

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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Remembrance Sunday

The ultimate freedom fighter who laid down his life for his friends was the person of Jesus Christ. He sacrificed himself on the altar of the Cross to win, for all people, freedom from the most fundamental of all captivities—the captivity of sin. Sin inflames the passions, paralyses the will, darkens the soul, disrupts relationships, destroys faith and trust, and undermines every good human intention. Sin is the root cause of all war! Those who take up their Cross and follow Jesus are those who are prepared to lay down their lives in solidarity with him. Those who are touched by the horrors of war truly share in the horror of the Cross, and we bow down in respect to all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice of giving up their lives so that others might live. May we remember those who have died in war so that we may not forget the price of the freedoms we enjoy. May the souls of all the faithful-departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN.



Developments at Holy Saviour's

In recent weeks we have been visited by two members of the Diocesan property management department who have looked at the church, the house, and the hall, in the light of the <u>five-yearly report</u> (*click*) which was published several months ago. The presence of the scaffolding tells us that urgent repairs on the house are already in progress. The report highlights the general deficiencies of the whole plant with particular reference to the structural problems relating to the hall.

Whilst assessing the present situation, we have to be mindful of what the future might hold for Holy Saviour's church which, like many churches, will not return to being the hub at the centre of a wide community which is socially and culturally Catholic. Just in terms of priests, I now cover the area once included in the parishes of Holy Trinity, St Joseph's, St George's and Holy Saviour's. This fact, in itself, is a sign of momentous change taking place! Even if we were to be blessed by an upturn in faithcommitment, we still have to remember that a 'culture' of Catholicism takes generations to develop!

On the recommendation of the Diocese, I couldn't argue against the view that the hall at Holy Saviour's be demolished, and the area surrounding the church be freed up for much needed parking space. The house is worthy of refurbishment, and has the capacity to accommodate social times after services, meetings, and other gatherings such as the children's liturgy. Larger gatherings can be held at Christ Church where the facilities are up to standard and are exceptionally good.

Yours in the Lord, Fr Gerard.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 14th November, 2022									
Monday 14th Nov	Tuesday 15th Nov	Wednesday 16th Nov		Thursday 17th Nov		Friday 18th Nov		Saturday 19th Nov	Sunday 20th Nov
NO MASS	MASS CC 10.00am	MASS HS: 7.00pm		10. N	CC 00am lass osition l 12.00	MASS HS: 10.00.am		NO MASS	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am
Date Reader				leader	1	Reader 2			
			David Zycinski				Gerard Spain		
Next week:	20th November		Gerard Kir		Maggie King				
Children's Liturgy: Christ Church - Margaret B Holy Saviour's - Lisa, Shannon, Lorraine									
MASS INTENTIONS Peter Ellicot, died recently. Alec Waters, died recently. Sr Margaret & Sr Xaviour died recently. Joseph Scalan, died recently BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE Nov 13th Walter Wilson(1964) Nov 15th Rhoda J Settle (1994) Nov 15th Rhoda J Settle (1994) Nov 17th Robert Bradshaw (1986) William A Shepherd (1958) Nov 18th James Francis Shutt (1992) Frederick Heseltine (1992) Nov 19th Joyce Duggan (2001) 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.				HEAVEN SENT Friday 16 th December at 2.00pm at Christ Church <i>Concert by Heaven Sent.</i> The Gospel Duo will be back, by popular demand, to do a 60's concert. This will be followed by tea/ coffee and mince pies. CHURCH COLLECTION Gth November: £291.90 Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w. POUND DRAW WINNERS £10.00 Eibhlin Welch £10.00 Sarah Southworth £10.00 George Winkley £10.00 Francis Howarth £10.00 Francis Howarth £10.00 towards Parish funds, thank you!					
C.A.F.O.D. We will be holding our usual Soup Kitchen on the Fridays of Advent starting on 25th Nov. at Christ Church after Midday Mass. Wonderful homemade soups with a roll, and tea and coffee! All donations will go to C.A.F.O.D. Please support this very worthwhile event during Advent. A great way to prepare for Christmas C.A.F.O.D's resources are extremely stretched in these times of global need. Thank you!					CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 19 th November, 11.00am-1:30pm, at Christ Church. VAUGHAN STREET CLEARANCE Odds and ends are still remaining: glassware, kitchenware, books, chairs, and more. Vaughan St church will be open for anyone to come along and take what they want: TOMORROW! Saturday 12th Nov, 10.00am—3.00pm				
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There will be the opportunity, from this Sunday, to start putting entries into the Christmas Draw The draw will take place on Sunday 19th December.

1st PRIZE £100, Second £75, Third £50 and Fourth £25

There will be an extra box at both Churches for you to put your entries in. Have as many goes as you wish! Good luck from Last of the Summer Wine Group: Jack, Wilf, and Ian.