

St John Southworth's RC Parish at Holy Saviour's Church, Vulcan St, BB9 8HE and Christ Church, Carr Road, BB9 7JS **Nelson**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are coming towards the final phase of the Easter season as, next Thursday, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension; the Crucified and Risen Lord takes his place at the right hand of the Father where, as Lord of heaven and earth, he takes up his authority over the totality of all that has been created. The victory over sin and death has been accomplished, and all those who desire to participate in the celebrations are invited to immerse themselves in the party-Spirit—the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the excitement of God, bubbling up from the heart of the Trinity and flooding the Church with grace and power. The triumph of Christ becomes a reality to us when we clear the channels of faith and invite the Holy Spirit to take up residence in our hearts. Let us enter into our Novena of prayer - nine days of sustained desire - to give the Lord opportunity to work his much needed miracles for us!

In the peace of the Risen (and soon to be Ascended!) Lord, Fr Gerard

A NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord Jesus, you send your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. May your Breath of Life bring us forgiveness and freedom from sin.

May your Spirit of Love lead us into new depths of relationship with you and with one another. May your Church, gifted with signs and wonders, be empowered to bring your Good News to our world. AMEN

Sacramental Programme

The children on the Sacramental Programme have now completed their catechesis sessions and will be making their first Holy Communion at the Sunday Masses over the next few weeks.

Confirmation Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for our Confirmation candidates will take place on Sunday, 22nd May at 4.00pm in Christ Church.

Click link for live-streamed and recorded Masses.

VAUGHAN ST CHURCH

The date for the final celebration of the Eucharist at Vaughan St has been set to:

SATURDAY 2nd JULY at 12.00 noon followed be a simple JACOB'S JOIN

All Welcome!

We are hoping to have a group who will go into church the week before for a general clean up. Anyone willing to be involved in this occasion please speak to Margaret Needham or Ian Dempsey. Thank you!

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to Karolina Krzyzanek and Zofia Saviderski as they make their First Holy Communion at 11.15am Mass at Holy Saviour's this weekend.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 23rd May, 2022

Monday 23rd May	Tuesday 24th May	Wednesday 25th May		Ascension Thursday 26th May	Friday 27th May		Saturday 28th May	Sunday 29th May	
CC 10.00am	NO MASS TODAY	HS 7.00pm Ascension Vigil		CC 10.00am No Exposition this week	CC 10.00am			CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am	
Date				Reader 1			Reader 2		
This week:	week: 22nd May			Roger Lee			Amanda Duckett		
Next week:	xt week: 29th May			Margaret Needham			Margaret Borman		

Children's Liturgy : This week: Khuram & Margaret B Next week: Monica & Sheila H

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude a gift of £2,000 bequeathed to the parish of St John Southworth by Margaret Agnes Brierley who died at the age of 97 on 4th February 2021. A Requiem Mass in thanksgiving for her life, and for the repose of her soul, took place at Christ Church on 22nd February 2021. May her kindness to us, encourage us to remember her in our prayers, and may the Lord bring her into her eternal reward where her blessings will be beyond all counting. RIP. Fr Gerard

Parish Day-out to Morecambe!

Having made enquiries about the cost of coaches, the best deal I can find is from B&N Coaches, Burnley who offer a 50-seater coach for £600 for the round trip. This works out at £12.00/seat which sounds maybe a little better! However, this is a parish trip for those who want to come, and not just for those who can afford it! We can always have a special collection to create a fund that we might then use to subsidise places.

I think that children should definitely come along

free of charge! For now, **Margaret Needham is** taking names of those interested so please do sign up and give us some consumer confidence!



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

May 25th, James Michael Jennings (2001) May 26th, Mildred Watson (2007) May 27th, Barbara Burnett (2020) May 28th, Colin Starkie (2013)

CHURCH COLLECTION

15th May, 2022: £346 Standing Orders: approx. £390 p/w. SPUC £246.20

POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

- **£10** Barbara Duxbury
- £10 Madeline Manley
- £10 Angela Starkie



£67.00 towards Parish funds, thank you!

GRAND SUMMER POUND DRAW

£100, 1st prize. **£50**, 2nd prize. **£25**, 3rd prize.

£15, 4th prize.

The boxes for entries into the SUMMER DRAW are now at the back of both CHRIST CHURCH and HOLY SAVIOUR'S.

The draw will take place on 2nd JULY after the final Mass at VAUGHAN STREET.

Have as many goes as you want over the next few weeks. Put a pound in the brown envelopes provided; put your name on, and put into the BLUE BOX. Put one in for children, grandchildren, mother-in-laws and friends etc!!!!. A great way of supporting the Parish finances, thank you.

Mass Intentions

Eva Doherty, died recently (27th April 2022) Mass for Sylvia Whittle, died recently. Michael Clark, 8th anniv, 16th May. Mass for Sandra