



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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4th Sunday of Easter

Pray for Ukraine



30th April 2023



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secure online donation to the parish!

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The building-work at Holy Saviour's presbytery is making progress, although once the plaster was taken down from the wall which is to be partially demolished, it could be seen that the underlying brickwork was not as strong as we would have hoped. Some strengthening work on the brickwork had to be carried out which was an unfortunate setback which has now been overcome. Taking advantage of the fact that the ground floor of the house is now looking very much like a building-site, a built-in junk cupboard with non-functioning sliding doors has been ripped out in order to widen the passage at the bottom of the stairs.

Meanwhile, the projector from St John Southworth church is being installed in the room which has become the children's liturgy room. I look forward to the downstairs of the presbytery becoming a much more suitable social space for our teas and coffees after Mass.

Tomorrow, Saturday, is our Men's Retreat Day. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will be at work, bringing us to life in new and surprising ways!!!

**God bless,
Fr Gerard**



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 enable 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

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 1st May

Monday 1st May	Tuesday 2nd May	Wednesday 3rd May	Thursday 4th May	Friday 5th May	Saturday 6th May	Sunday 7th May
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition 10.00am C.C.	MASS C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	CC: 9.30am HS: 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 30th April	Margaret Needham	George Winkley
Next week: 7th May	Jeremiah	Zechariah

Children's Liturgy: Christ Church: **Sarah E & Carmel** Holy Saviour's: **Monica, Joanne T**

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

April 30th, Eileen Thomason (2013)
May 1st, Dorothy Reed (2015)
May 2nd, Biagio Parente (1997)
May 2nd, Angela Cairns (2012)
May 3rd, Chad Gildea (2015)



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!

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!

CHURCH COLLECTION

16th April: £310.00
Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.
Thank you!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Anna Holden, died recently.
Marie & Jan de Vylder RIP (Anna's parents).
Vincent Holden, RIP
Kenneth Holden, special intention
Damian Knight (42), died recently
Peter White, died recently.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Frances Howarth
£10.00 Margaret Needham
£10.00 Joseph Lewsley
£10.00 Joe Gibbons



£102.00 to Parish funds. Many thanks!

REQUIEM MASSES

Fr Bernard Charnock (85): there will be a simple Mass for the repose of his soul at 2.00pm at McAuley Mount on Tuesday, 9th May. His actual Requiem Mass will take place on the following day, Wednesday 10th May, at 11.30am, at St Monica's, Flixton.

Rosemary Mongan: Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 9th May at 11.30am at Holy Saviour's. Burial at Burnley Cemetery

Mary Rayson: Requiem Mass on Friday 12th May, 10.00am, at Holy Saviour's. Burial at All Souls.

Michael Jordan (74), Requiem Mass, Monday 15th May at Holy Saviour's. Burial at All Souls

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. AMEN

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.

The next Sacramental Programme Meeting will be at Christ Church this coming Tuesday, 2nd May at 6.00pm as we prepare for First Holy Communion.



CORONATION PICNIC

in the park

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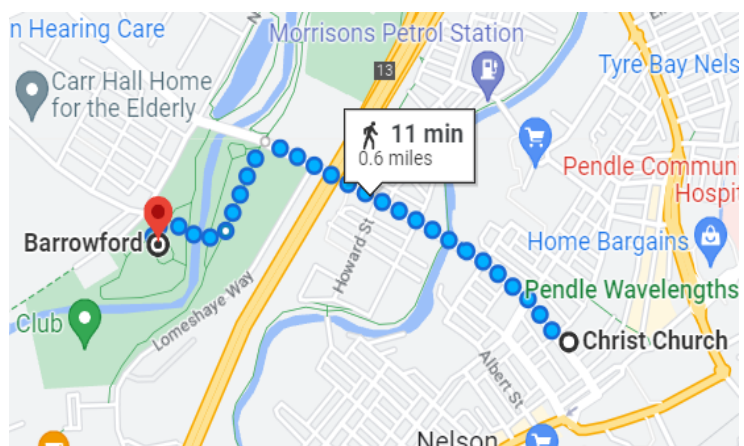
Meet at the Band Stand @11am

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.

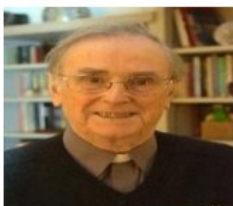
St. Veronica's Church Hall,
Helmshore Rd., Helmshore
BB4 4JT

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

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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

