



**St John Southworth's RC Parish**  
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**Nelson**

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**3rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



**23rd Jan 2022**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus stands up in the synagogue in Nazareth to deliver the manifesto for his ministry. What is he going to do? He's going to proclaim good news to the poor! How is he going to deliver on this promise? In the power of the Holy Spirit! And when will all this begin to happen? Today, even as you listen! These are the words of a man on a mission—in fact, they are the words of the Son of God on a divine mission from his Father!

It is in his three years of ministry that Jesus' strategy for the accomplishment of his mission will be made apparent—he will enlist apostles, disciples, followers, helpers, friends... call them what you will. This body of people will come to be known as the Church, and we who are members of the Church, through baptism, commit ourselves to share in the same mission of Christ. How do we do this? In the same way as Jesus—in the power of the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit, fortunately, is never in short supply—although 'demand' can sometimes fall away if we become less focused on Jesus, and we allow the Church to become a self-perpetuating cultural entity that loses sight of the divine mission entrusted to us!

We are the Catholic Church here in Nelson—we are that 'cell' of disciples called to accomplish the mission of Jesus here in this place, right at this very moment! We too are called to step up and to step out in the sure and certain knowledge that what Jesus asks us to accomplish can, and will, be achieved. All those in favour, say "Aye!"

May God abundantly bless you and your families,

Fr Gerard

**Weekly activities at Christ Church.**  
**Everybody welcome!**

Wednesdays:

**Toddlers' Club:** 9:45am - 11:15am. Only 50p per child including drink and snack. All preschool children and their parents/carers are welcome.

**"Talk and Do" Group:** 10:30am till 12:30pm  
£2 per session.

Fridays:

**Exercise Class:** 11am - 12noon, £4 per session.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH**

The Community Lunches are held on alternate Tuesdays at Christ Church.

The next Community Lunch will be on this coming Tuesday, 25th January, 12.00noon, at Christ Church.

The cost for this 2-course lunch with tea and coffee is just £4.00 per person. Everyone is welcome, and of course it's a new opportunity to find a friend... or to be a friend!

Just come along, no need to book (or cook!)

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 24th January, 2022

Monday 24th January	Tuesday 25th January	Wednesday 26th January	Thursday 27th January	Friday 28th January	Saturday 29th January	Sunday 30th January
<a href="#">For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.</a>						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
Requiem Mass 9.45am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00	CC 10.00am	RCIA 10.00am	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 23rd January	Margaret Needham	Roger Lee
Next week: 30th January	Monica McArdle	Carol Hartley

**Children's Liturgy :**    **This week:** Monica & Amanda    **Next week:** Linda and Carmel

### FORMATION SERIES

Online Zoom event  
Thursday 27th January 2022, 7.00pm

We will be hearing *The Gospel according to Luke* at Sunday Mass for much of the coming year.

Fr Chris Lough will lead an introduction to this beautiful Gospel and its companion volume, the *Acts of the Apostles*, outlining some of the main themes and ideas to look out for over the coming weeks and months.

Please [click here](#) to register.

### POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Margaret Clark  
£10 Sue Barnes  
£10 Seamus McGahon  
£82.00 to Parish funds, thank you very much!



### CHURCH COLLECTION

16th Jan 2022: £190.30  
Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Jan 4th James Henry Pickin  
Jan 25th Sarah P Haworth  
          Cameron Barnes  
Jan 26th Eddie Collingwood  
Jan 27th Fr John Aspinall \*  
Jan 28th Frank Brierley.



\* Fr Aspinall was PP at Sacred Heart from 1915 to 1949. It was he who installed the mosaics, which took from 1934 to 1940 to complete.

*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.*

## Synod

(a Church-wide consultation process)

Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission by following this link:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2).

### REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass at 9.45am on Monday morning is for Theresa Mary Hogarth (aged 89) from Brierfield. May the Lord be gracious in welcoming her home to the Father's house. May the family be consoled by the peace of Christ.

### Mass Intentions

Mary Hayes, died 12th Jan 2022, aged 92.  
John Hartley, 1st anniv, 16th Jan.  
Jim Jennings, b'day anniv, 17th Jan.  
Margaret Winkley, b'day anniv, 25th Jan.  
Sarah Pamela Howarth, anniv, 25th Jan.  
Doreen Webb, 1st anniv, 28th Jan.