



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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

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Easter Sunday

Pray for Ukraine



9th April 2023



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In the resurrection of Christ we see the triumph of good over evil, and of life over death. This explosion of divine light fills every nook and cranny of the universe, but the place where God desires the light to shine most brightly, is in the hearts of the disciples of Jesus. "You are the light of the world."

It was only in the light of the resurrection that the apostles and disciples came to a true realisation of who Jesus was, and they now began to understand all the words he had spoken. We might spend a long time studying the 'theory' of music, but until we hear the 'sound' of actual music we cannot guess of the surprise and delight it would bring to us. In the same way, it's only in our own personal encounter with the Risen Lord that we realise what all the 'fuss' has been about him for the last two thousand and more years!

Our faith in Jesus establishes a channel for divine grace to flow into our hearts, and allows the Holy Spirit to recreate us in all kinds of wonderful ways. The Risen Lord confers a peace upon us—a peace that the world cannot give! This peace flows from the absolute security of knowing that we are known and loved by God, and that even in our darkness moments—or maybe especially in our darkest moments—the Lord stands by us. "A mighty hero."

It's in staying close to Jesus: in prayer, through the celebration of the sacraments, in living for others, that the resurrection of Jesus becomes an ever more compelling reality. May the Risen Lord be our strength, our joy, and our hope as we celebrate his presence in the Church and in our lives this Easter.

Wishing you all, every grace and blessing. Fr Gerard

Please note that all Masses this week, until Friday, will take place at Holy Saviour's due to Christ Church being used for the children's holiday club. On Monday there is no Mass. Tuesday is a funeral Mass - this is a double funeral for Linda Taylor (65) and her father, Brian Dickinson. We remember all the family in our prayers at this sad time for them. Wednesday evening Mass will be at 7.00pm, and on Thursday we will have Mass (10.00am) and Exposition (until 12.00noon) at Holy Saviour's. On Friday we will return to Christ Church for 10.00am Mass.

Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday 16th April

A special celebration at
St Mary's Church,
Devonshire Drive
Clayton le moors.
BB5 5RJ

1.30pm Exposition
and Confessions.

Talk by Tony Hickey

3.00pm Holy Mass

Refreshments after.

ALL WELCOME



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 10th April, 2023

Monday 10th April	Tuesday 11th April	Wednesday 12th April	Thursday 13th April	Friday 14th April	Saturday 15th April	Sunday 16th April
NO MASS	Funeral Mass H.S. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	Mass & Exposition 10.00am H. S.	MASS C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 9th April	Joan Penny-Heys	Margaret Needham
Next week: 16th April	Maggie King	Gerard King

Children's Liturgy: Christ Church: **Barbara H & Amanda D** Holy Saviour's: **Monica, Irene B, Oy, Glory**

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

April 9th Catherine Burrows (1979)
Mary Holden (1996)
April 10th Betty Hirst (2011)
April 11th Irene Burnett (2001)
April 12th Olive Hadfield (2001)
Pat Croton (2018)
April 13th Mario Pomponi (1986)
April 14th William Rourke (1938)
Thomas Ashworth (1992)
April 15th Elsie Doreen Lambert (2006)



We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, that the Lord will receive them into the fullness of his resurrection life!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Memorial Masses: Charlotte Jones & family, Sean Martin, John & Josephine Martin & family.
Kelly & Irvine families and friends
Peter Cichocki, died recently.
Michael Kinsella (Ireland) died recently
Harry Jennings, anniv, 6th April
Iris Callaghan, 1st anniv.
Amelia (Emily) Hennessy, 1st anniv, 9th April
Mike Kenny, RIP
Peter Bradshaw, died recently
We remember in our prayers: Peter Bradshaw, whose Requiem Mass will take place on April 11th at 10.45am, in St John's Church, Ivy St, Burnley.

CHURCH COLLECTION

2nd April: £453.20
Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.
Thank you!

It is with sadness that I announce the death of Fr Bernard Charnock who died on 4th April. Fr Bernard was once parish priest of St Joseph's, Nelson. May he rest in peace.

The next Sacramental Programme Meeting will be at Christ Church on Tuesday, 25th April at 6.00pm as we prepare for First Holy Communion.

Day Retreat for Men, Saturday 29th April

Just to remind you of the men's retreat day which is now in just three-weeks' time. I'll be organising transport in these coming weeks for those who need it. Let's pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our day with surprising joys and blessings!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Sean Jennings
£10.00 C Hancox
£10.00 Elliot Taylor
£10.00 Joe Winkley



£102.00 to Parish funds
Many thanks!

HE IS RISEN
alleluia



Calling all parishioners! We are the children from St John Southworth primary school and we are asking for your help!

We want to pray more at our school in different ways (listening to a bible story/arts and crafts/reflective time) and we need your help!

If you are interested, then please let Father Gerard know and he will get in touch with us. We will then arrange a meeting for you with our teacher Mrs Bushell and we can talk about how we can do this moving forward!

We look forward to hearing from you!



The children at
SJS XXX

Thank you

