



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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th February 2021



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Live-streamed Masses: All week, 10.00am:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Let me draw your attention, once again, to our Vaughan Street church building! As you know, we recently had the roof repaired; this was then followed-up by repairs inside the church where the ceiling tiles had been stained and damaged by the water which had come through from above.

The latest news is that the ceiling-repair man noticed that other ceiling tiles were stained, and on inspection from the road, he saw that a further roof slate was now dislodged.

I have sent a photo of the roof to the diocesan property manager asking for a decision to be made, solely on a consideration of the state of the building, about what he thinks now needs to be done. I don't think that anybody would consider a re-roofing of the whole building to be a realistic option, but is it sensible to keep patching up a building which is groaning under its own old age?

Two other important questions would be: "Is there a need for the building?" and, "Would there be a vision for development of the building at the service of the local Catholic community?"

I have brought up this issue on a number of occasions: first of all through a joint letter written by Fr Peter Wilkinson and me last March in which we reflected on the future of all the church buildings in Nelson and Colne; then through a parish meeting held on 7th July, and also through various invitations for responses issued in the parish newsletter.

The responses I received tended to focus on how the Vaughan St building held an important place in the hearts of generations of parishioners. This is something which much be considered along with all the other aspects of the whole picture.

However, each day, when I come out of my house and see St John Southworth's church building, I just cannot see, or feel, or discern a future for its continued use.

I feel that as I enter into this engagement with the diocesan property manager, that I am stepping out on a road that will lead inevitably to the formal closure of the building.

I can assure you that this closure would be only the end of the use of a building, but would in no way set back the growth and development of the community of St John Southworth's to which, I hope you know, I am absolutely and totally committed!

Take care and God bless, Fr Gerard.

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

[The 5th Sunday
in Ordinary Time](#)

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

Phoebe weathers the storm!



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 8th February 2021

Monday 8th Feb	Tuesday 9th Feb	Wednesday 10th Feb	Thursday 11th Feb	Friday 12th Feb	Saturday 13th Feb	Sunday 14th Feb
SH No Mass	SH Mass online	SH 10.00am	SH 6.30pm	SH Mass online	SH No Mass	SH (Booking) 9.30am
Funeral John Hartley 9.30am. (Invitation only)	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, 13th February at 6.30pm](#) (Good Shepherd Newsletter)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 14th February at 9.30am](#) (click on link)

Sunday Mass, 9.30am	Reader 1 + Psalm	Reader 2 + Bidding Prayers
This weekend: 7th February	Roger Lee	Margaret Borman
Next weekend: 14th February	Maureen Rawlinson	Monica McArdle

Mass Intentions

Doreen Webb, died recently.
John Hartley, died recently.
Patrick Hennelly, RIP.

Book of Remembrance

Feb 09 James Littlefair
Feb 10 Rev Fr James Youlden
Feb 10 Lilian Heseltine
Feb 11 Hilda Spain
Feb 13 Edward Nolan.



Father Youlden was the second ever PP at Holy Trinity, following Fr Thomas Chronnell. He served from 1902 to 1905.

The Christ Church Methodist Mission and Care Team will be holding a **Zoom Quiz** on Friday, 26th February 2021 at 2.00pm. The cost will be £5 per person and all proceeds are for the Methodist Mission Fund. The **Zoom** contact details will be published nearer the time. You can support this vital work by sending your details to either Jill or Paul should you wish to join the Quiz.

Jill - jilldugdale@virginmedia.com

Paul - paul10248@yahoo.co.uk



POUND DRAW.

Winners this week; £10 Marie Clark, £10 Mary Richardson. £70.00 to Parish Funds.

With the lockdown continuing there are quite a few people who will shortly be running out of their Ten Week payments? I have e-mail addresses and telephone numbers for quite a few but don't like to presume you want to re-join and ask you, but will do if you don't mind? I didn't want to start putting names in as it might look like a debtors list! You can contact me: carmelandian@gmail.com or 01282615057. Thank you all for your continued support. It is a great boost to the Parish Finances in these difficult times. Congratulations to all the winners, we have had a good mix and not many double winners! We are on course to offer another £50 prize at Easter!! Thanks again and God Bless, Ian

Church Collection

£408.48

Standing Orders: approx. £265 p/w



Thank you for the continuing contributions to CAFOD. A further £60.00 was collected from the box at the back of church for January