

**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 have now almost reached the conclusion of both our First Holy Communion programme and our Confirmation programme. At the two Sunday Masses, this weekend, we will welcome three children who are making their First Holy Communion this year, with only two more to follow. On Thursday evening, some 60 Confirmation candidates were confirmed by Bishop John at St Mary's, Burnley. I was so pleased that the young people who read the readings and bidding prayers at the Service were all from St John Southworth's parish! They did a great job and we are very proud of them. A big thank you and congratulations to all our first Holy Communicants and to those who have been confirmed this time round, and to all those who helped in the preparation.

The Gospel we listened to at the Confirmation Service was the parable of the sower who casts seeds all around. The seeds land in different kinds of soil, and correspondingly produce less or more crop, depending on the quality of the soil and the presence of favourable conditions for growth. The church community can certainly be understood as a soil into which new seed is received, and our job is to maintain the quality of our Christian witness that we may offer a different perspective on life to the young ones who, in each generation, are searching for meaning, fulfilment, and happiness.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, which is a gift beyond compare. May the light of faith open our eyes to that which is of great value, and teach us to feed on all that enhances life.

With every blessing, Fr Gerard.



## Parish Day-out to Morecambe!

The cost is £10 for each adult, and children can travel free of charge. Margaret Needham and Maureen McDermott will be collecting monies at the weekend Masses.

We will be leaving Nelson at 11.00am on Saturday, 9th July, and returning for 6.30pm. We will need to bring a packed lunch, but



tea and coffee will be provided in the parish hall at St Mary's, Morecambe.

| Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 20th June, 2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |  |                      |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                    |  |                       |                           |
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| Monday<br>20th June                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                        |  |                      | Thursday<br>23rd June                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Friday<br>24th Jur |  | Saturday<br>25th June | Sunday<br>26th June       |
| No Masses at CC or HS<br>For times of Masses at Sacred Hea                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                        |  |                      |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                    |  |                       | CC: 9.30am<br>HS: 11.15am |
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| Children's Liturgy This week: Linda & Amanda<br>I will be taking a break from Sunday 19th -<br>Saturday 25th June. Fr Peter will be available to<br>respond to any urgent calls.<br>BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE<br>June 20th George Hodson (1993)<br>June 23rd Frances Tansey (1993)<br>June 25th Stella Campy (2021)<br>May the memory of the lives of those who have<br>gone before us, inspire us to be people of faith and<br>prayer; may they rest in peace. AMEN.<br>FUNERAL SERVICE<br>The funeral service for James Phelan will take<br>place at Holy Saviour's at 2.15pm on Friday, 24th<br>June.<br>May the Lord receive him into his embrace of<br>eternal love and peace. AMEN |                        |  |                      |                                                                     | Next week: Khuram & Margaret B<br>POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK<br>£10 Sean Jennings<br>£10 Bernadette Turner<br>£10 Fr Gerard<br>£60.00 towards Parish funds, thank you!<br>GRAND SUMMER POUND DRAW<br>£100, 1st prize. £50, 2nd prize. £25, 3rd prize.<br>£15, 4th prize.<br>Last two Sundays now to have a go at the<br>GRAND SUMMER DRAW, £100 FIRST PRIZE<br>THANK YOU.<br>The draw will take place on 2nd JULY after the<br>final Mass at VAUGHAN STREET. |                    |  |                       |                           |
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| VAUGHAN ST CHURCH<br>Final Celebration of Mass: SATURDAY 2nd JULY at<br>12.00 noon followed by a simple JACOB'S JOIN<br>All Welcome!<br>TIDY-UP DAY SESSIONS AT VAUGHAN ST<br>Thank you to those who have volunteered to<br>help with a general tidy-up at Vaughan St. in<br>preparation for the final Mass. We wish to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                        |  |                      |                                                                     | Mass Intentions<br>Margaret Kelly, died recently, (Thomastown)<br>Mary Eileen Byrne, 3rd anniv, (13th June)<br>Mildred & George Hodson, RIP<br>Alan Waddington, RIP<br>Theresa Ogden, RIP<br>Holy Souls<br>Special Intention                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                    |  |                       |                           |
| involve as ma<br>cleaning sessi<br>Tuesday even<br>Wednesday n                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ny a possible, so we v |  | will have two<br>Opm |                                                                     | <b>BIBLE STUDY</b><br>Bible study with David Lavender takes place on<br>Friday mornings at 11.00am. Everyone is<br>welcome to Christ Church lounge for this hour of<br>reflection on the Word of God, followed by<br>refreshments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |  |                       |                           |