



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Nelson

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for Ukraine



29th January 2023



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Dear Parishioners & Friends,

For those who "like to get your money's worth!", the Christmas season ends this week on the 2nd of February with the celebration of the Feast of the Presentation or Candlemas this Thursday.

The Feast is celebrated forty days after Christmas as we remember the Baby Jesus being brought to the Temple to be dedicated to God's service.

Although the Feast has its roots in the Old Testament times, like all the words and events of the Old Testament, the full meaning is revealed in the New Testament when Jesus is born into our world.

Simeon, is the man on hand to be our commentator on the event, and he calls out:

*"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel".
Luke 2:29-32*

The light of faith has now officially been ignited in this temple encounter, the match has been struck, and bursts into life; the light has been placed on the lampstand!

Although we bless candles on this day, and offer them in procession to the Lord, our real celebration lies in our gratitude that, through baptism, the light of Christ is now smouldering in our hearts awaiting to run riot in our lives if we don't allow it to be smothered by all that is not inspired by the Holy Spirit!

Yours in the Light of Christ, Fr Gerard.

International Women's

Day of Prayer

Friday, March 3rd 2023



The Women's World Day of Prayer started in the US in 1887 when Mary Ellen Fairchild James, from Brooklyn, New York, called for a day of prayer for home missions, and Methodist women called for a week of prayer and self-denial for foreign missions.

Monica would like to celebrate this Day in the parish, and she is looking for any ideas or help that you might be able to give. Please speak to her at church to find out more. This is a great opportunity for the Catholic and Methodist women to work together in an ecumenical partnership.

Day-Retreat for Men

Saturday 29th April

A retreat is a time of doing something a little different, outside of our normal routine. We give ourselves a little time and space to experience life in a new way, and God doesn't miss his opportunity to speak to us!

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: **32**

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 30th January, 2023

Monday 30th Jan	Tuesday 31st Jan	Wednesday 1st Feb	Thursday 2nd Feb	Friday 3rd Feb	Saturday 4th Feb	Sunday 5th Feb
NO MASS	MASS CC 10.00am	MASS HS: 7.00pm	CC 10.00am Mass Exposition until 12.00	CC 9.30am Funeral Service	NO MASS	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 29th Jan	Margaret Needham	George Winkley
Next week: 5th Feb	Jeremiah Javed	Zachariah Javed

Children's Liturgy: Christ Church: **Linda & Carmel**

Holy Saviour's: **Linda G, Glory, Venus, Oy**

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

Feb 1st James Waterworth (1990)

Feb 4th Margaret Frodsham (1978)

Feb 5th John Spain (2019)



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

Ken Keating, l.d
Angeles Mendoza Jr, anniv
Special Intention.

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Joyce Shea
£10.00 Sheila Cooper
£10.00 Sarah Southworth
£10.00 B Turner
£94.00 to parish funds.



Could we ask you to please put your telephone number on your envelope when you enter the Draw. We have quite a few new members now and we are not always sure who everyone is! Thank you very much!

CHURCH COLLECTION

22nd January: £253.90
Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.
Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly activities at Christ Church

Tuesday : 31st January 2pm – 3:30pm

Friendship Group.

Singing, quiz, crafts, tea, coffee and cake. No charge. All welcome

Wednesdays: **Toddlers' Club**

9.45 - 11.15am. All ages from babies to toddlers and pre-school. 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:** 11.00am.



After the 7.00pm Mass on Wednesdays at Holy Saviour's—a cup of tea and a chat. No previous experience necessary! Mugs provided! ALL WELCOME!