



**St John Southworth's RC Parish**  
at Holy Saviour's Church, Vulcan St, BB9 8HE  
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**Nelson**

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**25th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



**22nd September 2024**



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### ***The Salford Diocesan Synod***

*It was in November of last year when we held a number of 'listening' sessions in the parish during which we offered our personal reflections in small groups. The questions we responded to were about our own hopes and dreams relating to matters of faith and to the Church.*

*Our responses were fed back to the Diocese where they were collated with the responses from all the parishes and groups that had taken part in the "Big Listen". In May of this year, a Diocesan-wide conference took place to which Synod members were invited to attend. I attended this meeting along with Monica and Linda Goddard who are the two representatives from our parish. It was a meeting attended by several hundred people during which we listened to presentations from those who had studied all the responses and ordered them into manageable themes.*

*Four themes which seemed to be emerging from the Diocesan consultation were:*

- Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow's World
- Building Connections
- Enabling Access
- Fostering Christ-Like Care

*The next step of the Synodal process is that the parishes are asked to reflect on these themes in order to feed back to the Diocese practical applications and potential courses of action. The themes do need a little explanation as to what exactly they are referring to, and the Diocese will provide written resources to help us in this.*

*Here in the parish, we will be holding two Synod meetings: a first meeting to reflect on the first two themes and then a second meeting to reflect on the second two themes.*

***Saturday 9th November and***

***Saturday 14th December***

***at 10.00am at Christ Church.***

*The meetings will last no longer than 90 minutes and will provide a forum for reflecting on how these themes are relevant to our parish life here at St John Southworth.*

*In the meantime, further information can be found on the Diocesan website: [A general update on the Synod process can be found on this link.](#) You will find, on the following link, a reflection on the first theme, [Nurturing Faith for tomorrow's World.](#)*

***May God bless us all in our endeavours to love and serve him in the Church***  
***Fr Gerard***

## Mass Schedule for Week beginning Monday 23rd September

Monday 23rd Sept	Tuesday 24th Sept	Wednesday 25th Sept	Thursday 26th Sept	Friday 27th Sept	Saturday 28th Sept	SUNDAY 29th Sept
Mass SJS School 2.00pm	Mass C.C. 10.00am	Mass H.S. 7.00pm	Mass & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	*Funeral Service H.S. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 22nd September	Margaret Borman	Tony Finnan
Next Sunday: 29th September	Emanuel Dwamena	Roger Lee

**Children's Church: C.C.** - Carmel & Margaret B     **H.S.** - Annika & Amber / Monica (Teresa & Karen)

### \* Died Recently

We pray for the repose of the soul of John Singleton, husband of Frances, who died recently. The funeral service for John will take place at Holy Saviour's Church on Friday 27th Sept at 10.00am. We remember John and his family in our prayers at this time.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Sept 21st Dorothy Fayle (2004)  
 Sept 22nd Joseph Reed (2013)  
                   Louise Whalley (2017)  
 Sept 23rd Margaret Allen (1976)  
                   Vera Cooper (1997)  
                   Christopher McDermott (2013)  
 Sept 24th Anthony Birchall (2004)  
 Sept 25th Norah Skelton (2017)  
 Sept 27th Pat Warriner Smith (1987)



### CHURCH COLLECTION

15th Sept: £363.50  
 Standing Orders: approx: £607 p/w  
 Many thanks!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mark Almond, b'day anniv, 13th Sept.  
 Michael Kenny, anniv, 19th Sept  
 Anthony James Birchall, anniv, 24th Sept (2004)  
 Liz Quinn, sick.  
 Patricia Elliott, sick.

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Anne Callaghan  
 £10.00 Barbara Hammond  
 £10.00 Chris Dunleavy  
 £10.00 Gerard Turner



£85.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!

### Day of prayer for Peace Friday 4th of October Sacred Heart Church

On Friday 4th of October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, we will be joining the Parish of the Good Shepherd in a Day of Prayer for Peace.

There will be no Mass at Christ Church on this day. I will be celebrating the evening Mass at Sacred Heart at 7.00pm

Sacred Heart Church will be open for periods of prayer and also for quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed.

11.00am. Morning Prayer from the Divine Office

12 noon The Angelus and Prayer During the Day from the Divine Office

3.00pm - 4.00pm Holy Hour

6.30pm. Evening Prayer from the Divine Office and Benediction

7.00pm Holy Mass for Peace

### Parents and Toddlers

Wednesday morning: 9:45am - 11:15am  
 Only 50p per child including drink and snack. All ages from babies to pre-school children with parents/carers, all welcome.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY IN THE PARISH

For those who were unable to attend our Saturday Eucharistic Morning, there will be another short session of introduction and training for the ministry on **Wednesday 2nd October after the 7.00pm Mass.**

### MEN'S RETREAT DAY

*Saturday, 19th October 10.30am—4.30pm  
 Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley  
 Please give names to Martin Zycinski*