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**6th Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time**



**11th February, 2024**



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**THIS WEEK**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**14th February**

**Mass & Distribution of Ashes**

**Christ Church, 10.00am**

**Holy Saviour's, 7.00pm**



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This week, we enter into the holy season of Lent—a period of 40 days during which we are invited to enter into battle against our worldly appetites which compete for control over our hearts and minds. The remedy is threefold: self-restraint (**fasting**) intentional generosity (**almsgiving**), and spending time with the Lord (**prayer**).

We can do these things in our own personal lives, but as a church community we enter into some of these practices together, so that we can encourage each other to keep going, and have some sense of accountability to each other.

We don't take on these Lenten disciplines as an end in themselves, but as a preparation for a new experience of God's love, bringing peace and joy into our lives and into all our relationships: with God and with each other.

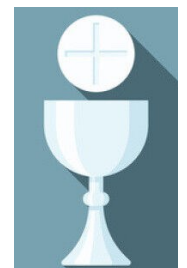
Fr Gerard.

**Suggestions for Lent**



**Mondays:** 7.00pm *Stations of the Cross* on each of the Mondays of Lent at Holy Saviour's. We accompany Jesus on his journey to the Cross, and pray that he will give us the strength and perseverance we need when we have our own trials to face. The Stations at Holy Saviour's church were brought over from St John Southworth's church, reminding us that the Church herself journeys on through times of change.

**Wednesdays :** 7.00pm Mass on each of the Wednesdays of Lent at Holy Saviour's. This Mass began on Ash Wednesday in 2022 and has continued each week over this last two years. During Lent, we will forgo our Wednesday biscuits, to add a little fasting to our cup-of-tea social time after Mass!



**Thursdays:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Christ Church—spending quality time with Jesus after 10.00am Mass on Thursdays until Benediction at 12.00 noon. There are only two requirements for this kind of prayer: Be there! Stay there!

**Fridays:** CAFOD Soup Lunches following on from the 12.00 noon Masses. This tradition pre-dates my arrival in Nelson, and is a wonderful feature of our parish life. We are joined by children from our three schools who help to make these Masses special occasions in our parish calendar.



## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 12th February, 2024

Monday 12th Feb	Tuesday 13th Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY 14th Feb	Thursday 15th Feb	Friday 16th Feb	Saturday 17th Feb	Sunday 18th Feb
REQUIEM MASS 12.00noon	MASS C.C 10.00am	MASS C.C 10.00am H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition 10.00am C.C.	MASS & SOUP LUNCH C.C 12.00 noon	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

**Children's Church: C.C.** - Wendy & Khuram      **H.S.** - Lisa S, Joanne, Lorraine J

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 11th Feb	David Zycinski	Luke Mendoza
Next Sunday: 18th Feb	Gerard Spain	Margaret Needham

### CHURCH COLLECTION

28th January: £316.00  
Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w  
Thank you!

### POUND DRAW

£10.00 Doreen Parker  
£10.00 Thomas Hancox  
£10.00 Catherine Masih  
£10.00 Elliott Taylor  
£94.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



### BIRTHDAY BOY!

On Tuesday, Joe Winkley celebrates 80 years of life! Joe, being Joe, will be playing at Mass on that day, giving us all the opportunity to celebrate his presence in our parish and to give thanks for all he gives to us. Happy Birthday, Joe!



**Pre-Lenten Chocolate Raffle** at Holy Saviour's was won by Britney Javed, and raised £50 for CAFOD. Many thanks to Maureen for organising this, and to all who contributed.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 11th Hilda Spain (1991)  
Feb 13th Edward Nolan (1988)  
Feb 14th Alex Sumner (1951)  
Feb 15th John Bookham (2020)  
Feb 17th Frank Sharkey (2014)  
Jack Lawrenson (2021)



*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

Francis Thornton, died recently.  
John Teggart, died recently.  
Barbara Duxbury, died recently.  
Caroline Ryan, b'day Mass, Feb 11th  
James Darling, died recently (USA)  
Sheen Paul and mother, Vimala Paul

### Francis Thornton, Funeral

The Requiem Mass for Francis Thornton, husband of Esme, and father of Lucina, Andrew, and Aidan, will take place on Monday (12th Feb) at Christ Church at 12.00 noon.

### Catholics and Methodists praying together.

On Saturday 8th June we will be celebrating twenty years of the Catholic/Methodist partnership at Christ Church. We will be marking the occasion with a Celebration Service followed by a buffet lunch. We will be joined on that day by Philip Gough who is the Chair of the Lancashire Methodist District, and by the Bishop of the Salford Diocese, John Arnold.

The Joint Council decided that it would be good to start a regular time of prayer together, leading up to this event, and the first of our prayer times took place this week. I put out what I thought to be an optimistic number of six chairs! To my surprise and delight, our circle expanded to eighteen chairs and we had a very fruitful prayer time!

As it happened to be the first Wednesday of the month, we decided to make this the regular time for our prayer together. Everyone is, of course, welcome. So, let us put it in our diaries now: 11.30am, Wednesday 6th March at Christ Church. Come, Holy Spirit!