

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,

On Thursday, I made it down to Christ Church to spend half an hour with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament. It was a definite staging post for me on the way to recovery, but I need to continue to rest and build up my strength over the coming weeks. Thank you for prayers, greetings and cards, and for the many offers of help. I am so pleased that there now seems to be a new routine established in the parish which continues to be a praying community in my absence.

I'm grateful to Fr Stan who will come up from Manchester each Sunday until the end of the month, before he returns to his teaching post in the seminary in Nigeria. Deacon Damian Buggie from Sabden is very generously taking care of the baptisms. I intend to go away on holiday after my follow-up hospital appointment on Tuesday.

The closure of St John Southworth church continues as the contents of the building are gradually taken away. I'm very grateful to Mark Almond who has done an amazing job of picking up a few pounds here and there as donations have been received for tables, desks, chairs and a whole assortment of other items. Blakey's are coming this week to take away three safes.

We continue to move things of use and value over to Holy Saviour's where the Stations, Tabernacle and Presidential chair have already found a new home. We obviously now have duplicates of some items; this can create a problem in terms of which to keep. However, I have made decisions on the principle that quality and suitability trump sentimentality as we choose what is best for the Parish and for the future. The Paschal candle from St John Southworth's is on its way, and the Baptismal font, and a statue of Our Lady have now made the journey to Holy Saviour's. Thanks to Ash, Khuram, and Martin who are making good progress in the transportation of valuables and the clearing-out of junk!

I'm sure that, although I have my own troubles, you all have troubles of your own of every kind; it's a challenge to keep our hearts and minds open to the needs and concerns of others, but surely this is what we mean by growing in faith and trust as we allow the Lord to look after us in our needs.

With love and prayers for all.

Fr Gerard

Annual Mass at All Souls Cemetery Wheatley Lane, Barrowford, BB9 6QW Saturday, 1st October, 11.00am

You are advised to bring a folding chair if possible

In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be located to Sacred Heart church at 11.15am.

St Bernadette Relics Tour

In September and October of this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey through England, Scotland, and Wales. The visit will include a stop at Salford Cathedral on Tues 20th Sept and Wed 21st Sept. For more information click here:

St Bernadette Relics Tour

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 5th September, 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5th Sept	6th Sept	7th Sept	8th Sept	9th Sept	10th Sept	11th Sept
Euch Service CC 10.00am	No Service	HS: 7.00pm Euch Service	E.S. at CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00	No Service	No Service	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2	
This week: 4th Sept	Jeremiah	Zachariah	
Next week: 11th Sept	Gerard Spain	David Zycinski	

Children's Liturgy: The children's liturgy recommences this week at Christ Church, led by Margaret Morgan and Siobhan James. We hope to start children's liturgy after half-term at Holy Saviour's. Offers of help are still (and always will be!) welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

George Mullarkey, anniv, 8th September Mass of Thanksgiving Mark Almond, sick.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Sept 6th, Mary Ellen Shutt (1976) Sept 9th, Mary Nicholas (2004)



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

- £10 Maureen McDermott
- £10 Francis Ryan
- £10 Maureen Waddington
- £86 towards Parish Funds, thanks very much.

We are holding a £10 prize won from Holy Saviour's two weeks ago; we are struggling to make out the name: CHRISTIAN VEELY OR VECLY or similar. If anyone recognises this name then please do let me know. Thanks, Ian (615057)

CHURCH COLLECTION

28th August, 2022: £291.50 Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w.

Joe Winkley

We keep Joe Winkley in our prayers as he awaits an operation next Friday. Joe is a man of tireless service but he understands that his body might be asking him to take things a little easier!

CATHOLIC ENQUIRIES

Beginning with an introductory meeting on 17th September we will run a series of instruction sessions for those who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

ANNUAL RETREAT at the BRIERY, ILKLEY.

October: Friday 21st (5.00pm) - Sunday 23rd (2.00pm). £140.00 for the weekend: single, double, twin rooms - all ensuite - with lift access available. £20.00 deposit required.

Contact Sue Barnes on 01282 618231 for details.

The Good Shepherd Parish SVP fundraising concert to take place in Sacred Heart parish hall on Saturday, 17th September beginning at 7.15pm. Tickets £8.00, available from Maureen McDermott (HS) and Margaret Needham (CC).

BAPTISM

This Saturday (3rd September), we welcome Niamh Holden and Marco Jones into the parish community as they are baptised at Holy Saviour's.

On Sunday (18th September), we have two more baptisms at Christ Church for Alfie France (1.00pm) and Tobias Paul (2.00pm)

WEDDING

On Sunday (18th September) Sabah Variyam and Vishal Jackson will be joined in holy matrimony at Holy Saviour's church. May their wedding day bring joy to Sabah and Vishal, and all the family.