

St John Southworth's RC Parish

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2nd March 2025



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Ash Wednesday Masses

Christ Church: 10.00am Holy Saviour's: 7.00pm



Lenten Opportunities

On Wednesday 5th March we will open the season of Lent with the ritual symbolism of being daubed with ashes. This is more than a pious devotional moment; it is an acknowledgement on our part that without God's Spirit animating our souls, our lives are empty and devoid of life.

The Gospel challenges us to shake ourselves free from listlessness and non-life-giving habits, and to discover, or re-discover our energy and passion for the things of God. This is the invitation of Lent—to enter into the spiritual disciplines which restore life to the soul.

The practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving turn our attention from our selves and our clamouring appetites, and refocus us on our relationship with God, and all that flows from that central relationship.

All this takes some discipline, and discipline means living from a considered decision, and then not allowing ourselves to be distracted from the goal we have set before us. These disciplines should first and foremost relate to our personal choices, and we will all be aware of the ways in which we need a fresh start in our personal lives. The Church, however, recognises that these disciplines are easier for us when there is a communal dimension to our efforts—our own perseverance encourages others to stay the course!

So, what might we do together to respond to the call of Lent?

Wednesday evening Mass: 7.00pm at Holy Saviour's

CAFOD Mass and Soup lunch: Every Friday at 12.00 noon

Stations of the Cross: Every Monday at Holy Saviour's at 7.00pm

Let us walk the Lenten journey together and experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit which is the ultimate excitement and fulfilment that goes beyond anything we could ever hope for!

Fr Gerard

Yours in the peace of Jesus,

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 3rd March 2025

Monday 3rd March	Tuesday 4th March	ASH WEDNESDAY 5th March	Thursday 6th March	Friday 7th March	Saturday 8th March	Sunday 9th March
NO MASS	Mass C.C. 10.00am	Masses C.C. 10.00am H.S. 7.00pm	Mass and Exposition C.C. 10.00am	CAFOD Mass & Soup Lunch 12.00 noon	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 1.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2	
This Sunday: 2nd March	Zechariah Javed	Jeremiah Javed	
Next Sunday: 9th March	Luke Mendoza	Dawid Zycinski	

Children's Church: C.C. - Carmel & Margaret B H.S. - Sarah K, Suzanne K, GIFT TEAM from H.S. School

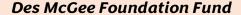
Eucharistic Ministry 1st Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)				
Francis Ryan	Sarah Kelly			
Ewa Zycinska	Joanne Thompson			
Khuram Javed	Sheila Cooper			
Siobhan James	Venus Ghulam			
Margaret Morgan	Dawid Zycinski			

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Eamonn Kelly £10.00 Sheila Ashton







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)
The KSC Catholic Club,
Forest St, Nelson

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

Jim Gillibrand, died recently.
Mary Gildea, anniv, 5th March
Richard Winkley, anniv, 4th March (2020)
Bridget Quirke, b'day anniv, 2nd March

MASS INTENTIONS

CHURCH COLLECTION

23rd February: £326.00 Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w Many thanks!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 2nd Matthew Kamran (2008)
March 3rd Molly Taggart (2001)
March 5th John Nicholas (1990)
Mary Gildea (2018)



March 6th Geoffrey Hargreaves (1974)

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

AMEN

Catholic and Methodist Time of Prayer

This coming Wednesday, the first Wednesday of the month, there will be a time of shared prayer at Christ Church. The prayer time will begin at 11.30am and will be for just half an hour.

POPE FRANCIS

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



Clearing the yard at Holy Saviour's

