

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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2nd Sunday of Easter 11th April 2021



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw but they are not recorded in this book (John 20:30).

The above words are written by John as he begins to draw his Gospel to a conclusion. It would seem that John is experiencing the limitations of his own writing as he realises that he can never do full justice to his specialist subject—the person and life of Jesus!

However, although the signs that Jesus worked are not all recorded in John's book, we find more signs recorded elsewhere—in the book of my life, and in the book of your life!

It takes some reflection to recognise that the moments in which we are most alive are the moments in which we are close to God and allowing the Risen Lord to breathe his Spirit into our hearts.

Take care, and may the blessings of the Easter Season be ours. Fr Gerard.

We pray for those who have died

Over this coming 10 days we will be holding three funeral Masses at Christ Church for three well-known and respected members of the parish: Irene Sumner, Alan Waddington, and Bob Spillane. The Parish will experience the sadness of familiar faces and friends being no longer with us but, in the season of Eastertide especially, we keep our hearts and minds buoyant with our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus who comes into our world precisely to destroy death—the ultimate enemy of life. "Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free." On Tuesday of this coming week, we embark on the First Holy Communion Programme for the children in Years 3 & 4 at our two primary schools. Don't we just need an almighty, irresistible spiritual attraction to be emanating from the Church community to draw the young families in! We ask you, Lord, to take our little and make it your plenty!

SPECIAL EASTER POUND-DRAW RESULTS

£100 Anne Proctor; £50 Brian Firman £25 Maya Winkley; £15 Charlie Eccles. £350 towards Parish Fund

Thanks once again to all who joined in the draw, it was a great result.

I'LL PUT MY OZZIE HAT AWAY TILL CHRISTMAS FOR THE NEXT SPECIAL DRAW!!

Mass Schedule for week beginning Monday 12th April, 2021							
Monday 12th April	Tuesday 13th April	Wednesday 14th April	Thursd 15th Ap	-	Friday 16th Apr	Saturday il 17th April	Sunday 18th April
Please see parish of the Good Shepherd newsletter for Mass times at SH and HS							
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 1.30pm Funeral Irene Sumner	CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00		CC 9.15an Funeral Alan Waddingto	CC No Mass	CC 9.30am (booking)
Online booking for upcoming Masses <u>Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 17th April, 6.30pm</u> (Good Shepherd Newsletter) <u>Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 18th April, 9.30am</u> (click on link)							
Da		Reader 1			Reader 2		
This week: 11	Marga	Margaret Needham			Joan Penny-Heys		
Next week: 1	Roger	Roger Lee		Margaret Borman			
Michael Jennings, b'day anniv, 12th April Alan Waddington, died recently Doreen Webb, died recently Bob Spillane, died recently Irene Sumner, died recently				 we hope that the following can take place soon: It is intended that, from 12th April, weddings may rise to 15 including bride and groom, baptisms will rise to 15. It is intended that, from 17th May, 			
Book of Remembrance April 12th Olive Hadfield April 12th Pat Croton April 13th Mario Pomponi April 13th Mario Pomponi April 14th William Rourke April 14th Tho's Ashworth April 15th Elsie Doreen Lambert April 15th Elsie Doreen Lambert April 18th Sheila Fayle 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			•	 baptisms may resume with gatherings of 30. It is intended that, from 17th May the number for weddings would also be 30. Requiem Masses permitted with 30 mourners. There is no date as yet for this to increase. Graveside liturgies: Limited to 30 mourners encouraged to socially distance. 			
Monica's Children's Liturgy Video Phoebe and Boris think about the New Life of Easter				Church Collection Last week's collection : £453.50 Standing Orders: approx. £285 p/w . Many thanks!			
All Souls Cemetery Team One of the most pleasant memories of the pandemic summer of 2020 was the regular trips to join the							

One of the most pleasant memories of the pandemic summer of 2020 was the regular trips to join the team keeping All Souls cemetery a well-maintained, beautiful, and peaceful place to be. Everyone is welcome to come along to make whatever contribution they feel comfortable with—from shifting earth to picking up twigs. If you would like to be kept in touch about dates, days, and times of campaigns, then email <u>Joe Winkley</u>. You are sure to find a warm welcome, friendly company, fresh air, exercise... and moments to ponder on what is really important in life!