



**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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**2nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



**14th January, 2024**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend, we welcome to our 9.30am Mass, Rev Rick Ormrod who is the Methodist minister at Christ Church and the superintendent of the local Methodist circuit. As a Catholic congregation we always enjoy Rick's enthusiastic presentation of his message; he speaks in a way that unites us as followers of Jesus, and encourages us to be open to the Spirit, and actively involved in the mission of the Church. Thank you Rick for continuing to develop the links between the Catholics and Methodists at Christ Church.

On the following weekend, 21st January, a member of the local council of the Knights of St Columba (KSC) will be coming to say a few words, after Communion, to the congregation at the 11.15am Mass at Holy Saviour's. The KSC council, which has always maintained a strong and active presence in Nelson, is celebrating its 90th anniversary, and they would like to use the opportunity to mark the legacy and to give thanks for all that has been achieved over the years through their dedicated membership. The Knights work under the banner of "Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, and although they are not on a recruitment drive, I'm sure they will be ready, after Mass, to welcome anybody who might want to find out more about who they are and what they do.

On the weekend of 28th January, Ann Pearson will be visiting both churches to share something about her work with Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust. HCPT is a Catholic charity offering pilgrimage holidays, to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. Charities, especially in these days of economic hardship, are always in need of funding, but more especially, they are always in need of volunteers who might become involved in their work.

In this weekend's first reading we hear how the boy Samuel is instructed by the elderly priest, Eli, to listen out for God speaking to him, and when the Lord speaks, Samuel is instructed to reply, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!"

Has the Lord ever spoken to you? The person of faith can say, "Yes, he's speaking to me all the time!" The Lord can speak through all kinds of people, events, and circumstances, and when we listen and respond we find ourselves moving on in our relationship with God.

So, we do welcome all our visitors; we pray for them that the Lord will speak through them, and we listen with open ears and hearts to all that they might have to say!

With prayers and best wishes,

Fr Gerard

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 15th January, 2024

Monday 15th Jan	Tuesday 16th Jan	Wednesday 17th Jan	Thursday 18th Jan	Friday 19th Jan	Saturday 20th Jan	Sunday 21st Jan
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>MASS C.C. 10.00am</b>	<b>MASS H.S. 7.00pm</b>	<b>MASS &amp; Exposition 10.00am C.C.</b>	<b>MASS C.C. 10.00am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am</b>

**Children's Church:** C.C. - Monica & Mary    H.S. - Monica, Venus, Lorraine

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This Sunday:</b> 14th Jan	David Zycinski	Luke Mendoza
<b>Next Sunday:</b> 21st Jan	George Winkley	Joan Penny-Heys

### POUND DRAW

£10.00 Sarah Kelly

£10.00 Julia Palmowski

£10.00 Jack Eccles

£10.00 Margaret Fiorentini

£100.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Jan 15th Kenneth Keating (2023)

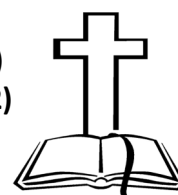
Jan 16th Rev Fr Wm Brierley (1976)

Paul Edmund Brady (1992)

John D Hartley (2021)

Jan 18th Esther Rourke (1973)

Brian Campy (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!*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Jeffrey Bate, 3rd anniv, 7th Jan

### FUNERAL

#### Alex Loughran

The Requiem Mass for Alex Loughran, a former resident at Brierfield House Care Home, will take place at Holy Saviour's church, on Tuesday 30th Jan at 10.00am. We pray that Lord will receive him into his heavenly home, and we hold his wife, Barbara, in our prayers at this sad time for all the family.

### CHURCH COLLECTION

7th January: £315.10

Standing Orders: approx: £632 p/w

Thank you!

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Our Sacramental Programme begins in Lent as we prepare children in Years 3 and above to, first of all, make their first Confession, and then, during the Easter season, to receive their first Holy Communion.

Letters will be going out through the Catholic schools in this next week, but if you, or somebody you know is Catholic, has a child in a non-Catholic school, then please register interest with me by email, and I will send a form asking for more details.

### TODDLERS' CLUB

The Toddlers' Club meets every Wednesday at Christ Church in the upstairs room: 9.45—11.15am. All ages from babies to pre-school are welcome. The children find friendship; the adults find support and understanding!

Weekly activities at Christ Church  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2.00pm – 3:30pm

#### Friendship Group

Singing, quiz, crafts, tea, coffee and cake.

No charge. **All welcome!**

Fridays: **Exercise Class:** 11am - 12noon £5.00

**Warm Space** serving soup, bread and hot drinks.

Wednesday 17th January at Christ Church from 12:30pm until 3pm.