



## 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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## 5th Sunday of Lent

Pray for Ukraine



**26th March 2023**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I'm sending out this newsletter a little early this week because I am having to change my plans for the end of this week because I have been struck by Covid! It is not really so bad but I will need to stay away from people while I'm still testing positive!

**This evening**, Wednesday at 7.00pm, there will be a Eucharistic Service at Holy Saviour's.

**Tomorrow, Thursday**, there will be a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00am - 12.00 noon, but there will be no Confessions. Don't forget the Deanery Mass at Christ Church at 7.00pm which will now be led by Fr David Featherstone. One of the visiting priests will be available for Confession from 6.30pm

**On Friday**, there will definitely be Mass at 12.00 noon for the CAFOD Mass and Soup.  
Fr Peter has kindly put himself on standby for if I am still testing positive.

**On Saturday**, the 25th March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, I'm sure I'll be testing negative so I'm intending to keep to the original plan of Mass at 12.00noon at Holy Saviour's, and this will be preceded by Confessions from 11.30am

Just to remind you that **on Monday** we have the *Stations of the Cross* which takes place at Holy Saviour's at 7.00pm, preceded by Confessions from 6.15pm.

May our Lenten penances—both the ones we choose for ourselves, and the ones the Lord chooses for us!—help us to deepen our surrender to God's ways. Fr Gerard.

### FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Donations will be gratefully received in both churches for the decoration of the altar and sanctuary. Please use the small brown envelopes and label 'FLOWERS'. Thank you!



### BIG SPRING-CLEAN

On Saturday, 1st April, there will a time for cleaning at Holy Saviour's from 10.00am. If you can spare an hour or so, then please do come along to help. The side entrance will be open.



### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We are now 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 27th March	Tuesday 28th March	Wednesday 29th March	Thursday 30th March	Friday 31st March	Saturday 1st April	Sunday 2nd April
NO MASS Stations 7.00pm H.S.	<b>MASS</b> <b>CC 10.00am</b>	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	<b>CC 10.00am</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>Exposition</b> <b>until 12.00</b>	<b>MASS</b> <b>CC 12 noon</b> <b>Soup Lunch</b>	NO MASS	<b>CC: 9.30am</b> <b>HS: 11.15am</b>

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This week:</b> 26th March	David Zycinski	Gerard Spain
<b>Next week:</b> 2nd April	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed

**Children's Liturgy:** Christ Church: **Wendy & Elaine C** Holy Saviour's: **Monica, Venus, Antonio**

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 29th Alan Waddington (2021)  
 March 31st Ann Moran (1954)  
 Mary Fallows (2009)  
 Irene Sumner (2021)  
 April 1st Mary Ellen McCarthy 1976)



*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

Charlie O'Malley, anniv, 23rd March  
 Margaret Honer, anniv  
 Easter memorial: Smrt family  
 : Elaine Cartmel

### Next Sacramental Programme Meeting

Christ Church on Tuesday, 4th April at 6.00pm as we prepare for Easter.

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Sandra Connelly  
 £10.00 Wilf Eccles  
 £10.00 Margaret Hillary  
 £10.00 Doreen Parker



£100.00 to parish funds  
 Many thanks!

### CHURCH COLLECTION

19th March: £361.00  
 Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.  
 Thank you!

### CAFOD's Big Lenten Walk

Margaret is still walking (190K to date)... and we are still donating (£645 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](#)

### 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

### Joint Finance Committee (Christ Church)

David Lambert is looking to reform this Committee as it has not restarted since Covid.

If you are interested in assisting with the Financial side of managing the Church's income and expenditure accounts.

This Committee will look at all the costs and then make recommendations for the Main Joint Council to consider.

Please send an E Mail to [jd Lambert49@gmail.com](mailto:jd Lambert49@gmail.com) by Friday 8th April 2023

Thankyou

### 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!



**A very Happy Birthday**  
**to Cath Brady**  
**93 today!**

