



St John Southworth's RC Parish
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5th Sunday of Lent



22nd March 2026



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 secure online donation to the parish!**

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This week, we welcomed Simon Holleron, the CAFOD in Salford's Community Participation Coordinator who visited our parish to share in our Lenten Friday Mass and soup lunch. He gave a brief talk in which he spoke about global problems which are due largely to too much water (floods!) or too little water (drought!)

He was, as ever, impressed and grateful as he experienced the enthusiasm and participation of so many in our parish which bears fruit in much needed support for the most vulnerable people in our world.

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a collection for Easter flowers following our Masses on Sunday. Please give generously that our churches may be splendidly decorated for Easter!



BIG SPRING-CLEAN AT HOLY SAVIOUR'S

On Saturday, 28th March, there will be a time for cleaning at Holy Saviour's from 10.00am. If you can spare an hour or so, then please do come along to help.



Des McGhee Foundation Fund CHARITY EVENT IN AID OF N.W. AIR AMBULANCE

Sunday 29th March 2026
 Venue: KSC Club, Forest Street, Nelson
 Admission: £3.00 Doors open: 1.00pm
 Entertainment from 2.00pm with Billy D.

AFTERNOON CONCERT

In support of St Joseph's Penny Lent Appeal
 Afternoon tea and musical entertainment at Fisher More High School on Tuesday 31st March from 3.30—5.00pm. Suggested donation of £5.00.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 23rd March 2026

Monday 23rd March	Tuesday 24th March	Wednesday 25th March	Thursday 26th March	Friday 27th March	Saturday 28th March	Palm Sunday 29th 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		C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 22nd March	Joan Penny-Heys	Margaret Needham
Next Sunday: 29th March	Margaret Morgan	Sarah Ellison

Children's Church: C.C. Siobhan & Margaret B

H.S. Lisa S, Joanne T, Lorraine

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

MASS INTENTIONS
Veronica Stevens, b'day anniv, 14th March Joseph Pemberton, b'day anniv, 19th March

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
March 26th Margaret Darcy (1975) March 28th Terry Bithell (2014) March 29th Alan Waddington (2021) March 30th Kathleen Ryan (2025) March 31st Ann Moran (1954) Mary Fallows (2009) Irene Sumner (2021) <i>May they rest in peace!</i>



Ruth Smrt, RIP.

The Requiem Mass for Ruth will take place Monday, 30th March at Holy Saviour's, 10.00am. We pray for the repose of her soul, and we remember her grandson, Adam, and all the family in our prayers in this time of sadness.

ALL SOULS CEMETERY

The team of volunteers who look after the cemetery... grass cutting, strimming, and raking... are preparing to start their once-a-week (weather permitting!) tasks in early April.

It's important that the cemetery is well maintained on behalf of our deceased family and friends and to keep the cemetery as a pleasant place for quiet reflection and for praying for those who are no longer with us.

We have plenty of machinery supplied by the Cemetery Committee Account, which is based at Sacred Heart Church, Colne.

Anyone interested in joining this group please have a word with Joe Winkley or Ian Dempsey.

It will help this grave situation at the dead centre of the Parish more worthwhile!

Thank you, IAN DEMPSEY



POUND DRAW
£10.00 Barbara Martin £10.00 Linda Shutt £10.00 Helen Keating £10.00 Janet Starkie £93.00 towards parish funds. <i>Many thanks for your participation!</i>



CHURCH COLLECTION
Standing Orders: approx: £765 p/w 15th March 2026: £294.30. Many thanks!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Monday evening during Lent at 7.00pm at Holy Saviour's <i>Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24)</i>

URDU STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm at Holy Saviour's

🌿 **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!** 🌿

Help Care for the Christ Church Garden



After many years of David Lambert's solo hard work, the Catholic Community has now taken responsibility for caring for the front garden area of Christ Church.

WHAT HELP IS NEEDED?

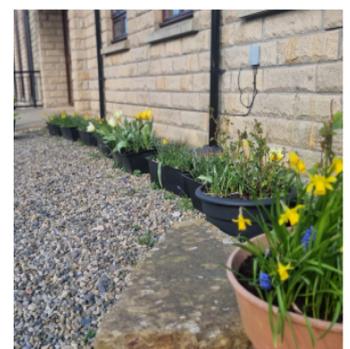
- **Occasional weeding**
- **Light pruning**
- **Looking after the flower boxes and planters**



Even ONE HOUR every few months would make a real difference. The more people who help, the lighter the work becomes for everyone!



The flower boxes are already bringing colour and life to the church frontage. With a little shared care, we can keep it looking welcoming for all who pass by.



Anyone willing to help please speak to MONICA

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.*

