



**St John Southworth's RC Parish**  
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**Nelson**

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**8th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time**



**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!

Yours in the peace of Jesus,

Fr Gerard

**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
<b>This Sunday:</b> 2nd March	Zechariah Javed	Jeremiah Javed
<b>Next Sunday:</b> 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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**CHURCH COLLECTION**

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

**POUND DRAW WINNERS**


£10.00 Eamonn Kelly  
 £10.00 Sheila Ashton  
 £10.00 Orla Dempsey  
 £10.00 Helen Keating  
 £97.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



**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, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*  
 AMEN



*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)*

**The KSC Catholic Club,  
 Forest St, Nelson**

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


**Auction!** **Raffle**

**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



Many hands - and a big machine! - make light work!

A curious parishioner takes a peek!



A first trailer of rubble is all ready to go!



Job done!