



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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3rd Sunday of Easter

Pray for Ukraine



23rd April 2023



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DIOCESAN SYNOD

A 'synod' is a term used in the Church to describe a gathering together of a group of people to listen to different points of view, in order to arrive at a deeper understanding of each other and of the matters under discussion.

A synod, more familiarly, has referred to a meeting of bishops, but now, following on from the Universal Synod called by Pope Francis, Bishop John has inaugurated a Diocesan Synod as a way of listening to each other and discerning how the Diocese might respond to the needs and opportunities of our times.

To help us begin this journey, the Diocese of Salford's Department for Formation will be holding a series of information sessions to help us find out more about the Synod and how we can get involved. Our most local information session will be on: **Tuesday, 16th May 2023, 7.00—9.00pm**

Mount Carmel RC High School, Accrington, BB5 0LU

Please let me know if you would like to attend. Fr Gerard

WELCOME TO REVEREND RICK!

We welcome, this weekend, our Methodist minister, Rick Ormrod, who will be preaching at the 9.30am Mass at Christ Church. It's always a joy to listen to Rick who preaches the Word of God with such enthusiasm. "Didn't our hearts burn within us," say the disciples as they listened to Jesus expound on the scriptures. May the Holy Spirit be alive in our hearts helping us to listen and to understand, that we may become witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus.

MEN'S RETREAT DAY

The **Men's Retreat Day** is now next **SATURDAY 29th April**. We will meet at **St Chad's parish hall, Whittle-le-Woods** from 10.30am (tea and coffee) in order **to begin at 11.00am**.

You will need to bring a packed lunch! We will finish at 4.30pm, so you will be home just after 5.00pm.

The full address is: St Chad's parish hall (which is next to the church), 235 Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, PR6 8AJ, which is just north of Chorley. (About 30mins drive from Nelson)

I have put up a list, in both churches, of those who have told me that they are attending—if you could tick whether you need transport, then that would be helpful; and, if you have a car, please tick and then write down any number of passengers you might be able to take. If you find you are no longer able to join us, then please put a cross (x) against your name; if your name is not on the list, and you would like it be, then please add your name to the bottom of the list.

The most important thing is that you let me know if you need transport!

You can always email me to let me know anything I need to know, or of any questions you might have. Let's pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us on this Day! Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 24th April, 2023

Monday 24th April	Tuesday 25th April	Wednesday 26th April	Thursday 27th April	Friday 28th April	Saturday 29th April	Sunday 30th April
11.00am REQUIEM MASS C.C.	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition 10.00am C.C.	MASS C.C. 10.00am	Men's Retreat	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 23rd April	Tony Finnan	Roger Lee
Next week: 30th April	Margaret Needham	George Winkley

Children's Liturgy: Christ Church: **Margaret M and Molly** Holy Saviour's: **Amber, Annika, Shannon**

The Requiem Mass for Anna Holden will take place at Christ Church on Monday 24th April at 11.00am. We pray for the repose of her soul, and we pray for her daughter Kathryn at this sad time.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

April 22nd Denis McDermott (2008)

April 23rd James Littlefair (1944)

Leonard Quinn (1979)

April 26th Angelina Shepherd (1993)

April 28th Agnes Variyam (2015)

(Denis was head teacher at Holy Trinity for many years, and organist and choirmaster at HT)

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!



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

CHURCH COLLECTION

16th April: £330.10

Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.

Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Anna Holden, died recently.

Marie & Jan de Vylder RIP (Anna's parents).

Michael Phelan, died recently.

McGuinness family, anniv.

Bracewell family, anniv.

Brendan McDermott, anniv.

Andrew & Marie Cave, for health and strength.

Maria Cunningham, b'day intentions.

Special intention.

Coronation Bank Holiday Catholic & Methodist Shared Picnic

Monday 8th May at 11am at Victoria Park

We are all invited to go to Victoria Park to share in a picnic. Catholics and Methodists together sharing food, fun, family... and a litter-picking team to demonstrate our Christian faith and our care for the environment!

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

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 do a little fund-raising to bring ticket prices down to £10/ person, and children will travel free.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Mary Porter

£10.00 M Lebbon

£10.00 M Fiorentini

£10.00 Sheila Ashton

£78.00 to Parish funds. Many thanks!



Weekly activities at Christ Church. Everybody welcome.

Wednesdays: 9:45am - 11:15am ... *Toddlers' club.* Only 50p per child including drink and snack. All ages from babies to preschool children with parents/carers, all welcome.

10:30am till 12:30pm... *"Talk and Do" group.* £2

Fridays: 11am - 12noon, *Exercise class,* £5 per session.



CORONATION PICNIC

in the park

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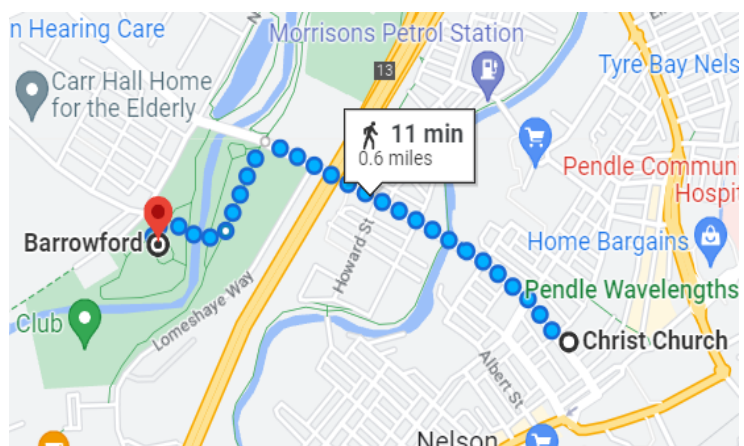
Meet at the Band Stand @11am

Love where
You Live



Christ Church
Together in Nelson

Catholic and Methodist
Communities



A Message for its own time



Book Launch

We invite you the launch of our new book
and a discussion time about its themes.

- Is the Church as the spiritual revolution the start of a new phase in the church?
- What is contemplation, and the prayer of the heart?
- Good adult faith formation in every parish
Is an essential key.

On

Saturday

20th May 1.30 p.m.

At St. Anne's C of E Church Hall,
Manchester Rd., Clifton
M27 6PP

Or

On

Wed 24th May 6.30 p.m.

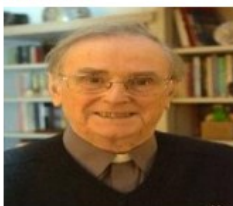
St. Veronica's Church Hall,
Helmshore Rd., Helmshore
BB4 4JT

Our new book is available on the day

for a Special purchase price £5.00 (cash only)

Also available in shops £10.99 or as an ebook £4.99

Authors



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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

