



St John Southworth's RC Parish

at Holy Saviour's Church, Vulcan St, BB9 8HE
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Nelson

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**24th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Pray for Ukraine



11th September 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In my recent experience of consultants and surgeons, I notice that there is something that they all have in common: that they always use very direct speech in their diagnoses, assessments, and feedback! They want to be quite sure that there is no vagueness or confusion about what they understand the situation to be; and how they intend to proceed! Although their words can be somewhat scary, it is ultimately the best policy to face up to reality rather than live in denial of what needs to be done!

I would like to emulate their approach in looking for symptoms which tell us something about the health of the Church. The model Church is presented to us in the Acts of the Apostles where we have an account of the Church at its most healthy; and a key symptom of that health is that of 'growth'. We are told in Acts 2:42 that, "day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved." And a few verses previously the scale of this 'addition', in response of Peter's address to the crowd, was described in these terms: "That very day about three thousand were added to their number."

If we compare this situation to our current situation in Nelson, we find that an invitation sent out to the community to bring together those who might be interested in the Catholic faith with a view to becoming Catholics bears a total yield of zero! The diagnosis is that we are seriously sick, and the closed –down churches dotted all around tell us that this sickness has been with us quite some time!

Is there any hope of recovery? Well, this is where faith comes in! Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth! In the Acts of the Apostles the growth of the community was ignited and initiated by a tangible presence of the Lord which empowered the apostles to carry out amazing works of miracles and healing. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the whole community manifested the presence of Jesus who had told them that they would do greater things than he himself might accomplish (cf Jn 14:12).

So, what's the plan? We need to give the Lord opportunities to manifest his wonderful power of healing and transformation in our lives. On my return to ministry, I intend to celebrate Masses which include the formal sacrament of the sick, and informally, prayers for healing and new life. My personal witness is that in battling against cancer for over two years I am still free from fear or anxiety, and I am in fact more enthusiastic about faith and life than ever before! It's not so much "You, Me, and the Big C", but "You, Me, and the Big J.C."

I'm utterly convinced by the Scriptures that the Lord wants us to experience the excitement and joy of belonging to a growing, life-filled church. This experience has been so far away from our personal experience that we might have never known it, or we have forgotten what this experience might be! Let us all pray one simple but necessary prayer: "O God come to our aid, O Lord make haste to help us!"

With love and prayers for all.

Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 12th September, 2022

Monday 12th Sept	Tuesday 13th Sept	Wednesday 14th Sept	Thursday 15th Sept	Friday 16th Sept	Saturday 17th Sept	Sunday 18th Sept
Euch Service CC 10.00am	Requiem Mass Katherine McCarthy 10.00am H.S.	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 Baptisms & Wedding

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 11th Sept	Gerard Spain	David Zycinski
Next week: 18th Sept	Roger Lee	Joan Penny-Heys

Children's Liturgy: At Christ Church this week: **Carmel** and **Khuram**.
We hope to start children's liturgy after half-term at Holy Saviour's.
Offers of help are still (and always will be!) welcome!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Sept 11th Victims of Terrorism
Catherine Barnes (2011)
Sept 12th Arthur James Melling (1938)
Sept 14th John Allen Cox (1984)
Winifred Waterworth (1999)
Sept 15th Giovanni Ferullo(1985)
Sheila Clay (2020)
Sept 16th Owen Moran (1981)
Alice Hodge (2019)



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.

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).

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

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10 W Eccles
£10 A Callaghan
£10 C Eccles
£98.00 towards Parish Funds, thanks very much.



St Bernadette Relics Tour

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CHURCH COLLECTION

28th August, 2022: £483.50
Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w.

Weekly activities at Christ Church.

"Talk and Do" Group: 10:30am till 12:30pm
£2 per session.
Fridays: Exercise Class: 11am - 12noon, £4.00

Queen Elizabeth II RIP

With all people of goodwill, we mourn the loss of one who, having been born into a situation of privilege, used her position of significant influence to show forth an example of dedicated service to her country. She will be greatly missed, and now we pray that the Lord will receive her graciously before his throne in heaven.

BAPTISM

On Sunday (18th September), we have two 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.