



## 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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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for Ukraine



**2nd October 2022**



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*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

*People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem,  
bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits,  
and all of them were cured (Acts 5:16).*

The above verse, taken from the Acts of the Apostles is one of the connecting verses which link the healing ministry of Christ to the healing ministry of the Apostles and the Early Church. The crowds which were once amazed and astonished by the miracles of Jesus are now amazed and astonished by the power at work in the ministry of the Apostles.

This life-giving bond between Jesus and his Church is formed by the Holy Spirit, and is the source of all the Church's power. We can understand thereby that it is not within our human capacity to bring about authentic renewal of the Church. Although it is within our Christian responsibility to do all we can, this is only an expression of our desire that the Lord himself intervenes on our behalf.

*"People even came crowding in from towns round about Jerusalem..."*

The people had belief! They came crowding into Jerusalem because they had high hopes that whatever was happening there was something of tremendous power and value. This observation evokes a first question: "Does my faith fill me with excitement about what amazing transformations the Lord can bring about in our lives?"

*"...bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits"*

The crowds were coming into Jerusalem not just to receive something for themselves! They brought with them those who had all kinds of needs. The second question is this: "If we have come to know Jesus as the source of every blessing, do we do absolutely everything we can to bring others to Jesus?"

*"...and all of them were cured."*

This is the 'wow factor' of the Gospel. To 'believe' is not to passively await some sort of 'feeling' of piety to well up within us! Belief is a decision to say 'Yes' to the Gospel which we have all heard! Belief leads on to the expectation that the Lord wants to reach out to human beings who are in need, and who are open to receiving his help. Expectation leads on to action—doing something which expresses our expectation! And action leads on to the experience of the Lord at work in miraculous ways through his disciples.

On **Saturday, 5th November at 11.00am at Christ Church** we will celebrate a Mass in which, as at all Masses, we will celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. We will include, in this Mass, prayers for healing. Everyone is welcome, everybody should consider themselves invited! Maybe you know that you should be inviting others, or maybe you know you are in need of the healing touch of the Lord. Where is your place in all that you read above?

With love and prayers for all.

Fr Gerard

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 3rd October, 2022

Monday 3rd October	Tuesday 4th October	Wednesday 5th October	Thursday 6th October	Friday 7th October	Saturday 8th Oct	Sunday 9th Oct
<b>Euch Service</b> CC 10.00am	<b>No Service</b>	HS: 7.00pm Euch Service	Funeral Mass 1.00pm HS	<b>No Service</b>	<b>No Service</b>	<b>CC: 9.30am</b> HS: 11.15am

**Funeral Mass:** for Sean Martin, at Holy Saviour's, 1.00pm. Thursday 6th October at 1.00pm. May the angels welcome him into their heavenly home with the Lord. May his family be consoled at this time.

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This week:</b> 2nd October	Jeremiah	Zachariah
<b>Next week:</b> 9th October	Joan Penny-Heys	David Zycinski

**Children's Liturgy:** At Christ Church this week: Sheila and Margaret B

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Oct 2nd, Rev L A Casey (1952)

(PP Brierfield, 1937-38)

Oct 4th, Florence Richardson (1995)



*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.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sean Martin, died recently.

### CHURCH COLLECTION

18th Sept: £315.90

25th Sept: £379.10

Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w.

### FR STAN

Many thanks for the wonderful generosity shown to Fr Stan. Last week's retiring collection for his Congregation came to £622.60! Fantastic!

### CAFOD (Floods disaster appeal)

Over the last few weeks we have collected the wonderful sum of £1,100 in response to the CAFOD appeal for funds to help the victims of the flood disaster in Pakistan. We send the money along with our prayers for our brothers and sisters who are subjected to such loss and suffering.

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Barbara Hammond

£10.00 M Greenwood

£10.00 Chris Dunleavey

£84.00 towards Parish funds, thank you!



A concert by the Gospel Duo

### *Heaven Sent*

at Christ Church, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Pie and pea supper at 6:15pm and concert at 7.00pm. £10 for supper and concert or £5 for concert only. Please let Jill Dugdale know ([Jilldugdale@virginmedia.com](mailto:Jilldugdale@virginmedia.com)) if you want the pie and pea supper. All welcome!

### ANNUAL RETREAT at the BRIERY, ILKLEY.

October: Friday 21st (5.00pm) - Sunday 23rd (2.00pm). £153.00 for the weekend.

38 Victorian Ave, Ilkley, LS 29 9BW

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The theme of the Retreat is:

*Under the Gaze of God*

led by Sr Anne and Sr Susan.

Contact Sue Barnes on 01282 618231 for any queries.

### Our prayers are asked for...

Francis and Esme Thorton. And especially for Francis who had a fall this week.

### Weekly activities at Christ Church.

**"Talk and Do" Group:** 10:30am till 12:30pm  
£2 per session.

**Fridays: Exercise Class:** 11am - 12noon, £4.00

Fridays: **Bible study** at Christ Church.

### Annual Mass at All Souls Cemetery

Now at 11.15am, Sacred Heart, Colne.

**Saturday, 1st October, 11.15am**