

St John Southworth's RC Parish
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Nelson

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



8th Nov 2026



Click on the moneybox to make a secure online donation to the parish!

St John Southworth's YouTube Channel
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

During the Covid days, when we were socially-distanced in church, and money handling was prohibited, I encouraged everybody to donate to the church by standing-order. Collection boxes at the back of church were made available for any cash donations.

This system worked so well at the time that we have never re-introduced the Offertory collection. However, as time goes by, the lack of a weekly prompting and reminder to make a donation, by the action of passing a basket along the rows, has led to a declining cash collection! I know it's just so easy to slip out of the habit of making a donation and supporting the parish.

At present, our parish income is just less than our outgoings, and yet, we are now entering into the most demanding months on gas and electricity, the prices of which, as we all know, continue to soar.

Four years ago, I ceased to take a salary from the parish as I began to receive my state pension which masks how our income has not kept apace with rising costs and inflation.

One of our expenses that another parish might not have is that of Monica who works in the parish in all kinds of ways. She is employed on a 30-hour living-wage contract which I don't think anybody would consider to be excessive. If we didn't have Monica working with us then we would have a little more cash in the bank but be much impoverished as a parish!

As I write these words, I have just Googled that the average price of a glass of wine is £5.19, and a Macdonald's meal £7.50! So, I don't think I'm trying to appeal to your generosity but asking you to be more realistic! The Catholic Church in Nelson is 'us'. And only us! We own buildings which have to be maintained and heated, and we have employees who have to be treated fairly, and it all costs money!

So once again I would entreat you to support the parish with a standing-order donation; fill out a gift-aid form so we can claim 25% on your donation; and see if you can afford to buy Jesus a Big Mac once a week (and remember, some months have five weeks in them!) After all, Jesus gave everything he had to us, so don't we want to say a big thank you to him by generously supporting his Church.

In the love of Jesus,

Fr Gerard



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 9th November 2026

Monday 9th Nov	Tuesday 10th Nov	Wednesday 11th Nov	Thursday 12th Nov	Friday 13th Nov	Saturday 14th Nov	SUNDAY 15th Nov
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	Euch Service & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	MASS C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 8th November	Luke Mendoza	Dawid Zycinski
Next Sunday: 15th November	Margaret Borman	George Winkley

Children's Church C.C. - Linda & Siobhan H.S. - Gift Team & Susanne K

Eucharistic Ministry 2nd Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Roger Lee	Barbara Martin
George Winkley	Christine Whalley
Amanda Duckett	Susanne Barnes
Bernadette Whittaker	Marie Parker
Emma Sutcliffe	Paul Stinchon

POUND DRAW WINNERS



£10.00 Michael Davies
£10.00 George Winkley
£10.00 Joyce Shea
£10.00 Bridie Oldham

£86.00 raised for parish funds

Thank you for supporting the parish!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



Nov 8th Marco Dempsey (2001)
Nov 9th May Syers (1996)
Leonard Burrows (2008)
Nov 10th Geoffrey Burnett (2014)
Nov 11th Maureen Fannon (2025)
Harry Brittle (1995)
Nov 13th Walter Wilson (1964)

We remember, during the month of November, all those who have died. May they rest in peace, AMEN

CHURCH COLLECTION

1st Nov: £264.20
Standing Orders: approx. £793.00 p/w.
Many thanks!

MASS INTENTIONS

Inayet Masih, anniv, 2nd Nov (2003)
Margaret Cookson, anniv.
Ryan Agnes, anniv

Community Lunch at Christ Church

The next Community Lunch at Christ Church is on Tuesday, November 10th, 12.00noon

£4 per person for a 2-course meal plus tea/coffee.
No need to book—just come along and enjoy!

CHRISTMAS POUND DRAW—Early reminder!

Thank you to all who join the weekly pound draw, helping us to raise £3,500 so far this year!! Two months to go so can we reach £5,000? We will be running our usual Christmas Special Draw this year.

£100 1st **Prize; £75** 2nd; **£50** 3rd; & **£25** 4th

Same idea as weekly pound draw, put a pound in a brown envelope with your name on and pop it in the SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DRAW BOX at back or side of church. You can have as many goes as you want over the next six weeks starting next Sunday (8th Nov). If you want to have 5 goes or more just write on the envelope 5x or 10x with the appropriate money inside and I will make the envelopes out for you. Many thanks for your support, Ian and the £1 Draw Team.