUMMER POUND DRAW £100 FIRST PRIZE!!!!

## **Mass Intentions**

Colin Hardacre, anniv. Frances Wilby, b'day anniv, 11th May. Robert Gibson, died recently. Alexander Holt, 2nd anniv, 22nd May. William Spillane, 1st anniv, 10th May Mary Winkley, RIP. Arthur, died 7th May, funeral 20th May, RIP

#### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

May 20th, Rev Fr Bernard Heseltine onetime curate at Sacred Heart (1978)

May 21st, Leonard Redfern (1961)

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.