



St John Southworth's RC Parish
at Holy Saviour's Church, Vulcan St, BB9 8HE
and Christ Church, Carr Road, BB9 7JS
Nelson

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newsletter electronically, then
please email the parish.**

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3rd Sunday of Lent



23rd March 2025



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secure online donation to the parish!

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The Feast of the Annunciation

This coming Tuesday,
the 25th March, we
celebrate the Feast of
the Annunciation.



The Father chooses
Mary to be Mother of
his Son.

The Angel Gabriel
announces that Mary
is to conceive and bear
a son who will be
called Son of the Most
High.

The Holy Spirit
overshadows Mary.

Jesus is conceived in
the Mary's womb.

We have nine months
to wait for the Feast of
Christmas!

Lenten Extras

There will be just one **Deanery Lenten Mass** this year which will be
presided over by Bishop John. The Mass will take place at:

**St Mary's, Burnley, beginning at
7.00pm on Thursday 27th March**

Confessions will be available from 6.15pm
Tea & Coffee in Parish rooms after the Mass

If anybody requires transport to this Mass then just speak to Fr Gerard, and a
lift will be arranged.

Please note: There will be **no parish 10.00am Mass or Exposition** on this day
as we are encouraged to attend the Mass with the Bishop in the evening.

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Stations of the Cross in Urdu

On the Fridays of Lent, we are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross in
the Urdu language. I know from personal experience that the language is
secondary to the accompaniment of Jesus on his journey from condemnation
to death by Pilate, through his crucifixion, until his burial in the tomb. All that
is required to participate is an open heart that is in need of grace!

7.00pm at Holy Saviour's

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Wednesday Evening Mass:

7.00pm at Holy Saviour's

CAFOD Mass and Soup Lunch:

Every Friday at 12.00 noon at Christ Church.

Stations of the Cross:

Every Monday at Holy Saviour's at 7.00pm

*You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon
as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've
already begun (St Josemarie Escriva).*

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 24th March 2025

Monday 24th March	Tuesday 25th March	Wednesday 26th March	Thursday 27th March	Friday 28th March	Saturday 29th March	Sunday 30th March
Stations H.S. 7.00pm	Mass C.C. 10.00am	Mass H.S. 7.00pm	7.00pm Mass at St Mary's, Burnley	Mass & CAFOD Soup Lunch 12.00 noon	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 23rd March	Roger Lee	Gerard Spain
Next Sunday: 30th March	Emmanuel Dwamena	Tony Finnan

Children's Church: C.C. - Barbara H and Mary M **H.S.** - David A, Venus G /Monica, Teresa, Karen

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

CHURCH COLLECTION
16th March: £279.00
Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w
Many thanks!

POUND DRAW WINNERS


£10.00 Tony Finnan
£10.00 Michael Davies
£10.00 Caiomhe Welch
£10.00 Gill Hartley
£97.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE


March 24th Agnes Simm (1978)
March 25th Rev Robert Molloy (1929)
 Elizabeth Sumner (1972)
March 26th Margaret Darcy (1975)
March 28th Terry Bithell (2014)
March 29th Alan Waddington (2021)

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



Request for Rosary Beads

The Knights of St Columba are supporting a mission in Uganda from where they have received a request for Rosary Beads. Just bring to church any beads that you might wish to donate and give them to Martin Zycinski. Thank you!





MASS INTENTIONS

Gordon Parker, anniv, 28th Feb (2018).
Charlie O'Malley, anniv, 23rd March.
Joseph Pemberton, b'day anniv, Feb 19th
Special Intention.

POPE FRANCIS


We continue to keep Pope Francis in our prayers in his still poor but thankfully improving health condition.



 **COMMUNITY LUNCH** | Tuesday 25th March at 12 noon.
£4 per person for a 2-course meal plus tea/coffee.
No need to book. All welcome!

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Our Methodist friends are once again extending an invitation to children of primary school age to attend the Holiday Club at Christ Church on Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th April.
Each day from 10.00am - 12.30pm.
We have twelve Catholic places booked.
Please see Monica for more information

Congratulations!  *to Monica*

who this week was awarded a PhD for her studies in 'Embodied Prayer'. Her official title is now Doctor McArdle, but she'll still simply be Monica to us!

Burnley & Pendle Methodist Circuit

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 14th

Tuesday 15th

Wednesday 16th

April 2025

10 AM - 12.30 PM

At Christ Church, Carr Road,
Nelson BB9 7EN.

Primary School age Children Only

To book a place, please contact Monica on:

monica.mcardle@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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