



St John Southworth's RC Parish
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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.



2nd June 2024



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

When I was appointed parish priest to St John Southworth parish in January of 2020, the Bishop presented me with two particular focal points for my ministry, beyond the regular responsibilities of any parish priest in any parish. These two focal points were both, at the same time, challenges and opportunities.

The first focal point was to work closely with Fr Peter so that together we might reflect on what might be a realistic and manageable configuration of churches and parish areas in Nelson and Colne, and their surrounding districts. As it happened, the unforetold pandemic had its part to play in how things would work out. However, for the time being, we now have a settled solution; and I say 'for the time being' not to cause alarm but to recognise that the Church has to continue adapting its resources to its needs in our times of constant and rapid change.

The second focal point for my ministry in Nelson was to work closely with the Methodist community in what is a unique situation in the country in that we have a church building which was planned and built as a joint venture between Catholics and Methodists. I must say that I am pleased that I missed out on what must have been very intense meetings in drawing up the design and decoration of the church, and then working out, in those early days, how this relationship might work!

I'm also very pleased to say that Rev Rick, the current Methodist minister, is very accommodating and encouraging when it comes to joint initiatives. He brings a Methodist enthusiasm for the Gospel and has preached several times at Christ Church where he is always well received. Conversely, I have led Methodist services in several of the circuit churches and have always received a warm welcome.

I remind you of these things in order to put our Anniversary Celebration into a context. Our partnership is ongoing and, like every relationship, needs to be stimulated and nurtured if it is not to grow stale. Catholics and Methodists have been meeting to pray over the last few months, and so much work has been put into the planning of this occasion. All we need now is.... your presence! As a sign we take seriously the challenges and opportunities the Lord presents us with, please do come along! With love and prayers, Fr Gerard.

Anniversary Celebration of Twenty Years of the Catholic/Methodist Partnership at Christ Church

***Celebration Service beginning at 12.30pm followed by buffet lunch
on Saturday 8th June***

We will be joined on that day by Rev. Phil Gough, the Chair of the Lancashire Methodist District, and by the Bishop of the Salford Diocese, Rt Rev John Arnold.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 3rd June, 2024

| Monday 3rd June | Tuesday 4th June | Wednesday 5th June | Thursday 6th June | Friday 7th June SACRED HEART | Saturday 8th June | SUNDAY 9th June |
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| NO MASS | MASS C.C. 10.00am | H.S. 7.00pm | MASS & Exposition C.C. 10.00am | MASS C.C. 10.00am | Catholic/ Methodist Celebration 12.30pm | C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am |

Children's Church: C.C. - Linda & Amanda **H.S.** - Sarah K, Suzanne K, and the Gift Team

| Date | Reader 1 | Reader 2 |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| This Sunday: 2nd June | Jeremiah Javed | Zechariah Javed |
| Next Sunday: 9nd June | Luke Mendoza | David Zycinski |

MASS OF HEALING AND NEW LIFE SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE, 11.30am

This Mass celebrates Fr Gerard's 30 years of ministry as a priest, and will be concelebrated with his friend Fr Peter Kinsella whose 30th anniversary of priesthood occurs in the same week.

As on previous occasions, this Mass will include prayers for healing and also the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

The only gift we would ask for is your presence, and as a bonus gift—bring somebody else along with you!

Mass will be followed by a buffet lunch which will be provided.

METHODIST/CATHOLIC PRAYER TIME

On the first Wednesday of each month. Do join us this coming Wednesday, 5th June, at 11.30am.

CHURCH COLLECTION

26th May: £367.00
Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w
Thank you!

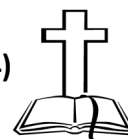
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£10.00: Sheila Ashton
£10.00: Jane Dempsey
£10.00 Sheila Birchall
£10.00 Fr Gerard
£83.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

June 2nd Ethel Chippendale (2008)
June 5th Sandra Marie Pilkington (2014)
June 6th Douglas Rogerson (2015)
June 8th Michael McGrail (2016)



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

William Variyam, anniv 23rd May (1980)
McGuinness, anniv,
Special Intention

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

On the Tuesday after the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we will re-introduce Communion under both kinds at Christ Church with the opportunity to receive the Precious Blood from the chalice. Although there is no pressure on those who for various reasons might prefer not to partake of the chalice, we do need to be respectful of Jesus present under the appearance of wine and maybe make a suitable gesture of reverence as we pass by the chalice.

MONDAY ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary Group was attended by 25 people on the final Monday of May. The extra Monday evening visits to church were a little challenging, but as with other prayer occasions, it always felt worthwhile once the effort was made! We will convene again in October, the month of the Rosary.



The Fitzpatrick Family would like to thank everyone for their Masses and cards during their time of loss. May Bart rest in peace.