



## St John Southworth's RC Parish

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

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## 6th Sunday of Easter

Pray for Ukraine



**14th May 2023**



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secure online donation to the parish!

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### **"I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate" (Jn 14:16)**

This coming Thursday, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, and on this day the Church inaugurates a novena of prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

I must admit that throughout my years at school, the Holy Spirit (formerly referred to as the Holy Ghost!) hardly featured in my religious education lessons, and even less so in my actual life! The Christian faith, however, is a rather dull and unattractive proposition when it does not include an awareness of the action and activity of the Holy Spirit as a living power in our lives.

We were born to know, love, and serve God, and this knowing, loving, and serving is brought about by the action of the Holy Spirit; the melting and molding of our hearts, which is the work of the Holy Spirit, is experienced as a transformation, or conversion, of our desires.

If you are able to say that you have a living relationship with the Holy Spirit, you will not need any encouragement to enter into a novena of prayer knowing that the Holy Spirit is the Gift beyond all measure. If you are not yet sure of what it's all about, then I can only encourage you to open your hearts, minds, and imaginations to dare to believe that the ultimate promise of Jesus is available to you!

The Holy Spirit needs only the slightest flicker of a desire in our hearts for him to make an extraordinary difference to our personal lives, and consequently to our life as a church and community.

I would invite you to pray the prayer below over the days leading up to Pentecost—nine days is good, but ten days would be better, eleven days of prayer would be better again.... and so on!

With my love and prayers, Fr Gerard

### **PRAYER FOR AN OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Lord Jesus, you send your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts.

May your breath of Life bring us forgiveness and  
freedom from sin.

May your Spirit of love lead us into new depths of  
relationship with you and with one another.

May your Church, gifted with signs and wonders,  
be empowered to bring your Good News to our world.

**AMEN**



## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 15th May

Monday 15th May	Tuesday 16th May	Wednesday 17th May	Thursday 18th May <b>THE ASCENSION</b>	Friday 19th May	Saturday 20th May	Sunday 21st May
Requiem Mass 11.00am	<b>MASS</b> <b>C.C. 10.00am</b>	Vigil Mass for the Ascension H.S. 7.00pm	<b>MASS &amp; Exposition</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>C.C.</b>	MASS C.C. 10.00am	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>C.C.</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>H.S.</b> <b>11.15am</b>

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This week:</b> 14th May	Joan Penny-Heys	David Zycinski
<b>Next week:</b> 21st May	Margaret Borman	Tony Finnan

**Children's Liturgy:** Christ Church: **Amanda & Bridgette** Holy Saviour's: **Lisa S, Irene B, Catherine M**

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

May 14th Maurice Harrison (1961)

May 15th Sean Yates (2004)

James Rossall (1996)

May 20th Rev Bernard Heseltine (1978)

*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!*



### MASS INTENTIONS

Anna Holden, died recently.

Vincent Holden RIP

Kenneth Holden, RIP

Alexander Holt, 3rd anniv, 22nd May

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion candidates who have now completed their preparation sessions. Over the next five weeks they we will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at our Sunday Masses where the first two or three rows in church will be reserved for the children and their families.

### REQUIEM MASSES

**Michael Jordan** (74), Requiem Mass, Monday 15th May at 11.00am at Holy Saviour's. Burial at All Souls

**Margaret Calderbank** (83), Requiem Mass on Friday 2nd June at 11.00am at Holy Saviour's.

*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 pre-school children with parents/carers, all welcome.

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

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

Next community lunch: Tuesday, 30th May.

£4 per person for a 2 course meal plus tea/coffee.  
All welcome.

### CHURCH COLLECTION

7th May: £445.50

Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w.

Thank you!

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Jack Dempsey

£10.00 Margaret Morgan

£10.00 Julie Taylor

£10.00 Bernadette Whitaker

£94.00 to Parish funds. Many thanks!



### GRAND SUMMER DRAW POUND DRAW

**1st Prize £100**

**2nd Prize £75; 3rd Prize £50, 4th Prize £25.**

**Will take place on 25th June**

Special boxes will be in place from next Sunday at both Churches. As usual, have as many goes as you want. Good Luck!!! Ian