



## 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 of Lent



**21st March 2021**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are entering into the final two weeks of Lent—next week being Palm Sunday which opens the door into Holy Week. It is in the last few days of his life that the mission of Christ becomes ever more clear. He is the Saviour of the world, and it's by his death and resurrection that we are set free to experience the freedom of the sons and daughters of a loving Father.

This relationship, which comes as a free gift to us, was very costly to Jesus; in order to free us from the bondage of sin to which we had fallen foul, Jesus had to take upon himself the fullness of the consequences of our error. And all Jesus desires in return is our gratitude and acceptance of what he has done for us and won for us. The joy of Jesus is to see our joy awakening in the depths of our hearts as the Holy Spirit confirms in our souls the truth of our faith.

Jesus is the seed which dies; we are the abundant harvest of his sacrifice. It's during our time of Lent that we allow the Lord to dig more deeply into our lives using the means of our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, that he may plant this seed ever more deeply in our hearts. It is then that we understand and experience the effects of his death and resurrection, leading us to desire always more of his love!

Take care, and may the blessings of the Lenten season be ours.

Fr Gerard.

### Easter Greeting Cards

are available at the back of church. Who would appreciate a thought from you, or, who do you know who might just need to be reminded of the joy of the Gospel at Easter time?

This Tuesday, 23rd March, is to be a national day of reflection on all that has taken place over the last twelve months. Please see the attached document which outlines the Church's supportive response to this invitation. At Christ Church we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday from after the 10.00am Mass until noon. Do pop in for a moment if you have time to say a prayer for those who have died, for those who are in need, and to thank the Lord for giving us hope for a brighter future.



### THE POUND DRAW



Winners this week: £10 Helen Keating, £10 Jackie Jennings, £10 Madeline Manley.  
£71 to parish funds. Thank you.

### THE ONE-HUNDRED POUND EASTER DRAW

On EASTER SUNDAY, 4th April, there will be a special Easter Draw with a  
FIRST PRIZE of £100, a SECOND PRIZE of £25, and a THIRD PRIZE of £15.

All participants in the £1 draw will be included in the Easter Draw but there is a dedicated box for the Easter Draw at the back of church for extra envelopes to be drawn on the day.



## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 22nd March, 2021

Monday 22nd March	Tuesday 23rd March	Wednesday 24th March	Thursday 25th March	Friday 26th March	Saturday 27th March	Sunday 28th March
SH No Mass	SH Mass online	SH 10.00am (Booking)	SH 6.30pm (Booking)	SH Mass online	SH No Mass	SH (Booking) 9.30am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am (followed by Exposition)	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	HS (Booking) 6.30pm	CC (Booking) 9.30am

SH = Sacred Heart

CC = Christ Church

HS= Holy Saviour's

### Online booking for upcoming Masses and Services

(bookings open for all Services for the next two weeks from 10.30am on Sunday, 21st March)

[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, Palm Sunday, 27th March, 6.30pm](#) (Good Shepherd Newsletter)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, Palm Sunday, 28th March at 9.30am](#) (click on link)

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

[Mass of the Lord's Supper, Thursday, 1st April, at 7.00pm](#) (click on link)

[Good Friday Service, 2nd April, 3.00pm](#) (click on link)

[Easter Vigil, Saturday, 3rd April, 7.00pm](#) (click on link)

### EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

[9.30am Mass, Sunday, 4th April](#) (click on link)

Sunday Mass, 9.30am	Reading 1 + Psalm	Reading 2 + Bidding Prayers
This weekend: 21st March	Roger Lee	Margaret Borman
<b>From next weekend we will follow the readers' rota for Holy Week</b>		

### [Monica's Children's](#)

#### [Liturgy Video](#)

*Acinom learns of the need to be patient!*



### The online Faith-sharing meeting

The mystery guest at our Zoom Meeting drew such a crowd that I have invited another special guest to come to share with us this Tuesday at 7.00pm. If you would like to come along, then email me, and I'll send you a link!

### Church Collection

Last week's collection : £302.57  
Standing Orders: approx. £285 p/w .  
Many thanks!

### Mass Intentions

Irene Sumner, sick.  
Veronica Stevens, b'day anniv, 14th March.  
Joseph Pemberton, b'day anniv, 19th March  
Arthur Porter, anniv.  
Bill Lee, died recently.  
Charlie O'Malley, anniv, 23rd March  
A grand daughter, sick in hospital

### Book of Remembrance

March 24th Agnes Simm  
March 25th Father Robert Molloy  
(pp Holy Trinity 1905 to 1916)  
March 25th Elizabeth Ellen Sumner  
March 26th Margaret D'Arcy



*May they rest in peace, AMEN*

### [4th Lenten Reflection for Bolton FM](#)