



## 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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## 1st Sunday of Lent

Pray for Ukraine



**26th February 2023**



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secure online donation to the parish!

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### Ready, steady, GO

The Christian life is not a sporting event, but there are many similarities and comparisons that we can make. The goal, the prize, the victory is what gives motivation to the athlete. For the Christian, the goal is no less than a new and deeper experience of the Resurrection of Christ. It is to this ultimate goal that we can all aspire. The training programme is referred to quite simply as the time of Lent - a period of preparation and training. The three Lenten disciplines, or exercises, which are put before us by Jesus himself are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We take tighter control of our appetites and desires, not so that we can become self-satisfied by our own powers of self-discipline, but so that we can make a more complete surrender and gift of our hearts and lives to the Lord. As Lent begins, we hear about how we have an opposition to the fulfilment of our aspirations! The devil takes advantage of any weaknesses in our souls which he can find—Jesus shows us the way to defeat him! Be humble, trust in God, and do not take your eye off the prize!

Have a fruitful Lent, Fr Gerard

### Joint Property Committee at Christ Church

David Lambert is looking to re-form this group as it has not re-started since *Covid*. We are very lucky that Christ Church is generally a modern building, but there are still building-maintenance tasks that need doing. If you would like to assist him, please send an email by 12th March to: [jd Lambert49@gmail.com](mailto:jd Lambert49@gmail.com). Thank you!

### Lenten CAFOD Mass and Soup-Lunches Friday Noon Masses and CAFOD soup lunches

#### 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!

### Baptisms

This weekend we welcome three children into our parish family through the sacrament of holy baptism: Isobel Mather; brother and sister, Brian and Octavia Sharkey; and Harrison Fawcett whose mother, Zoe, was baptised at Holy Saviour's church last November.

### 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.

If you would like to sponsor  
Margaret Needham  
as she participates in  
**CAFOD's Big Lenten Walk**,  
then just click on the link  
below to be taken to the  
online donation page.

[Sponsor Margaret here!](#)



## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 27th February, 2023

Monday 27th Feb	Tuesday 28th Feb	Wednesday 1st March	Thursday 2nd March	Friday 3rd March	Saturday 4th March	Sunday 5th March
NO MASS	MASS CC 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	CC 10.00am Mass Exposition until 12.00	MASS CC 12 noon Soup Lunch	NO MASS	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This week:</b> 26th Feb	Gerard Spain	Roger Lee
<b>Next week:</b> 5th March	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed

**Children's Liturgy:** Christ Church: **Barbara H & Amanda.** Holy Saviour's: **Lisa S, Amber, Glory, Oy**

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 5th John Nicholas (1990)  
 March 9th Mary Gildea ((2018)  
 March 9th Moira Steer (2011)  
 March 10th Thomas Dunne (1988)  
 March 12th Alice Pollard (1994)  
 Reginald Elphick (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.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tom Tallon, died recently  
 Rachael Connolly, died recently  
 Jack Lawrenson, 2nd anniv, 17th Feb  
 Albert Shea, 1st anniv, 25th Feb  
 Communion thanksgiving.  
 Special intention.  
 Sick person.  
 Birthday intention



### The Sacramental Programme

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

### Twenty-Five Year Celebration

On Thursday of this week, Holy Trinity school celebrated their twenty-fifth year in their new building on Halifax Rd. A special assembly was held to which Fr Peter Tierney and Mr Connolly were invited, along with other special guests. Amusing memories were shared of the difficulties of the old school building, and the lengthy time of transition to the new! But, all was well-worth the wait! We thank all who have contributed to the school community over the last twenty-five years and we pray for God's continued blessing on all the current staff and pupils. Happy Anniversary!

### 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.

### POUND DRAW

£10.00 Saoirse Welch  
 £10.00 Siobhan James  
 £10.00 Michael Taylor  
 £10.00 Elliott Taylor



£99.00 to parish funds. Many thanks!

### CHURCH COLLECTION

19th February: £346.00

Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.

Thank you!

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

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