



St John Southworth's RC Parish
at Holy Saviour's Church, Vulcan St, BB9 8HE
and Christ Church, Carr Road, BB9 7JS
Nelson

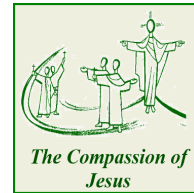
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newsletter electronically, then
please email the parish.**

**12th Sunday
Ordinary Time**



21st June 2026



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On the 18th June I celebrate 32 years of priesthood, and on 21st June I celebrate my 70th birthday! These two occasions each has their own significance for me, but I must say that my life of faith is so much more important than my natural life here in this world. I know that this might sound strange to some, but I also know that others will understand exactly what I mean! I can have recourse to St Paul who is even more stark than me in his expressions of faith:

*However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.
(Acts 20:24)*

According to our natural development, we journey through time growing from being children into adults and then into older age. Conversely, according to the development of our life of faith, we experience a continuous present moment in which we are drawn ever more deeply into a spiritual childhood which is marked by an increasing dependence on the God we come to know as a loving Father.

As a priest, my life in Christ has been formalised in a particular way by being given a specific role in the Church, a role that empowers me to bring God's love to others through the sacraments. As the only person in Nelson who has been blessed with this particular privilege and gift, isn't it completely understandable that my greatest joy is to celebrate the sacraments of new life with those who need a touch from the Lord.

And so, on Saturday morning I combine my 70th birthday with a celebration of my priesthood by asking God to work miracles through a Mass of healing which will include the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick. Just as Jesus was in attendance at the marriage feast in Cana helping things along, I'm sure he'll be with us adding a touch of miracle when he is needed and called upon!

Take care and God bless, Fr Gerard.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOLIDAY CLUB

This year's Children's Bible Holiday Club will take place 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, will be organised by the Methodists who have invited Monica on to their team.

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) and she will give you a registration form.



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 22nd June 2026

Monday 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd June	Wednesday 24th June	Thursday 25th June	Friday 26th June	Saturday 27th June	Sunday 28th June
MASS at Fisher More 10.00am	Eucharistic Service C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS C.C. 10.00am Exposition	MASS C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am


Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 21st June	Joan Penny-Heys	Margaret Borman
Next Sunday: 28st June	Roger Lee	George Winkley

Children's Church: C.C. Mary M & Amanda **H.S.** Annika, Amber / Monica, Doreen, Sammy

Eucharistic Ministry 3rd 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


BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

June 22nd	Fran Wilby (2018)
June 23rd	Frances Tansey (1993)
June 25th	Stella Campy (2021)
June 26th	Hubert Stansfield (1981)
June 27th	Rev Thomas Chronell (1906) Jim Jennings (2009)



May the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace!

POUND DRAW

£10.00	Maureen Rawlinson	
£10.00	Linda Riley	
£10.00	Janet Starkie	
£10.00	Michael Davies	
£81.00	towards Parish Funds <i>Many Thanks!</i>	

CHURCH COLLECTION

Standing Orders: approx: £765 p/w
14th June 2026: tba

Many thanks for your generosity!

Rev Rick's Farewell Service

After the summer, Rev Rick Ormrod will be moving on from the Pendle area and taking up a new appointment in the North East.

Rick has been a good friend to the Catholics at Christ Church and we will miss his kind-natured and common-sense approach in all the ways we have worked together over this last six years.

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

It would be most fitting for our Catholic community to attend in order to show our appreciation of Rick, and to pray God's blessing on his future ministry! "Wey aye, man!"

DATE FOR THE DIARY, 2026

Parish Trip to Southport
Saturday, 4th July, 10.00am - 6.00pm

Names are being collected at both churches this weekend. The charge is £10.00 for a seat on the coach, with children travelling free of charge.



Christ Church:

Tea & coffee:	£175.00
CAFOD box:	£87.00
Cheque:	£20.00
TOTAL	£262.00 (£20 gift aided)

Holy Saviour's:

Tea & Coffee:	£260.02
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A grand total of £522.02 was donated to CAFOD since the beginning of April.

