



St John Southworth's RC Parish

at Holy Saviour's Church, Vulcan St, BB9 8HE
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Nelson

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**16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Pray for Ukraine



17th July 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It just so happened that as St John Southworth's parish undergoes a time of change and transition, a rather unusual group of saints was caught on camera chatting with each other!

From left to right: St Patrick, St Agnes, St George, and St John Southworth! One woman, two clerics, three martyrs, but four Christians... four people who had given their hearts to Christ.

It struck me that this unlikely group of saintly characters would have very little in common in terms of age or language or culture, but that they would know each other as best of friends as they recognised in each other that bonding to Christ which is at once such a gift and yet so costly!

As St John Southworth's parish experiences more upheaval and change than Boris's cabinet, we find ourselves called once again to rediscover our fundamental identity. This identity cannot be built on a shared local history—a history which, in fact, is not a shared history—but, rather, an identity rooted in the one Catholic faith that we share. This unity in diversity is a hallmark of true faith which brings people from the most diverse backgrounds together into one family.

If we are said to be created in the image and likeness of God, then, surely, our parish life should be created in the image and likeness of heaven! Could we chat with St Patrick about our efforts to bring our faith to others? Would we be comfortable with St Agnes talking about the demands of purity of heart? Could we reflect with St George on the times when great courage has been demanded of us? And what would we say to St John Southworth who redoubled his commitment, even unto death, each time the society around him tried to rob him of his faith?

We are called to share, ultimately, in the communion of saints for all eternity in heaven. Heaven is where we are at home with those who have shared our interests and passions. This is our time to choose and to decide to deepen our commitment to Christ by building up our fellowship with each other. St Patrick, St Agnes, St George, St John Southworth... pray for us!

Yours, in the love of Jesus, Fr Gerard



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 18th July, 2022

Monday 18th July	Tuesday 19th July	Wednesday 20th July	Thursday 21st July	Friday 22nd July	Saturday 23rd July	Sunday 24th July
CC 10.00am	Holy Trinity 9.10am	HS: 7.00pm	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	RCIA 10.00am	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Please note... Mass on Tuesday will be the Leavers' Mass at Holy Trinity School at 9.10am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 17th July	Gerard King	Maggie King
Next week: 24th July	Margaret Needham	Roger Lee

Children's Liturgy **This week:** Elaine & Margaret M **Next week:** Elaine & Siobhan

MASS INTENTIONS

Mary Winkley, RIP

FROM THE DIOCESE

As part of its ongoing commitment to caring for our common home, the Diocese of Salford is working hard to reduce its carbon emissions. To do this, research is being undertaken to calculate our existing carbon footprint, and we are hoping to find out more about travel around the diocese as part of that. As such, we would be very grateful if parishioners could complete a short survey to help us understand a little more about their own journeys to and from church.

Please visit : [Carbon Footprint Survey](#) to find out more and to complete the survey.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10 Mary Mullarkey;
£10 Margaret Needham;
£10 Margaret Hillary;
£81 towards Parish Funds, thanks very much.

CHURCH COLLECTION

26th June, 2022: £300.50 
Standing Orders: approx. £610 p/w.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

July 19th, Stephen Brady (1986)
July 21st, William Holden (1990)
July 23rd, Joseph Lambert (2003)
July 24th, Michael McCarthy (1984)



Rev Robert Smith (1922) *see below

*Fr Robert Smith, a Lancashire man, started life as a weaver and struggled hard to educate himself. He became a great Church and Parish builder in Nelson and area, a chief fighter for the Catholic faith, and its chief writer and historian. Appointed by Bishop Bilsbarrow, in 1894, to St Joseph's, whose chapel, at the time, "a miserable attic separated from a lumber room," was in the charge of Father Reynders of Colne. Fr Smith, at once set about plans for a commodious new school and church in his own parish, and at the same time engaged in the founding of three new parishes, in Barrowford, Brierfield and Holy Saviour's. As soon as these projects were under-way, he set about planning another parish at St George's. In 1906, he acquired the Catholic cemetery of All Souls, for the departed of Colne, Nelson and Brierfield. He died in 1922, and was buried at Dukinfield. RIP.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study with David Lavender takes place on Friday mornings at 11.00am.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Eiblin and Caoimhe Welch as they make their First Holy Communion at Holy Saviour's this weekend.

**Tea & Coffee in the presbytery at Holy Saviour's
after 11.15am, Sunday Mass.**