



## 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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## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray for Ukraine



**19th February 2023**



Click on the moneybox to make a secure online donation to the parish!

[St John Southworth's Facebook Page](#)

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### A note from our Treasurer/Accountant, Gerard Spain, on behalf of the Parish Finance Committee (Fr Gerard, Gerard Spain, Ian Dempsey, Wilf Eccles, Ash Ghoulam)

*The St John Southworth Parish Finance Committee met for its quarterly meeting on Thursday 9th February; we have discussions in between these regular meetings as the need arises.*

*We are pleased to report to all parishioners that the parish finances remain strong and that the income received in 2023 exceeded the expenditure.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for their generous regular weekly/monthly donations during the year. This is the only source of income coming into the parish which enables it to continue to operate.*

*There has been a great uptake in setting up standing orders during 2022 which now number 85 each month. We would encourage any parishioners who are not currently using this method to set one up. It is a much easier way of regular giving and enables the parish to plan its finances more efficiently, particularly with some major expenses coming up at Holy Saviour's this year. Please speak to Fr Gerard if you are willing to set up a standing order.*

*Just to clarify, we do not and have never received any financial assistance from the Diocese; in actual fact, the opposite occurs. We had to give over £7,000 to the diocese last year to cover its central administration costs! Gerard Spain, on behalf of the Finance Committee.*

### Lenten CAFOD Mass and Soup-Lunches

**ASH WEDNESDAY, THIS WEEK, 22nd Feb.**

We look forward to our **Friday Noon Masses and CAFOD soup lunches** starting next Friday!

### The World Day of Prayer

**Friday, March 3rd 2023, 7.00pm at Christ Church**

This will take the form of a Lenten evening of prayer, organised by the Catholic and Methodist women of the parish. Please put this event in your diary as a little Lenten extra!

### Baptism

This weekend we welcome baby Isaiah William Variyam, into our parish family.

### Lenten Deanery Masses

The Deanery Masses will take place on:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's, Oswaldtwistle

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at St Peter's, Newchurch

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at **Christ Church**, Nelson

Masses will begin at 7.00pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

*During Lent, I am challenging myself to participate in **CAFOD's Big Lenten Walk**. The walk is 200km over the 40 days of Lent. Should anyone wish to sponsor me, I will post the details in next week's newsletter. The walk commences on Ash Wednesday, I will update my progress each week in the newsletter. Many thanks, Margaret Needham*

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 20th February, 2023

Monday 20th Feb	Tuesday 21st Feb	ASH Wednesday 22nd Feb	Thursday 23rd Feb	Friday 24th Feb	Saturday 25th Feb	Sunday 26th Feb
NO MASS	MASS CC 10.00am	MASSES CC. 10.00am HS: 7.00pm	CC 10.00am Mass Exposition until 12.00	MASS CC 12 noon	NO MASS	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This week:</b> 19th Feb	Maggie King	Gerard King
<b>Next week:</b> 26th Feb	Gerard Spain	Roger Lee

**Children's Liturgy:** Christ Church: Sarah E & Monica M Holy Saviour's: Sarah E, Irene B, Antonio P

### MASS INTENTIONS

Rachael Connelly, died recently  
 Evelyn McLean, died recently  
 Hilary McClave, died recently  
 Tony Lord, died recently  
 Mary Winkley, 1st anniv, 25th Feb  
 Edna Winkley, 31st anniv, 24th Feb  
 Patricia Maria Tansey, 20th anniv, 24th Feb  
 Charlie O'Malley, b'day memorial, 14th Feb  
 Sean Martin, b'day anniv  
 Caroline Ryan, b'day  
 Pope Benedict, RIP  
 Cardinal Pell, RIP

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 22nd, Margaret Brierley (2021)  
 Feb 23rd, John Sharkey (1978)  
 Feb 24th, Patricia Tansey (2003)



*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.*

### Weekly activities at Christ Church

**Tuesday : 28th Feb 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.

**ALL WELCOME!**

### POUND DRAW

£10.00 Francis Ryan  
 £10.00 Sue Barnes  
 £10.00 Maureen Greenwood  
 £10.00 Brian Sagar

**£100.00** to parish funds

—this is a new record total! Many thanks!



### The Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme begins at Christ Church on Tues 28th February at 6.00pm.

### Day Retreat for Men, Saturday 29th April

40+ names now confirmed...  
 but always room for a few more!

### CHURCH COLLECTION

12th February: £220.00

Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.

CAFOD EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

**£1,336.00**

Such a great response to the earthquake disaster appeal last weekend, not to mention another individual donation of **£500.**