



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Nelson

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for Ukraine



22nd January 2023



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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

In last week's Gospel, John the Baptist pointed out Jesus as the one to watch. "Look," he said, "there is the Lamb of God." This invitation was not just for the moment as Jesus was passing by but was an invitation for us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as he enters into his mission. In this way, we might come to understand who Jesus is, and what his life is all about. And this is exactly what we do as, Sunday by Sunday, in this year's cycle of readings (Year A), we read through the Gospel of Matthew to see the ministry of Jesus unfolding.

Jesus sets out to build his team. We might, however, have doubts about Jesus' discernment when he starts to call to himself rather unlikely characters who are a little short on what we might call 'education'! Some people are already turning their gaze away from Jesus as they don't want to be associated with the unimpressive group of followers with whom he is choosing to spend his time.

It is said that the first task of the good leader is to identify his successor, and this is the strategy that Jesus adopts as Peter, an unsuspecting fisherman, receives the call! It's not looking to good! Are we going to lose faith in this man Jesus, or are we going to keep watching and waiting to see how things will turn out?

This is the story of our Christian lives: are we still keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus as the focus of our hope, or have we allowed him to become a shadowy figure in the background of our lives?

Yours in the love of Jesus,
Fr Gerard

More tea, Vicar?

After the 7.00pm Mass on Wednesdays at Holy Saviour's, I will be making a cup of tea, and inviting anybody who wishes, to come through to the presbytery.

No rotas, no expectations or obligations, just a cup of tea and a chat for anyone who wants to stay for a short while!

ALL WELCOME!

Twelve came last week—just enough to start a church!



Day-Retreat for Men Saturday 29th April

I know that some men were rather hesitant to sign up because they thought they might be joining a very small pious group, but we now have 26 confirmed names so FOMO (ask Google!) should now be kicking in!

Let me know, on the email address above, if you would like to come along—there will be enough blessings for all!

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.

Target number: **40**
Names confirmed: **26**

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 23rd January, 2023

Monday 23rd Jan	Tuesday 24h Jan	Wednesday 25th Jan	Thursday 26th Jan	Friday 27th Jan	Saturday 28th Jan	Sunday 29th 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
This week: 22nd Jan 2023	Monica McArdle	Gerard Spain
Next week: 29th Jan 2023	Margaret Needham	George Winkley

Children's Liturgy: Christ Church: **Siobhan & Khuram** Holy Saviour's: **Lisa S, Lorraine J, Joanne T**

FUNERAL SERVICES

The funeral service for Ken Keating will take place at Christ Church on Friday 3rd Feb at 9.30am. We pray for the repose of his soul, and we keep Helen and all the family in our prayers at this time of loss and sadness.

The funeral service for Patricia Collins will take place at Burnley crematorium at 2.30pm on the same day. After a long life may Patricia find peace with the Lord, and may the family know the comfort that faith brings.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Jan 24th James H Pickin (1968)
 Jan 25th Sarah P Haworth (1986)
 Cameron Barnes (1996)
 Jan 26th Eddie Collingwood (1996)
 Jan 27th Rev Fr John Aspinall (1957)
 Jan 28th Frank Brierley ((1995)
 (Fr Aspinall, PP at Sacred Heart for many years)



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.

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Madelaine Manley
 £10.00 George Winkley
 £10.00 Ash Ghulam
 £10.00 M Fiorentini
 £98.00 to parish funds. Thank you very much!



CHURCH COLLECTION

15th January: £371.50
 Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.
 Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tony King, died recently
 Sarah Pamela Howarth, anniv, 25th Jan
 Angeles Mendoza, b'day anniv
 Mary Winkley, b'day anniv, 25th Feb
 Bernie & Paddy, b'day intention
 Ruth Smrt, 95th b'day intention

Weekly activities at Christ Church

Wednesdays: Toddlers' Club

9.45 - 11.15am. New members welcome 50p per child. No waiting list!

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

Thursdays: From 10.00 - 12.00 noon

A time of welcome to a **warm space** at Christ Church. Tea, coffee, and toast will be provided.

Fridays: **Exercise Class:** 11am - 12noon, £5.00

Fridays: **Bible study** at Christ Church, 11.00am.

HAPPY
birthday

The parish community wishes a very happy birthday to two of our elderly parishioners who are resident at Marsden

Grange, residential home on Barkerhouse Road: Mary Rayson who will be 84 on the 27th January, and Peggy Clark who will be 98 on 30th January. They both receive regular Holy Communion, and we keep them in our prayers, as they keep us in theirs. Congratulations, and may the joy of the Lord be your comfort and strength!