



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

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## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**3rd August 2025**



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**Dear parishioners and friends,**

In the first reading, this Sunday, the wisdom writer dares to enter into the experience of a Godless existence—his first thought is that everything comes to an end! And by that he doesn't mean a final conclusion or the achievement of a final purpose, but the unwelcome reality of death which rudely interrupts the processes of life and brings about an unravelling of all that went before. The enormous question of what it's all about is handed on for the next generation to wrestle with before their time too comes to a close!

Life without faith is such a bleak prospect that avoidance of the most serious questions becomes, in itself, a way of life. We work together to build a world of denial and distraction in which only the wealthy and healthy have a chance to make the most of the fleeting experience that we call life. Religion is regarded as being an attempt to create a phony framework of support for those who can't hack this stark reality which has evolved from... well where did it all evolve from?

Into this gloomy scenario of the Godless and therefore pointless tragedy of the human predicament shines the light of Christ! The light of Christ illuminates our darkened hearts and minds in such a way that we are able to see that the whole of creation came into being from the will and desire of a watchful and protective Father God. Everything is precious; every moment is filled with meaning and purpose; every thought and feeling can be a seed of prayer.

It's not that the life of faith is a self-protective dream, which shields us from the unthinkable interpretation of life—that all came from chaos and all will ultimately descend back into the chaos from which it emerged. No! Rather, faith awakens us from the nightmare of a world that is seemingly out of control and brings us into God's perspective. We can delight in the realities of final judgment, final justice, the triumph of righteousness, human redemption, the vindication of God's plans, and for those who refuse to be drugged by the empty promises of this world, eternal happiness!

**May God's blessing and guidance be upon us!**

**Fr Gerard**

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 4th August

Monday 4th August	Tuesday 5th August	Wednesday 6th August	Thursday 7th August	Friday 8th August	Saturday 9th August	Sunday 10th August
NO MASS	<b>MASS</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>C.C.</b>	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	<b>*FUNERAL</b> at Holy Saviour's at 10.00am	<b>MASS</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>C.C.</b>	NO MASS	<b>MASSES</b> <b>C.C. 9.30am</b> H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This Sunday:</b> 3rd August	Jeremiah	Zechariah
<b>Next Sunday:</b> 10th August	Emmanuel	Luke

**Children's Church: No Children's church during the summer break**

### \*Ann Lang RIP

The Requiem Mass for Ann Lang will take place at Holy Saviour's on Thursday 7th August at 10.00am, followed by burial at Nelson Cemetery.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Joy Cooper, died recently.  
Anthony Cullinane, died recently  
Rob Barber, anniv, 7th August (2021)

### 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

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Aug 4th Rose M Shutt (1997)  
Aug 5th Anne Rossall (1986)  
Catherine Hayes (2015)  
Aug 6th Jean Heap (2012)  
Nora Helm (2012)  
Aug 7th Rita Rodwell (2014)  
Aug 9th Lucy Gildea (2005)



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

### CHURCH COLLECTION

27th July: £293.90  
Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w.  
Thank you!

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Monica McArdle  
£10.00 Jack Manley  
£10.00 David Armstrong  
£10.00 Carl Hammond  
£97.00 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!



### CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOLIDAY CLUB

The Children's Bible Holiday Club will take place 11-13th August at Christ Church. Please speak to Monica if you would like your child to attend.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Weekend Retreat** at The Briery, Ilkley organised by Sue Barnes (01282 618231).  
Friday 31st October to Sunday 2nd November.  
**Men's Retreat Day**, Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday 4th Oct (Burnley are playing away on that day!)

### Recent Payments to CAFOD

(18th June—27th July, 2025)

£151.00 Tea & Coffee at C.C.  
£20.00 CAFOD Box donations  
£230.10 Tea & Coffee at H.S.  
**£401.10 – total sent to CAFOD on 16th July, 2025**

### Catholic and Methodist Time of Prayer

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