



**St John Southworth's RC Parish**  
at Holy Saviour's Church, Vulcan St, BB9 8HE  
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**Nelson**

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## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



**9th Nov 2025**



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secure online donation to the parish!

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*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

*I don't think that I can be accused of being overconcerned about parish finances in my coming up for nearly six years in the parish! However, it would be remiss of me, and the Finance Committee, not to keep an eye on the general state of our financial well-being!*

*Just to remind you that since Covid days, we have not passed baskets around the church. The reason for this is that, at that time, I encouraged the use of standing-orders rather than use cash, or envelopes which have to be opened, counted, recorded, and the cash physically taken to the bank (of which there aren't any in Nelson!)*

*As you will know, from your personal household bills, there has been a dramatic rise in costs for gas and electricity over this last six years - and church heating is one of our biggest expenses. However, parish income has not kept pace with these increases. Consequently, our income over this last few months is not covering our running costs, even before the really cold months are upon us.*

*We need to do a couple of simple things: if you have not updated your standing-order contribution in a while, then you may now be giving considerably less in value than what you first decided to contribute when you first filled out the form! Secondly, if you don't already contribute by standing-order, I would encourage you to do so as it's the most rock-steady way of supporting the parish. Also, it's the best way for us to claim gift-aid of 25% from the government for all those who pay tax, which I think just about includes all of us as tax thresholds continue to be frozen!*

*I know that we are an incredibly generous parish in that recent collections for the Columbans, for Molly Brighton's trip to the Far East, and our ongoing contributions to CAFOD are exceptional. But I know that we sometimes just need that little prompt as to our day-to-day support of the parish which depends almost entirely on the church collection.*

*Take care and God bless all, Fr Gerard*

### GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

1<sup>st</sup> prize £100; 2<sup>nd</sup> £75; 3<sup>rd</sup> £50; 4<sup>th</sup> £25

Over the next few weeks there is the opportunity to have as many entries as you wish. Just put a pound in one of the brown envelopes at the back of church marked with your name and contact and pop it in the CHRISTMAS DRAW box.

The GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you, Ian

### PIETY STALL at CHRIST CHURCH

The piety stall at Christ Church now has a good selection of religious Christmas cards and Catholic diaries.

Pauline Firman who has established the Piety Stall at Christ Church over the last few years now needs to step back from this responsibility due to family commitments. We are now looking for one or two people who would like to run the stall. If you think that this is something you might be interested in, then just speak to Pauline or Fr Gerard at church to find out what it entails.

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 10th November 2025

Monday 10th Nov	Tuesday 11th Nov	Wednesday 12th Nov	Thursday 13th Nov	Friday 14th Nov	Saturday 15th Nov	Sunday 16th Nov
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Mass 10.00am C.C</b>	<b>Mass 7.00pm H.S</b>	<b>Mass &amp; Exposition 10.00am C.C.</b>	<b>Mass 10.00am C.C.</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am</b>

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This Sunday:</b> 9th November	Joan Penny-Heys	George Winkley
<b>Next Sunday:</b> 16th November	Monica McArdle	Sarah Ellison

**Children's Church:**      **C.C** Siobhan, Margaret M      **H.S.** Sarah K, Suzanne K, GIFT Team

Eucharistic Ministry <b>2nd Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)</b>	
Siobhan James	Barbara Martin
Martin Zycinski	Christine Whalley
Amanda Duckett	Susanne Barnes
Bernadette Whittaker	Marie Parker
Emma Sutcliffe	Paul Stinchon

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Deceased members of the Armstrong family.  
Deceased members of the Parish

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Nov 5th Colin Murgatroyd (2011)  
Nov 8th Marco Dempsey (2001)  
Nov 9th May Syers (1996)  
                 Leonard Burrows (2008)  
Nov 10th Geoffrey Burnett (2014)  
Nov 11th Harry Brittle (1995)  
Nov 13th Walter Wilson (1964)  
Nov 14th Robert M Lodik (2012)  
                 Dolores Martin (2011)  
Nov 15th Rhoda J Settle (1994)  
                 Edith Odgers (2011)



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

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Margaret Clark  
£10.00 Suzanne Kelly  
£10.00 Linda Fernandez  
£10.00 Bernadette Turner



£93.00 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!

### C.A.F.O.D.

We will be running our usual C.A.F.O.D. soup lunches on the three Fridays during ADVENT at Christ Church. These will take place after the 12.00 noon Masses to which the children from our schools will be invited. Why not make them a personal Advent commitment!



### Community Lunch at Christ Church

This Tuesday, 11th Nov, at 12 noon £4 per person for a 2-course meal plus tea/coffee.

*God said, "It's not good that man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18). It certainly isn't good that we should eat alone!" Come and join us for lunch next Tuesday! You'll be made very welcome!*

### CHURCH COLLECTION

Standing Orders: approx: £685 p/w.  
2nd Nov: £407.80 Thank you!

### Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to pass through the local Holy Door at St Mary's Burnley

#### Saturday 29th November

We will gather at Christ Church at 1.30pm and  
travel together in as few cars as possible.

#### Reconciliation Service

On the following Wednesday at 7.00pm at  
Christ Church

A number of priests will be  
available for Confessions

An evening on **Evangelisation of the Culture** on  
Thursday 13th November at Salford Cathedral at  
7.30pm. Speak to me about it this Sunday. Fr G.

