

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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The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st August 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The different times of the year present us with different challenges and opportunities as our routines change and adapt to changing circumstances. The summer month of August is a time when life takes on a different pace—the weather can be at its most clement, schools and colleges are closed, meetings for various groups and societies are reduced to a minimum, and going away on holiday is on the minds of many people. Into this mix of changing circumstances we can ask ourselves what we might think about our attendance at Mass other than on a Sunday

For many Catholics, the opportunity to attend Mass on a weekday is just not possible for most of the time, but this doesn't mean that we have to adopt the attitude that daily Mass is not for me! The Mass is the best prayer that we pray as the Church, and whatever the provision of Mass might be today, we can be sure that this provision will continue to reduce in the coming years as vocations to the priesthood remain so low.

We have to tempt ourselves to break out of the routines which exclude daily Mass from our considerations. How about attending Mass on our birthday, or wedding anniversary, or on the birthdays of our children or grandchildren. Do we have a special need or intention at this time? We can always express our thanksgiving to God and our desire to reach out for his help by doing something a little different, and heartfelt participation in the Mass can be the difference that makes the difference! Yours, in the Lord. Fr Gerard

Lilian Price, RIP

We give thanks to the family of Lilian Price, the mother of one of our former parish priests, Fr John Price, who have honoured her memory, and the kindness shown to her by the Catholic/Methodist community at Christ Church, by making a donation of £500. May the family be blessed in their generosity and assured of the eternal rest of Lilian whom we entrust to the embrace of our loving Father.

Church Collection

18th July: £252.90 25th July: £168.60

Standing Orders: approx. £305 p/w.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday, 31st August, 7.00pm

Welcome Service at Christ Church for the new Methodist minister, Rick Ormrod. We pray that Rick will be very happy in his new post and that the one the Lord is sending to us will bring us many blessings.

Saturday, 2nd October, 11.00am.

Annual Mass and blessing of graves at All Souls cemetery.

Mass Intentions

Nell Morgan, died recently.

Special Intention

Elsie & Ernest Warreg, RIP

Helena (Nell) Morgan

Nell Morgan, aged 95, who has been a resident of Marsden Heights Care Home, died on 23rd July. Her funeral Mass will take place at Christ Church on Monday 9th August at 9.30am. The booking of places will not be required for this Mass and everyone who would like to attend is welcome. We pray for the repose of Nell's soul and we ask the Lord's blessing of peace upon her family at this time.

Mass Schedule for week beginning Monday 2nd August, 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2nd August	3rd August	4th August	5th August	6th August	7th August	8th August
For times of Masses and booking at Sacred Heart, click here.						HS 11.15am (booking)
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00	CC 10.00am	CC No Mass	CC 9.30am (booking)

Online booking for upcoming Masses

Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 8th August, 9.30am (click on link)

Sunday Morning Mass at Holy Saviour's, 8th August, 11.15am (click on link for Good Shepherd newsletter)

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 1st August	Jeremiah	Zachariah
Next week: 8th August	Joan Penny-Heys	Maureen Rawlinson

The Catenians

If you would like to know more about this longstanding and well-known Catholic organisation then click here to view a short informative video:

https://youtu.be/RtKf41p1jwA

For more information about the Catenians, you can contact the Burnley Circle Membership Officer, Mick Armfield, on 01282 459424. He would be delighted to hear from you!

Book of Remembrance

Aug 1st Clive Asbury

Aug 4th Rose Mary Shutt

Aug 5th Anne Rossall



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 SUNDAY 18/07/2021

£10 Gil Hartley;

£10 Cath Brady;

£10 Maureen Bridge;

£61 towards Parish Funds, thank you.

POUND DRAW WINNERS SUNDAY 25/07/2021

£10 Maureen Bridge!!

£10 Helen Keating;

£10 Marie Clark;

£64 towards Parish Funds, thank you very much!

We now have a new way of drawing the winners each week: everyone who is entered into the draw each week is now allocated a Member's Number. We have a brilliant Bingo Machine now that throws up a number and then we check that against our Members' list and that gives us the winner. Jack is really impressed with this new gadget!! It also saves us writing out 68 envelopes every week!

The Draw takes place most weeks after 10 o'clock Mass, anyone wishing to have a go on the new BINGO MACHINE is very welcome! The first six months of the draw this year has raised an amazing £2,142, thanks for your continued support.