



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Nelson

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3rd Sunday of Lent

Pray for Ukraine



12th March 2023



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secure online donation to the parish!

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On this Third Sunday of Lent, in Year A, we are invited to listen in to the intimate dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, as presented to us in John's Gospel. In the context of Lent, this story can be understood as a prompt to enter more deeply into our own hearts that we may identify more clearly our own motivations and desires. The Samaritan woman has sought solace in a series of relationships, and Jesus sees she is now ready to look deeper into her heart to find the evasive security for which she is seeking.

Although we have a whole host of physical and emotional needs which make themselves known to us, we also have spiritual appetites which long to be fulfilled. Our spiritual needs may not present themselves to us with the same immediacy as other needs, but they are the enduring needs of our lives and ultimately express our most basic need for God. It is when we are deprived of other satisfactions, either through circumstance or through choice, that we are more open to experience something beyond the incessant push and pulls of our daily lives. The woman found a few moments to listen to Jesus—a few moments which changed her life! Can we find a few moments to be with Jesus, and allow him to guide our hearts to drink from the life-giving wells of divine refreshment?

May our Lenten exercises attract the Lord's Lenten blessings! Fr Gerard.

Lenten Extras

Lenten CAFOD Mass and Soup-Lunches

Friday Noon Masses and CAFOD soup lunches

Last week, I was speaking to Simon Holleron, the Diocesan CAFOD representative, who commented on the impressive generosity of our parish. I told him about our Friday Masses and soup lunches and he said he would like to come up to Nelson to thank us personally for our donations. He is going to be with us for Mass and lunch on Friday 17th March. What, with a special feast day and a special guest, that is something to look forward to!

Deanery Masses

The second of the three Lenten Deanery Masses takes place this coming Thursday 16th March at St Peter's, Newchurch. Mass will begin at 7.00pm, and will be followed by light refreshments.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will take place at 7.00pm at Holy Saviour's church on the next four Mondays of Lent. Enter through the side door!

CAFOD's Big Lenten Walk

Margaret is still walking (114K to date)

... and we are still donating (more than

£500 to date). Let's support a parishioner,

support CAFOD, and, most importantly, support

the poor of our world... in the name of Jesus!



[Sponsor Margaret on this link!](#)



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 13th March, 2023

Monday 13th March	Tuesday 14th March	Wednesday 15th March	Thursday 16th March	Friday 17th March	Saturday 18th March	Sunday 19th 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
This week: 12th March	Monica McArdle	Margaret Borman
Next week: 19th March	George Winkley	Joan Penny-Heys

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

Holy Saviour's: **Linda, Annika, & Shannon**

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 13th Hugh Rourke.(1915)
 March 16th Margaret Horner (2016)
 March 17th Norah Moran (1967)
 March 18th Elizabeth Littlefair (1970)
 Margaret Trainor (1999)
 Bernadette Reilly (2006)



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

Louis Purcell, RIP
 Chris Purcell, RIP
 Theresa Ogden, RIP
 Eileen Thomason, RIP
 For recovery from sickness
 Anthony Lee, sick



The Sacramental Programme

Next Meeting: Christ Church on Tuesday,
 14th March 6.00pm.

First Forgiveness: Saturday Morning, 18th March

POUND DRAW

£10.00 Siobhan Welch
 £10.00 Margaret Fiorentini
 £10.00 Terry Pollard
 £10.00 Julie Palmowski



£92.00 to parish funds
 Many thanks!

CHURCH COLLECTION

5th March: £458.50
 Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.
 Thank you!

Weekly activities at Christ Church

Tuesday : 14th March: 2.00pm – 3:30pm

Friendship Group.

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

Tuesday 21st March at 12 noon,

The **Community Lunch** will start again at Christ Church... initially once a month, with subsequent dates being 18th April and 16th May. £4 per person for a 2-course meal plus tea/coffee. 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.

Day Retreat for Men, Saturday 29th April

41+ names now confirmed...
 but always room for a few more!
 Ay up—it's a free do, lad!

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. Thank you!