



## St John Southworth's RC Parish

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

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## The Baptism of the Lord

Pray for Ukraine



**8th January 2023**



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secure online donation to the parish!

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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

On Thursday of this week, the Church bid her formal and fond farewell to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at his funeral Mass which was celebrated in St Peter's Square, Rome.

Before being elected Pope in 2005, Benedict was known as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, holding the office of Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF). In that role, Cardinal Ratzinger developed a reputation for being very hard-line and conservative which was what the role demanded—to rigorously defend the purity and clarity of Catholic doctrine in the face of all kinds of demands from a secular society to liberalise teaching and to lose sight of fundamental principles.

As Pope, however, Benedict revealed a more gentle and pastoral side to his character, once more displaying qualities and attitudes demanded by his position, now as head of the Catholic Church.

As Benedict returns to the heart of God from where he first originated, he comes not with his marks and badges of office, but as a simple servant of the Lord, and I am reminded of some words he spoke in his very first homily on being elected Pope:

*"There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel,  
by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to  
speak to others of our friendship with Him."*

Now that is something we can all aspire to!

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

Fr Gerard

## Day-Retreat for Men

The first date to put in your 2023 diary!

**Saturday 29th April**

*(I've already checked Burnley's fixtures—they are away at Bristol City!)*

We will be leaving Nelson at 10.00am to arrive at Whittle-le-Woods (near Chorley) to begin our  
Retreat-Day at 10.30am with tea and coffee.

The Day will be led by Fr Mark Beattie who is parish priest at St Chad's, Whittle-le-Woods.

We will need to bring a packed-lunch, and we will be home before 5.00pm.

Do you think we can gather together a group of **40 men**? Of course we can, if we reach out to our  
friends and family with words of invitation and encouragement!

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 9th January, 2023

Monday 9th Jan	Tuesday 10th Jan	Wednesday 11th Jan	Thursday 12th Jan	Friday 13th Jan	Saturday 14th Jan	Sunday 15th Jan
NO MASS	MASS CC 10.00am	MASS HS: 7.00pm	CC 10.00am Mass Exposition until 12.00	CC 10.00am	NO MASS	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This week:</b> 8th Jan 2023	Roger Lee	Margaret Borman
<b>Next week:</b> 15th Jan 2023	Maggie King	Gerard King

**Children's Liturgy:** Christ Church: **Monica & Sarah E.** Holy Saviour's: **Sarah K and H.S. Gift Team**

### Funeral Service for Mark Holden

The Funeral service for Mark Holden will take place at 10.45am on Wednesday 11th January at Burnley Crematorium. We keep his wife, Carole, and four daughters in our prayers at this sad time for the family.

### POUND DRAW

The POUND DRAW starts again this Sunday. Please put a pound in the brown envelopes provided at both Churches. Jack and Wilf will be on duty at Christ Church to explain what you need to do. We are grateful for Antonio Parente volunteering to help Anne Callaghan and Maureen to promote the pound draw at Holy Saviour's. There will now be boxes at both entrances at Holy Saviours, so no escape! Thanks for your continued support in this important fundraising effort for the Parish.

Let's try and beat last year's figures of £4,928.  
Happy New Year, Ian

### CHURCH COLLECTION

1st January: £387.00  
Standing Orders: approx.: £635 p/w.  
Thank you for your generosity!

### Save your postage stamps!

You are invited to keep hold of your postage stamps and bring them to Christ Church where there is a box to collect them together.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Jan 8th Gerald C Kelly (2002)  
Jan 9th Annie Halstead (2005)  
Jan 10th \*Rev T Baron (1972)  
Jan 14th Alfred Allen(1940)  
\* Fr Thomas Baron served as PP at  
Holy Trinity from 1938 to 1941



*We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, that the Lord will receive them into his eternal embrace of love.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Peter Jackson, died recently  
Mark Holden, died recently  
Bob Spillane, b'day anniv

### Deaf Awareness Training

Clergy and parishioners are invited to attend this free training session on 10th January 2023 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at St Anne's Cobham Rd, Accrington BB5 2AD. You can book a place by emailing:  
[m.moffatt-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.moffatt-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk)

### Weekly activities at Christ Church.

**Wednesdays:** "Talk and Do" Group: 10:30am till 12:30pm, £2 per session.  
**Fridays:** Exercise Class: 11am - 12noon, £5.00  
**Fridays:** Bible study at Christ Church, 11.00am.

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