



St John Southworth's RC Parish
at Christ Church, Carr Road, BB9 7JS
Nelson

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**5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



6th Feb 2022



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[St John Southworth's Facebook Page](#)

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PARISH MEETING

Everyone from the parishes of the Good Shepherd and St John Southworth is invited to a meeting at **Christ Church, Carr Road, on Tuesday 8th February at 7.00pm**. At this meeting we will discuss the proposal that the use of St John Southworth's church building be discontinued, and the parish boundary be redrawn so as to incorporate the church of Holy Saviour's. This would create one parish for the town of Nelson which would include the churches of Holy Saviour's and Christ Church.

A parishioner reflects on the celebration of the Feast of the Presentation

On Wednesday morning, when I arrived at Christ Church for 10.00am Mass, a small group were congregating in the cafe area; each person was holding a candle and a hymn book. For a moment, I was a little confused as to what was happening! Ian explained that we were going to process into church singing a hymn and carrying a lighted candle to place before the altar to celebrate the forty days since Christmas Day—the Feast of the Nativity. It was a very special Mass; a small number of parishioners together sharing the love of Jesus and our love for him. How wonderful the experience was for those taking part.

We missed those who couldn't join us. The opportunity to attend weekday Masses has so much to offer; there is a peace in being there. My life, at the moment, is a little chaotic but I try to attend Mass as often as I can. It is such an inspiration in my day to share my prayer with others, and it helps me to know that God's love is guiding me along the right path!

Margaret Needham

FORMATION SERIES

***Local reality of the Church in
the Diocese of Salford
with Bishop John Arnold***

Wednesday 9th February 2022, 7:30pm - 9pm
Cathedral Centre and Via Zoom

Register here - [Bishop's Talk](#)

(This talk might help us to understand what is happening in our own parish from a more global diocesan perspective. [GK])

COMMUNITY LUNCH

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

The next Community Lunch will be this coming Tuesday, **8th February, 12.00 noon**

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!)

Highly recommended!

See you there! (GK)



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 7th February, 2022

Monday 7th January	Tuesday 8th February	Wednesday 9th February	Thursday 10th February	Friday 11th February	Saturday 12th February	Sunday 13th February
For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 10.00am	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: 6th February	Jeremiah	Zachariah
Next week: 13th February	Maggie King	Gerard King

Children's Liturgy : **This week:** Barbara and Wendy **Next week:** Elaine & Carmel

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, £4.00

Sacramental Programme

In Lent, we will begin our Sacramental Programme for pupils in Year 3 and above who are baptised. I am now collecting names, through our two Catholic schools, of those who would like to participate. If there are potential candidates attending non-Catholic schools, then please email me contact details so that I might get in touch. Thank you, Fr Gerard.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 7th Bernard Marsden (2019)
Feb 9th James Littlefair Jnr (1971)
Feb 10th Rev J Youlden (1922)
Lilian Heseltine (2016)
Feb 11th Hilda Spain (1991)
Feb 13th Edward Nolan (1988)
(Father Youlden was PP at Holy Trinity from 1902 to 1905)



May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN.

POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Red Hartley
£10 Mollie Lawrenson
£10 Janet Starkie
£72.00 to Parish funds! A very big thank you!



We are very grateful for the extra donations parishioners give towards the running of the draw. We had three extra donations this week, thank you.

CHURCH COLLECTION

30th Jan 2022: £263.50
Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

Mass Intentions

Jim Burkett, anniv, 2nd Feb
Bridie McGuinness, anniv, 3rd Feb
Kath Gradwell, died recently.

Synod

(a Church-wide consultation process)

Anne-Marie Coppock has very kindly agreed to host a time of discussion and sharing on the questions presented to us by Pope Francis.

This session will take place at Christ Church on Friday 4th March at 11.00am. On that day, Mass will be at 12noon, and will be followed by our first Lenten soup kitchen.