



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

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newsletter electronically, then  
please email the parish.**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
**1st March 2026**



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secure online donation to the parish!

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

One of the great traditional devotions of Lent  
is that of the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross takes the form of a  
prolonged meditation on the final hours of the  
life of Jesus; from his condemnation before  
Pilate on the Friday morning to his death on the  
Cross on the Friday afternoon.

The Stations of the Cross can be found on the  
walls of every Catholic church; the pictures  
depict the passion of Jesus in fourteen moments  
of that most dreadful of days.

We are invited to accompany Jesus on his road  
to the Cross, which is why we are encouraged to  
physically move around the church to give us  
that sense of following and journey.

Just as when watching a film we might be drawn into the sadness of a plot, we allow our hearts to be  
touched by the suffering inflicted upon Jesus. The horrific torture of an innocent man is enough to  
awaken compassion in the hardest of hearts, but our faith tells us that he freely went through his agony  
for the benefit of others—for the benefit of ME!

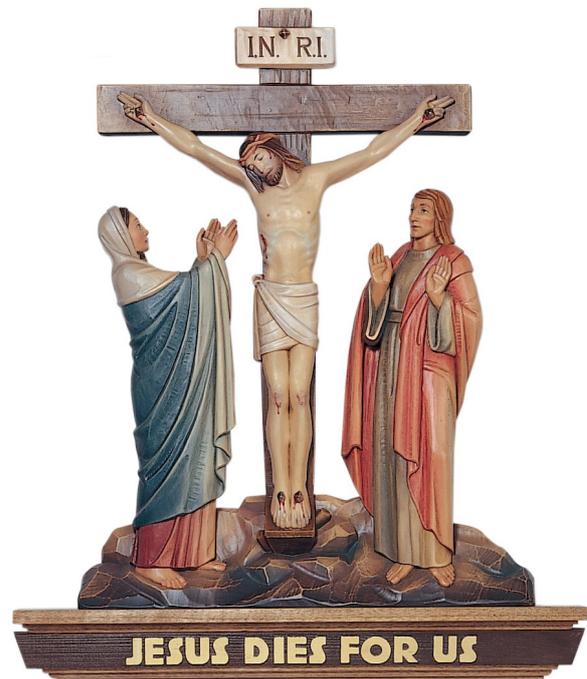
In fact, our faith enables us to understand that we have been the merciless persecutors of Jesus when  
we have not allowed ourselves to be concerned and moved by the overwhelming injustice in our world.

Jesus will tell us, "Whatever you do (or not do!) to the least of the brothers and sisters you do to me!"

In this time of Lent, we are praying the Stations of the Cross each Monday at Holy Saviour's at 7.00pm.

This is one of our chances to comfort Jesus in his suffering by allowing him to know that all he did for us  
was not in vain, and we are grateful to him for opening the way to salvation by his passion and sacrifice  
of his life.

My the blessings of Lent be ours, Fr Gerard



## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 2nd March 2026

<b>Monday</b> 2nd March	<b>Tuesday</b> 3rd March	<b>Wednesday</b> 4th March	<b>Thursday</b> 5th March	<b>Friday</b> 6th March	<b>Saturday</b> 7th March	<b>Sunday</b> 8th March
Stations of the Cross H.S. 7.00pm	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS C.C. 10.00am Exposition	MASS C.C. 12.00 noon	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 1st March	Zechariah	Jeremiah
Next Sunday: 8th March	David	Luke

**Children's Church: C.C.** Barbara H and Linda **H.S.** Sarah K, Suzanne K and the Gift Team

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**

Dominic Banaszewicz died recently.  
 Matt Duffy, anniv, 25th Feb (1988)  
 Mary Winkley, anniv, 25th Feb (2022)  
 Gordon Parker, anniv, 28th Feb (2018)  
 Bridget Quirke, b'day anniv, 2nd March  
 Mary Gildea, anniv, 5th March (2018)

**Peggy Clark, RIP.**

The Requiem Mass for Peggy Clark will take place Monday, 9th March at Holy Saviour's, 10.00am.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**



March 2nd Matthew Kamran (2008)  
 March 3rd Molly Taggart (2001)  
 March 4th Richard Winkley (2020)  
 March 5th John Nicholas (1990)  
                   Mary Gildea (2018)  
 March 6th Geoffrey Hargreaves (1974)

**LENTEN PRAYER TIMES ON ZOOM**

Following a similar pattern to Advent, Monica will be leading:  
**Embodied Prayer** – Tuesdays at 7.45pm  
**Praying with Scripture** – Thursdays at 7.45pm  
 The prayer sessions will take place via Zoom  
 Please email the parish to receive the link.  
 All are welcome.

**POUND DRAW**



£10.00 Bernadette Fannon  
 £10.00 Roger Lee  
 £10.00 Madeline Manley  
 £10.00 Mary Mullarkey  
**£91.00 towards parish funds.**

*Many thanks for your participation!*

**Community Lunch**

This coming Tuesday at 12.00noon at Christ Church. £4.00 for two-course meal. No need to book—just come along and enjoy!

**YOUTH RETREAT @CASTLERIGG MANOR**

Friday 17th– Sunday 19th April

(see attached Poster)

*For those in Y7 & above with a connection to the parish. Forms available from Fr Gerard & Monica*

**Catholic and Methodist Time of Prayer**

This coming Wednesday, time of shared prayer at Christ Church at 11.30am.

**CHURCH COLLECTION**

Standing Orders: approx: **£765 p/w**  
 22nd Feb 2026: **£268.40**. Many thanks!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Monday evening during Lent at 7.00pm at Holy Saviour's

*Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24)*

**DEANERY MASS WITH THE BISHOP**

Thursday evening, 5th March at 7.00pm at St John the Baptist Church, Padiham

**WHO**

All young people  
secondary school  
age and above

**WHERE**

Castlerigg Manor Keswick in  
the Lake District

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

An opportunity to explore your faith with other young people, whilst enjoying the awesome beauty of the Lake District, experiencing what it means to belong to the Body of Christ, as part of our parish.

**YOUTH RETREAT**

CREATED TO BE

**WHEN**

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th April 2026

**WHAT TO BRING**

- A sleeping bag or a duvet cover. Pillows, pillowcases and sheets are provided.
  - Comfortable and warm clothing.
  - A towel and toiletries
  - Suitable night wear.
  - Walking boots, thick socks and a waterproof coat if you have them.
- No need to buy boots or waterproof as Castlerigg will lend them out for the walk.*

