



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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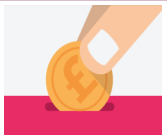
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



24th January 2021



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Live-streamed Masses: This week -
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I arrived in Nelson on 22nd January last year, so I have just completed my first twelve months! It was on my first evening that I locked myself out of the house, and the young lad next store, Brandon, very kindly and boldly, climbed a ladder and entered the house through the bedroom window so that he could open the front door from the inside!

I didn't realise at the time that this event would be the first of many unexpected and undesired stories which would mark my time as parish priest of St John Southworth's! However, on my first weekend in the parish I announced that I was happy to be here, not because I had always wanted to come to Nelson, but because I had 'decided' to be happy!

You might think that happiness is a 'feeling' over which we have no control, as a reaction to situations and events which just happen to come our way bringing joy or sorrow into our lives. Let me tell you that happiness is a decision—a decision not based on an optimistic outlook or on the power of positive thinking, but a decision which is rooted in our faith that the all-powerful, all-wise, and all-loving God is ultimately in control of our lives, and through darkness and difficulties, through trials and tribulations, his victory is assured! The 'decision' is to live in that happy truth!

The more we practise this outlook, the more our emotional life expresses the wonderful and life-giving truths of our faith, rather than being buffeted this way and that by the always unpredictable events of life!

With my prayers and blessing,

Fr Gerard.



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.

Mass Intentions

Jim Jennings, b'day anniv, 17th Jan.

John Hartley, died recently, Sat 16th Jan

Jeffrey Bate, died recently.

John McBeath, died recently

Sarah Pamela Howarth, anniv, 24th Jan, (86)

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

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

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

See the ceiling repairs in progress at Vaughan Street!?



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 25th January 2021

Monday 25th Jan	Tuesday 26th Jan	Wednesday 27th Jan	Thursday 28th Jan	Friday 29th Jan	Saturday 30th Jan	Sunday 31st Jan
SH No Mass	SH Mass online	SH 10.00am	SH 6.30pm	SH Mass online	SH No Mass	SH (Booking) 9.30am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC No Mass	CC No Mass	HS (Booking) 6.30pm CC No Mass	CC (Booking) 9.30am (visiting priest)

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, 30th January at 6.30pm](#) (Good Shepherd Newsletter)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 31st January at 9.30am](#)

Sunday Mass, 9.30am	Reader 1 + Psalm	Reader 2 + Bidding Prayers
31 st January	Margaret Needham	Joan Penny-Heys

Many thanks to Margaret Needham for organising readers' rotas for weekends and daily Mass. And thank you to our readers for your willingness to serve us in this vital ministry of proclaiming the Word of God.

Monday: Monica McArdle
 Tuesday: Margaret Borman
 Wednesday: Margaret Needham
 Thursday: Maureen Rawlinson
 Friday: Joan Penny-Heys

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I'm sorry to be always talking about my hospital appointments but, unfortunately, with priests being in short supply, no priest can disappear for a few days without disruption to Mass schedules which then affects the lives of the parishioners.

I go into Blackburn Hospital on Wed 27th Jan for a procedure which will involve further investigation and biopsy. It will be an overnight stay so although I'll be home on Thursday, I may not be 'match fit' for a few days!

So, there will be no Masses scheduled for Thursday and Friday, and the Diocese will arrange for a priest to come to say the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

Book of Remembrance.

Jan 24 James Pickin
 Jan 25 Cameron Barnes
 Jan 25 Sarah Howarth
 Jan 26 Eddie Collingwood
 Jan 27 Father John Aspinall
 Jan 28 Frank Brierley.



Father Aspinall was parish priest at Sacred Heart from 1915 to 1949. He had the mosaics installed from 1934 to 1940. They were installed by a Manchester Mosaics firm of Ludwig Oppenheimer, a Venice-trained mosaicist.

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

POUND DRAW.

Winners this week: £10 Barbara Hammond
 £10 Trish Taylor
 £10 Chiara Fiorentini

£73.00 to Parish Funds. Thank you!



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

[The 3rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time](#)