

Sunday 29th November 2020

First Sunday of Advent. First Sunday of the Church's Liturgical Cycle.

In the parish this week

(Sacred Heart except for Vigil Mass on Saturday which will be in Holy Saviour's)

Monday	10.00am	Mass*	*Church closed. Live-stream only.
Tuesday	10.00am	Mass*	*Church closed. Live-stream only.
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass	Church open for Masses from today.
Thursday	6.30pm	Exposition and Benediction Mass	5.45pm – 6.20pm. Church open for Mass
Friday	10.00am	Mass	Church open for Mass
Saturday	11.45am 6.30pm	Mass Vigil Mass	Church open for Mass Holy Saviour church (booking required)
Sunday	9.30am	Mass	Sacred Heart church (booking required)

To book for the Vigil Mass or the Sunday Mass please click on the correct link below.

[Click here to book for the Vigil Mass on 5th December](#) at Holy Saviour

[Click here to book for the Sunday Mass on 6th December at Sacred Heart](#)

Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home

For those still at home and not attending Mass the Liturgy Office has prepared a service called "The Lord's Day at Home", based on the Sunday Scriptures, that you can pray on your own or with your family. It is particularly aimed at those not able to follow a Mass on the internet.

This week's Lord's Day at Home prayer sheet [can be found by clicking here](#).

Good News for us at church

It is a great relief that although not a great deal is set to be different from Wednesday onwards, at least we can get back into church and celebrate the Holy Mass together and receive Our Blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Once again, we will be restricting the numbers for the Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass to 50 in each church to promote your safety and this will require you to book or reserve your place(s). We are not introducing a booking system for weekday Masses but we will be limiting the number in church to 50 should we need to.

Parish SVP report

I am delighted to have received a report from the SVP asking me to make it available on the website. I am delighted to do this and ask you to do two things: read the report and contribute to the appeals which they are making. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of joining the SVP or offering your services, please email me or the office enquiries@goodshepherdpendle.org.uk and we will pass it on.

You can view the report here. [Good Shepherd Parish SVP report 2020](#)

Cruck Barn Carol Service

The annual Cruck Barn Carol Service which is held in the old barn at the Pendle Heritage Centre in Barrowford Memorial Park is going to be an on-line event this year made available on facebook on December 8th. Follow this link to find out more. [Cruck Barn Carols 2020](#)

God bless you all and pray for each other,
Fr. Peter

The Angelus

Ringing the Angelus is an ancient tradition throughout the church. Sadly, in England, where few Catholic churches have bells we don't hear it rung very often. It is traditionally sounded as a call to prayer at 6.00am (sometimes moved to 7.00am), noon and 6.00pm to interrupt the day with a reminder of the Lord being with us. The number of rings varies in different countries, but in England, the tradition is 3,3,3,9

The sections correspond with the sections of the prayer.

The Angelus (from the first word of the prayer in Latin) is made up of three quotations from the Gospels, each followed by the Hail Mary, the first half of which is of course also scriptural, being how the angel addressed Mary at the Annunciation.

(the bell rings three times for each of these three scriptural quotations)

The angel of the Lord declared to Mary,
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

“Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.”
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

“Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
Be it done unto me according to thy word.”
Hail, Mary, etc.

And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt amongst us.
Hail, Mary, etc.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

(the bell rings nine times during this concluding prayer)

Let us pray,
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts.
That we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son
was made known by the message of an angel,
may, by His passion and cross,
be brought to the glory of His resurrection.
Through Christ, our Lord.