



**St John Southworth's RC Parish**  
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## Ss Peter & Paul



**28th June 2026**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Well, last weekend was truly wonderful for me with over 200 people attending the Mass of Healing and New Life which linked in so well as a celebration of my 70th birthday. Thank you so much to all who came along, and for all the cards and gifts which I received. I can't complain that I don't feel loved or appreciated, and they say that a happy priest means a happy parish—or is it the other way round? 😊

However the question on my mind is this: "What did the Lord do for us?" How did the Sacrament of Healing and New Life actually make a difference to you? Have you been set free to experience a new desire to grow in holiness, or to serve God, or to serve others with your lives? Have you experienced a new willingness or desire to live more sacrificially? Have you experienced a new freedom to be generous with what the Americans describe as Time, Talent, and Treasure? The Lord frees us and enables us to make decisions which build up the Kingdom of God around us, but nevertheless, those decisions remain subject to our own choices which can be either self-serving or other wise!

In the story of the healing of the ten lepers, only one returned to Jesus to express his gratitude, and Jesus was obviously disappointed by the nine lepers who didn't realise that the cost of their healing was paid ultimately by his passion and death on the Cross. This story teaches us that the fullness of healing is a compliant heart and submission to Jesus himself. He tells the returning cleansed leper: "Go, your faith has made you well."

If you have some good news to share, then why not make a comment on Facebook, or send me an email, in order to give testimony to the power of God which is made accessible to others when the Gospel is preached and shared, and testimony is given.

May the Lord continue to touch us and fill us with his Holy Spirit so that we can take delight in all that he can do for us to bring us closer to him that we may be enabled to promote the growth of his Kingdom in our homes and in our parish.

In the love and peace of Jesus,  
Fr Gerard.

### CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOLIDAY CLUB

At Christ Church from Mon 10th August running through to Thursday 13th August.

The days will be open to all children of primary school age.

If you would like your child to participate in the Holiday Bible Club, then please talk to Monica (or email her at [stjohnsouthwothrc@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsouthwothrc@gmail.com)) and she will give you a registration form.

### COACH TRIP TO SOUTHPORT

We will be leaving from Christ Church at 10.00am next Saturday 4th July. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch! When we arrive, we will join the parish for Mass at St Marie's, and then we'll make our base in the parish hall from where we can go out to enjoy some sea air and hopefully a little sunshine. We'll make our way home after a short afternoon prayer and be home for 6.00pm!

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 29th June 2026

Monday 29th June	Tuesday 30th June	Wednesday 1st July	Thursday 2nd July	Friday 3rd July	Saturday 4th July	Sunday 5th July
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS C.C. 10.00am Exposition	MASS C.C. 10.00am	PARISH COACH TRIP TO SOUTPORT	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 28th June	Roger Lee	George Winkley
Next Sunday: 5th July	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed

**Children's Church: C.C.** Barbara H & Linda **H.S.** Monica & Venus G / Catherine M & Irene B

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

POUND DRAW	
£10.00	Sheila Hargreaves
£10.00	Frances Howarth
£10.00	Linda Fernandez
£10.00	Eibhlin Welch
£92.00 towards Parish Funds <i>Many Thanks!</i>	



**Rev Rick's Farewell Service**

We are all invited to attend his Leaving Service at Christ Church on Sunday 5th July at 3.00pm.

**STRAWBERRY TEA**

Neville and Sheila Chadwick send out an open invitation to join them for a Strawberry Tea on Friday 10th July 2.00 - 4.00pm at 24 Bank Fold, BB9 6JW  
Scones, Strawberries, and Cakes.  
Raffle and Plant Stall.

No charge, but donations welcome for The Leprosy Mission and MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship)

**Catholic and Methodist Prayer Time**

This coming Wednesday, time of shared prayer at Christ Church at 11.30am. "Where two or three gather in my name, I am with you." (Matt 18:20)

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE	
June 28th	Brian Willan (1994) Annie Plant (2006)
June 29th	Edna Quinn (1989) Fred Cooper (1975) Caellum Dowling (2006)
July 1st	Thomas Daly (1987)
July 2nd	Alice Melling (1990) Fred Spencer (1960) Irene Parkinson (2020)
July 3rd	Rosemary Jordan (2020)
<i>May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!</i>	



**MASS INTENTIONS**

David Walkden, died recently.  
Fran Wilby, anniv, 22nd June.  
Jim Jennings, anniv, 27th June (2009)  
Stella Campy, anniv, 25th June  
Amanda Bibi Variyam, anniv.  
Sheila Yousef, anniv.  
Fr Gerard, b'day intentions  
Deacon Damian, b'day intentions  
Edward & Beatrice Stephenson  
Mary Turner  
Sick person

**BAPTISM AT HOLY SAVIOUR'S**

This coming Sunday, we welcome baby Amarachi, daughter of Ifeanychukwu and Ngozi, one of our Nigerian families, into the Church through the waters of baptism. May Amarachi discover her identity as a child of God as she grows in faith in the family of the Church.