



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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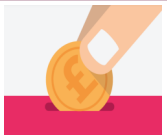
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



17th January 2021



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Live-streamed Masses each day from Christ Church.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In our experience of prayer, we probably wonder, at times, whether the Lord is listening to us!

If we are asking ourselves that question then we are likely to be stalling in our journey of prayer—the traffic lights are on green for 'GO' but we find that we do not seem to be able to move forward!

On a human level, it's only natural that if we have no sense of progress, if we feel that we are wasting our time, then we will soon turn to some other activity which we find to be more immediately appealing.

However, the life of prayer is precisely that of NOT living on a human level, but of living according to the supernatural graces to which our hearts can be at times so impermeable!

When we enter into the life of prayer, we cannot depend on our own experiences and judgements because it's the Lord himself who decides on the direction and the pace. In our prayer we constantly turn to the word of God for guidance.

We see, this weekend, in the story of the young Samuel, that he himself found it difficult to stay in the place of prayer, and he would cast a human interpretation on his experience of hearing the voice of the Lord.

We learn from the Scriptures, and not from our human experience, that it is the Lord who sometimes wonders whether we are listening to him! It is the Lord himself who wonders whether he has stalled in his relationship with us!

Thankfully, the Lord has no intention of either being distracted or of giving up on us! He would plead with us to spend that time with him during which he is transforming our hearts and minds whether we experience peace and joy or whether we feel nothing other than boredom! This is faith: it is the hard road that leads to life!

May the Lord lead us and guide us as we entrust our lives to him.

With my prayers and blessing,

Fr Gerard.

Sunday Prayer Resource
"The Lord's Day at Home"

[The 2nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time](#)

[Monica's Children's
Liturgy Video](#) (click)

Filmed, in the snow, on location
at Vaughan St and Christ
Church!



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 18th January 2021

Monday 18th Jan	Tuesday 19th Jan	Wednesday 20th Jan	Thursday 21st Jan	Friday 22nd Jan	Saturday 23rd Jan	Sunday 24th Jan
SH No Mass	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 6.30pm	SH 10.00am	SH 11.45am	SH (Booking) 9.30am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	HS (Booking) 6.30pm CC No Mass	CC (Booking) 9.30am
SH = Sacred Heart			CC = Christ Church		HS= Holy Saviour's	

Online booking for **Sunday Masses** (booking available from 11.00am on previous Sunday)
[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 23rd January at 6.30pm](#) (Good Shepherd Newsletter)
[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 24th January at 9.30am](#)

Masses, live-streamed and recorded,
to be found here:

[Sacred Heart, Colne](#)
[St John Southworth's, Nelson](#)

Church Collection

£165.00
 Standing Orders: approx. £265 p/w
 Many thanks!

Book of Remembrance.

Jan 18th, Brian Campy
 Jan 18th, Esther Rourke



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 Intentions

Tony Richardson & Family
 Paul Brady, Anniv, 16th Jan
 Jack Moss, died recently
 John Hawthornthwaite, 26th Jan, Anniv
 Catherine Hawthornthwaite, 28th Jan, Anniv

Pastoral Letter from Bishop John Arnold
 for the 3rd Sunday of the Year, 2021

[Click Here](#) (spoken)

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POUND DRAW.

Winners this week: £10 Charlie Eccles,
 £10 Susan O'Malley,
 £10 Terry Pollard.

£64 to Parish Funds, thank you!

The Telephone Mass!

You can listen-in to the recorded Sunday Mass from Middlesbrough Cathedral at any time, 24 hours a day. Just phone 01642 130120.

There is no charge beyond that of a local call.