



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

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**7th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time**



**23rd February 2025**



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## **Sacramental Programme**

As the season of Lent begins to come into view on the horizon, it's time to begin planning and preparing for our Sacramental Programme for 2025.

The Sacramental Programme is the series of meetings and instructions for children who are in Year 3 or above, leading to the First Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

The understanding of the significance of these milestones on the Catholic journey tends to be obscured by the veil of secularism which has descended on our society.

However, our children did not choose to be born into such an age of lapsation from the faith, and our duty is to do our best to help them to discover and nurture the spark of faith that was planted in their hearts in baptism.

We will be collecting names of candidates for the Sacramental Programme through the schools, but please bring to our attention any Catholic children who might be attending non-Catholic schools.

Once a child has left primary school without receiving their first Holy Communion, it would seem that their chances of ever doing so are much diminished, so I would encourage parents of children from Year 3 to Year 6 to take advantage of the opportunity which presents itself right now! *Fr Gerard*

### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

- Feb 17th Stella MT Taylor (2015)
- Feb 18th Norah Rakowski (2016)
- Feb 23rd Edward Phelan (2022)  
John Sharkey (1978)
- Feb 24th Patricia Mary Tansey (2003)
- Feb 25th Mary Winkley (2022)  
Matthias Duffy (1988)  
Albert Shea (2022)
- Feb 27th Italo Di Georgio (1984)
- Feb 28th Elizabeth Holden (1974)  
Edwin Seel (1990)  
Mary Leatham (2020)



*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, though the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
AMEN*

I would like acknowledge recent donations amounting to £120 which have been made as names have been included in the Book of Remembrance. Thank you to Ray Whalley who keeps the Book at Christ Church up-to-date; and to Maureen McDermott and Sheila Birchall who do likewise at Holy Saviour's. If you would like the name of a family member to be inscribed in the Book of Remembrance, then please supply age and date of death details to one of the above named persons.

### **POPE FRANCIS**

We keep Pope Francis in our prayers as he suffers from a very poor state of health at this time.



**Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 24th February 2025**


Monday 24th Feb	Tuesday 25th Feb	Wednesday 26th Feb	Thursday 27th Feb	Friday 28th Feb	Saturday 1st March	Sunday 2nd March
NO MASS	Mass C.C. 10.00am	Mass H.S. 7.00pm	Mass and Exposition C.C. 10.00am	Mass C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This Sunday:</b> 23rd February	Emmanuel Dwamena	Margaret Needham
<b>Next Sunday:</b> 2nd March	Zechariah Javed	Jeremiah Javed

**Children's Church: C.C.** - Siobhan & Molly      **H.S.** - Lisa & Joanne

Eucharistic Ministry 4th Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Andrew Thomas	Maureen McDermott
Marie Clark	Julie Taylor
Zechariah Javed	Suzanne Kelly
Marcin Zycinski	Ewa Zycinska
Mendoza Family	Catherine Masih

<p><b>MASS INTENTIONS</b></p> <p>Jack Lawrenson, anniv, 17th Feb. (2021)                  Patricia Tansey, anniv, 24th Feb                  Matt Duffy, anniv, 25th Feb                  Albert Shea, 3rd anniv, 25th Feb                  John Sharkey, anniv, 23rd Feb (1978)                  Frank Sharkey, anniv, 17th Feb (2014)                  Sarah Southworth, sick.</p>
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<p><b>POUND DRAW WINNERS</b></p> <p>£10.00 Chris Dunleavy                  £10.00 Gianluca Fiorentini                  £10.00 Mick Durkin                  £10.00 Simon Smart                  £96.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!</p>	
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<p><b>CHURCH COLLECTION</b></p> <p>16th February: £334.30                  Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w                  Many thanks!</p>
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*Save  
the  
Date*

*Des McGee Foundation Fund*  
**Charity Event in Aid of  
 PENDLESIDE HOSPICE**  
 Sunday 2nd March  
 Doors open at 1.00pm  
 Admission £3.00



*Entertainment provided by the excellent  
**Reece Thomas**  
 (on stage at 2.00pm)*



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 Come along to support our local community,  
 our local hospice,  
 and our local Catholic Club