



## St John Southworth's RC Parish

at Holy Saviour's Church, Vulcan St, BB9 8HE  
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### Nelson

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## 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

Pray for Ukraine



19th March 2023



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## HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### The SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Laetare Sunday we are called to live in the light of the Lord! Even a thin layer of guilt or shame is like a layer of dust on a mirror which takes all the brightness out of the reflected image. As the dust builds up, we become accustomed to coping with the ever more obscure image, until it is wiped away, and then... Wow! We are called to reflect the light of Christ from our lives, so let's allow him to shine from us! The children who will receive their First Forgiveness this weekend are leading the way!

As we move into the latter part of Lent, I am now looking for opportunities to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I will be in the confessional at Holy Saviour's from 6.15 until 6.50pm before the Stations of the Cross on Mondays and before Mass on Wednesdays.

**On this coming Thursday**, when there is no Mass in the morning, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 10.00am - 12.00noon.

**The Feast of the Annunciation** is on Saturday 25th March, and we will celebrate it with Mass at Holy Saviour's at 12.00noon preceded by Confessions from 11.15am.

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

### DEANERY STATION MASS, Thursday, 23rd March, 7.00pm, Christ Church

The final Deanery Station Mass will be hosted this coming Thursday by the parish of St John Southworth and will take place at Christ Church. We will not, therefore, have Mass and Exposition on Thursday morning, as I hope we will all make a special effort to welcome priests and people from the other parishes of our Deanery in the evening. I attended the Mass at Newchurch this week, and there were twelve priests present and a sizeable congregation. The preacher will be Fr Bryan Cunningham, who is a Schoenstatt Father based at the Shrine in Kersley. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6.15pm. Please do come along!

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We are already looking ahead to the services of Holy Week. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place at Holy Saviour's because we will need to accommodate the First Holy Communion children, who will participate in the Liturgy of the Washing of the Feet, and their families. The Good Friday Service will also take place at Holy Saviour's as it is a well-attended service and Holy Saviour's has greater capacity. This year, we will hold the Easter Vigil at Christ Church; and then the Easter Sunday Masses will be as usual at both churches.

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

Monday 20th March	Tuesday 21st March	Wednesday 22nd March	Thursday 23rd March	Friday 24th March	Saturday 25th March	Sunday 26th March
<b>FUNERAL</b> H.S. 10.00am	<b>MASS</b> CC 10.00am	<b>MASS</b> H.S. 7.00pm	<b>DEANERY</b> Mass C.C. 7.00pm	<b>MASS</b> CC 12 noon Soup Lunch	Annunciation MASS H.S. 12.00 noon	<b>CC: 9.30am</b> HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This week:</b> 19th March	George Winkley	Joan Penny-Heys
<b>Next week:</b> 26th March	David Zycinski	Gerard Spain

**Children's Liturgy:** Christ Church: **Molly & Margaret** Holy Saviour's: **Lisa S, Ann P, Catherine M**

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 20th, Rev Fr M Hannon (1950)  
(PP Holy Trinity, 1941 to 1942)  
March 24th, Agnes Simm (1978)  
March 25th, Rev Robert Molloy (1929)  
(PP Holy Trinity, 1905 to 1916)  
March 25th, Elizabeth E Sumner (1972)  
March 26th Margaret Darcy (1975)



### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will take place at 7.00pm at Holy Saviour's church on the Mondays of Lent. Confessions from 6.30pm

**The Feast of St Joseph** has been transferred to Monday 20th March. Mass will take place at Holy Saviour's on that day, but it will be a Requiem Mass for Mary O'Connor. As we traditionally have recourse to St Joseph as the Patron of a Happy Death, this is not altogether an unhappy co-incidence!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Linda Taylor, died recently.  
George Cole, 2nd anniv  
Bernadette Reilly, RIP  
Denise Campbell, RIP  
Catherine Fairfield, RIP  
Vera Stevens, b'day anniv  
John Pemberton, b'day anniv, 19th March  
Special Intention

### The Sacramental Programme First Forgiveness

Saturday Morning, 18th March from 9.30am.

**Next Sacramental Programme Meeting**  
Christ Church on Tuesday, 4th April at 6.00pm as we prepare for Easter.

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Laura Durham  
£10.00 Sheila Hargreaves  
£10.00 Gerardine Smith  
£10.00 Molly Lawrenson



£102.00 to parish funds  
Many thanks!

### CHURCH COLLECTION

12th March: £305.50  
Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.  
Thank you!

### We're all going on a summer holiday...

Following on from our lovely day-out in Morecambe last year, we have now organised with the priest at St Peter's, Lytham, for the use of his church and parish hall on **Saturday, 15th July**, for our next parish coach trip to the seaside. We will leave from Nelson at 10.30am and be back home for 6.30pm. We will do a little fund-raising to bring ticket prices down to £10/person, and children will travel free. Bring a packed lunch—tea and coffee provided.  
Please put the date in your diary!

### CAFOD's Big Lenten Walk

Margaret is still walking (150K 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!  
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### Day Retreat for Men, Saturday 29th April

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