



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

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## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**21st September 2025**



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secure online donation to the parish!

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### Columban Mission Appeal



This weekend, 21st September, we will be hosting a Columban mission priest, Fr Patrick O'Beirne, who will be covering the weekend Masses while Fr Gerard is away. I'm sure that Fr Pat will find a warm welcome in our parish and a generous response to his appeal on behalf of the Columban Fathers.

### The Columban Fathers

Founded in 1918 by Fr. Edward Galvin and Fr. John Blowick for missionary work in China, the Missionary Society of St. Columban takes its name from St. Columban, an Irish monk and missionary who preached the Gospel in Europe in the sixth century.

Today, Columban missionaries are called to bring life to the full for people and communities around the world experiencing poverty and living on the margins of society, with special emphasis in Asia, Latin America, Oceania, Ireland and Britain.



### MEN'S RETREAT DAY—St Chad's, Whittle-le-Woods, Sat 4th October, 10.30 - 4.30pm

We will be collecting names this weekend for the Men's Retreat Day which will take place at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday 4th October. It's such a life-giving experience to dedicate some time to the Lord and to experience a renewal of our faith. It is even more rewarding to bring along someone else we know, who might not attend if it were not for our invitation!

The Retreat Leader this year will be Fr Kevin McLoughlin, a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, who earlier this year gave a retreat day to the priests of the Salford Diocese.

A retreat day makes a lasting impression on our souls—I can't remember much about last Sunday's Gospel, but I have a clear memory of Fr Mark talking about the Widow's Mite from two years ago! The spiritual 'value for money' is just so unbeatable, that I can't recommend this opportunity more highly.

*"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."*

*A. Lamott (American Novelist)*

## Eucharistic Service schedule for week beginning Monday 22nd September 2025

Monday 22nd Sept	Tuesday 23rd Sept	Wednesday 24th Sept	Thursday 25th Sept	Friday 26th Sept	Saturday 27th Sept	Sunday 28th Sept
NO MASS	Euch Service 10.00am C.C	Euch Service 7.00pm H.S	Euch Service Exposition 10.00am C.C.	Euch Service 10.00am C.C.		C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 21st Sept	Sarah Ellison	Roger Lee
Next Sunday: 28th Sept	Tony Finnan	Joan Penny-Heys

Children's Church: This week: C.C. Carmel & Wendy H.S. Lisa S, Joanne T, Lorraine

Eucharistic Ministry 3rd Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Dawid Zycinski	Marian Reilly
Joe Gibbons	Lisa Stinchon
Tyrone McLaughlin	Marcin Zycinski
Helen Keating	James Hargreaves
Linda Goddard	Liz Variyam

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Gail Hargraves Day  
 £10.00 David Hustler  
 £10.00 Brian Sagar  
 £10.00 Jerry Frently

(Would Jerry make himself known to either Tony Parente or Maureen McDermott at Holy Saviour's please, so we can give you your winnings!)

**£ 90.00 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!**

### First Mass of Fr Theo Sharrock

Theo Sharrock has been serving as a deacon in the Parish of The Good Samaritan, Burnley since last December. Deacon Theo is one of two deacons being ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Salford this year, and after his ordination on 27th September, he will be saying his first Mass in the Diocese at St John's, Ivy Street on Monday 29th September at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass in order to support and celebrate with Theo as he begins his priestly ministry in what are very uncertain times for the Church!

### MASS INTENTIONS

John O'Hara, died recently  
 George Mullarkey, anniv, 8th Sept, 2016  
 Mark Almond, b'day anniv, 13th Sept  
 Alec Holt, b'day anniv, 21st Sept  
 Eamon Curran, sick.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Sept 21st Dorothy Fayle (2004)  
                   Sean Martin (2022)  
 Sept 22nd Joseph Reed (2013)  
                   Louise Whalley (2017)  
 Sept 23rd Margaret Allen (1976)  
                   Vera Cooper (1997)  
                   Christopher McDermott (2013)  
 Sept 24th Anthony Birchall (2004)  
 Sept 25th Norah Skelton (2017)  
 Sept 27th Pat Warriner Smith (1987)



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

### Holy Saviour R.C. Primary School

Holy Saviour's School are inviting parents of children who will start school in September 2026 to come and take a look around the school on Tuesday 14th October at 2.00pm. You will be made very welcome and will be able to ask any questions you might have about the school and what is on offer.

### CHURCH COLLECTION

14th Sept: to be announced  
 Standing Orders: approx: £685 p/w.  
 Thank you!