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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



31st May 2026



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St John Southworth Parish Men's Retreat Day

When? Saturday 6th June

Where? St Mary & St Michael Catholic Church, Settle, BD24 9RA

Time? 10.30am – 4.00pm (tea and coffee from 10.00am)

Led by... Fr Simon Lodge of the Diocese of Leeds.

What do I need? Bring a packed lunch!

**Fr Sean O'Brien from St Mary's Oswaldtwistle has written the following words, inviting us
to attend a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 7th June**

Many of our parishioners will remember the beautiful Corpus Christi processions that were once such a familiar and cherished part of Catholic life. These were wonderful occasions when we came together publicly to give glory to God and to witness to our faith in the Eucharistic Lord. Sadly, in many places, this tradition has waned over the years.

Following the visit of the relics of St Carlo Acutis to the Diocese in February, many people were inspired anew by the deep Eucharistic faith of this young saint, who reminded us that: "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." Since then, there has been a real desire among the faithful to respond to this call to rediscover the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives.

In response, the St John Vianney Deanery is organising a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 7th June at 3.00pm at St Mary Magdalene's RC Church, Burnley. The afternoon will include the Blessed Sacrament procession, devotions, reflections from some of the deanery priests, and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession.

What makes such an occasion truly prayerful—what makes it a moment of grace where faith is deepened and love for the Lord renewed—is simply this: that we come; that we accept the invitation.

The Lord himself beckons us: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Matthew 26:40)

and again, in the mystery of the Eucharist: "Do you also wish to go away?" (John 6:67)

The Lord is calling—let us come and be with Him!

Fr Sean O'Brien,
Parish Priest of St Mary's, Oswaldtwistle.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 1st June	Tuesday 2nd June	Wednesday 3rd June	Thursday 4th June	Friday 5th June	Saturday 6th June	Corpus Christi 7th June
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S 7.00pm	MASS C.C. 10.00am Exposition	MASS C.C. 10.00am	Men's Retreat Day Settle	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 31st May	Joan Penny-Heys	Monica McArdle
Next Sunday: 7th June	Zachariah Javed	Jeremiah Javed

Children's Church: C.C. Carmel & Francis

H.S. Monica, Lorraine

Eucharistic Ministry 5th Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Carmel Dempsey	Monica McArdle
Margaret Hillary	Marian Reilly
Mary Mullarkey	Joanne Thompson
Margaret Needham	Suzanne Kelly
Margaret Borman	Ewa Zycinska

POUND DRAW

£10.00	Sheila Birchall
£10.00	Tony Finnan
£10.00	Chris Dunleavy
£10.00	Charlie Eccles
£95.00	towards Parish Funds <i>Many Thanks!</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

Edward Stinchon, anniv, 6th June, (2025)
 Anita Keith, 7th anniv.
 James McArdle, b'day memorial, 3rd June
 Zeke Parks, b'day memorial, 3rd June
 Mass of thanksgiving

CHURCH COLLECTION

Standing Orders: approx: £765 p/w
 24th May 2026: £288.00

CAKE SALE


Last week's Cake Sale raised a total of £610.00
 across the two churches. The money raise will go
 towards the funding of the parish trip to
 Southport on 4th July.
 Many thanks for your generosity!

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants and their families as they celebrate their special day with the parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

May 31st	Matthew Holgate (2008)	
June 1st	Robert McManus (1983) John T Hudson (1956)	
June 2nd	Ethel Chippendale (2008)	
June 5th	Sandra Marie Pilkington (2014)	
June 6th	Douglas Rogerson (2015)	
<p><i>May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!</i></p>		

70th Birthday!

Fr Gerard celebrates 70 years' of life on Sunday 21st June. In order to mark his birthday, he would like to celebrate a:

Mass of Healing and New Life

on Saturday, 20th June at 11.00am
 at Christ Church
 followed by a buffet lunch.

Everyone is invited and welcome so please
 do come along!

If you would like to bring a gift, then the most precious gift of new faces in the congregation would be most appreciated! Can you try your best to bring a friend or a family member to experience the healing touch of Jesus! Fr Gerard

Catholic and Methodist Prayer Time

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