



St John Southworth's RC Parish
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 newsletter electronically, then
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Palm Sunday



29th March 2026



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 secure online donation to the parish!

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**This is
 HOLY
 WEEK**

 **CAFOD FAMILY FAST**

We are very pleased to announce
 that this year's Family Fast Lenten
 Campaign for CAFOD raised a magnificent £1,305.

This amount included a very generous single
 donation of £500.

£675 of the total amount was gift-aided which
 means that CAFOD would be able to collect an
 extra £168.75 from the Government.

Many thanks for your generosity!

**BIG SPRING-CLEAN
 AT HOLY SAVIOUR'S**

This Saturday, 28th March, there will
 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. The
 side entrance will be open.



TIMES FOR RECONCILIATION

However we might have nourished our
 spiritual lives during the time of Lent through
 prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it remains that
 the preparation *par excellence* for Easter is
 the celebration of the Sacrament of
 Confession. This opening to divine grace can
 help us immeasurably in our desire to grow
 closer to God!

Saturday 28th March, 11.00—12noon C.C,
 Monday 6.00 - 7.00pm Holy Saviour's
 Tuesday after 10.00am Mass Christ Church.
 Wed 6.00—7.00pm Holy Saviour's.
 Good Friday 11.00—12noon Holy Saviour's.

Last Chance! STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 This Monday evening 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)*

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

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

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 30th March 2026

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| Monday 30th March | Tuesday 31st March | Wednesday 1st April | Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm H.S | Good Friday Service 3.00pm Holy Saviour's | Saturday 4th April Easter Vigil 8.00pm Holy Saviour's | Easter Sunday 5th April C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am |
| Funeral 10.00am | MASS C.C. 10.00am | MASS H.S. 7.00pm | | | | |
| Date | | Reader 1 | | Reader 2 | | |
| This Sunday: 29th March | | Margaret Morgan | | Margaret Needham | | |
| Next Sunday: 5th April | | Jeremiah Javed | | Zecharish Javed | | |

Children's Church: C.C. Molly & Hannah

H.S. Sarah & Suzanne Kelly & H.S. GIFT TEAM

Eucharistic Ministry 5th Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)

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| Carmel Dempsey | Marie Parker |
| Margaret Hillary | Marian Reilly |
| Mary Mullarkey | Sarah Kelly |
| Margaret Needham | Suzanne Kelly |
| Monica McArdle | Ewa Zycinska |

MASS INTENTIONS

Ruth Smrt, I.d.
 Peter Cichocki, anniv, 28th March (2023)
 Kathleen Ryan, 1st anniv, 30th March.
 Bridget Quirke, anniv, 31st March (2024)
 Michael Ryan, sick

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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

April 1st Mary E McCarthy (1976)
 April 2nd Veronica Cowgill (2022)
 April 3rd Marie Jackson (2022)
 April 4th John Richardson (1966)
 Lillian Baldwin (2007)
 April 5th Rev Thomas Dillon (1928)
 Bob Spillane (2021)
May they rest in peace!



POUND DRAW

£10.00 Edwin Robinson
 £10.00 Sheila Pollard
 £10.00 Tyrone McLaughlin
 £10.00 Brian Sagar



£79.00 towards parish funds.

Many thanks for your participation!

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.

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.

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

Thank you, IAN DEMPSEY

Catholic and Methodist Prayer Time

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

12.00noon Mass followed by CAFOD Soup Lunch

Tomorrow, Friday 27th, is the last chance to attend during this year's time of Lent!

CHURCH COLLECTION

Standing Orders: approx: £765 p/w
 15th March 2026: £283.10. Many thanks!

MASS OF CHRISM celebrated by Bishop John St Patick's Collyhurst, Wed 1st April. 11.00am
 I have three tickets if anyone would like to attend.
 Coach available from St Mary's, Burnley.

🌿 **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?

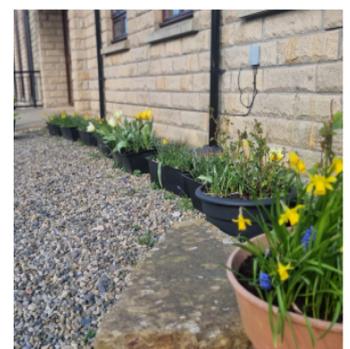
- **Occasional weeding**
- **Light pruning**
- **Looking after the flower boxes and planters**



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.*

