



St John Southworth's RC Parish

at Christ Church, Carr Road
and St John Southworth Church, Vaughan St

Nelson

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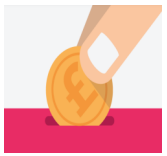
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Second Sunday of Advent Year B



6th December 2020



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Our first, and hopefully last, Christmas in the pandemic era is approaching, and we need to think about how we can safely celebrate Christmas in church.

We can't know how many extra people there are who would like to attend the Christmas Masses, and the non-regulars may not be so aware of the reduced capacity of the church, or know of our booking system. I'm aware that the newsletter does not reach that many people, so if we could all consider ourselves as centres of communication within our own families and extended families, and among people we know, it would help bring some order.

I think that we need to increase capacity by the provision of two Masses on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm and 7.30pm. Mass on Christmas morning will be at the usual time of 9.30am.

I have attached a third page to this newsletter so that you can see the whole programme of Masses for Christmas and New Year in Nelson and Colne. Next week I will provide the links for booking in to the Masses.

The Bishop continues to remind us that the Sunday and Holy Day obligation to attend Mass is still lifted so those who are vulnerable need not feel any sense of guilt if they feel it to be a wise decision to stay away from gatherings of people.

On the other hand, the Bishop also reminds us that the Christmas Feast is not a one-day celebration but is prolonged for the eight days of Christmas—the Octave. Mass will be available either in Nelson and Colne every day of the Christmas season, and attendance at one of these quieter Masses might be your preference.

May the blessings of Advent be yours,

Fr Gerard

[Fr Gerard shares a Thought for Today on Bolton FM Radio](#)

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

The Telephone Mass!

You can listen-in to the recorded Sunday Mass from Middlesbrough Cathedral at any time, 24 hours a day. Just phone 01642 130120.

There is no charge beyond that of a local call.

[Monica's Children's Liturgy Video for this Weekend](#)

Filmed on location
at Vaughan Street!



Mass schedule for this coming week, commencing Monday, 7th December

Monday 7th Dec	Tuesday 8th Immaculate Conception	Wed 9th Dec	Thursday 10th Dec	Friday 11th Dec	Saturday 12th Dec	Sunday 13th Dec
SH NO MASS	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 6.30pm	SH 10.00am	SH 11.45am	SH (Booking) 9.30am
	CC 8.45am MP 9.00am Mass Exposition				HS 6.30pm Remember to make a booking!	CC 9.30am Remember to make a booking!

SH = Sacred Heart

CC = Christ Church

HS= Holy Saviour's

Masses at SH, live-streamed and recorded, to be found here: [Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne](#)

Online booking system for Sunday Masses (available from 11.00am on previous Sunday)

(Remember: Please let me know if you make a booking and you are then unable to come)

[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 12th December at 6.30pm](#)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 13th December at 9.30am](#)



CAFOD

Usually, in Advent, we would be running our Soup Kitchen up at Vaughan St every Wednesday after the noon Mass. Obviously, this year, we have not been able to do this, so CAFOD is missing out on about £350. The CAFOD Box for donations has been feeling very lonely up at Vaughan St so we have brought it down to Christ Church. We heard in Matthew's Gospel on the Feast of Christ the King: 'For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me.' Maybe a chance here to put those words into action! The CAFOD Box will be on the table next to the Pound Draw Box.



Thank You!



We pray for those who are sick at this time, especially for a parishioner who is suffering from heart problems. May our Advent prayer be that the Lord comes quickly with healing in his hands!

Catholic/Methodist online Zoom

Faith-Sharing Meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm. All Invited!

The faith-sharing meeting is a most valuable way of promoting both personal faith and community-growth which are the tap roots of an evangelising community. This is especially true in pandemic-times when the virtual world is the only place to meet without wearing a face-covering! Why not step into Advent and make an appearance? Email me for the link to the meeting, and I will send you the Scripture we will use and some words of instruction.

Congratulations and thanks to Sarah Southworth!

After many years of acting as the Secretary to the Christ Church Joint Council, and working at Pendle Council, Sarah has now decided to fully retire... although she's already appearing on the school-run with her grand daughter Molly!

Book of Remembrance

Dec 7 Jack Brady
Dec 11 Wm D'Arcy
Dec 11 Chris K Stockton
Dec 12 Florrie Wilson
Dec 12 Thomas Howarth
Dec 12 Tho's B O'Donnell
Dec 13 Joseph Heseltine



Masses for Christmas and New Year in Nelson and Colne

Christmas Eve (Thursday, 24th Dec)

CC 5.00pm

SH 6.00pm

CC 7.30pm

HS 7.30pm

Christmas Day (Friday, 25th Dec)

SH 9.00am

CC 9.30am

HS 10.30am

St Stephen (Saturday, 26th Dec)

CC 10.00am

SH 11.30am

HS 6.30pm (Vigil Mass)

Holy Family (Sunday, 27th Dec)

CC 9.30am

SH 9.30am

Monday 28th Dec (The Holy Innocents)

CC 10.00am

Tuesday, 29th Dec (St Thomas Becket)

CC 10.00am (followed by Exposition)

SH 10.00am

Wed, 30th Dec (sixth day of Octave)

CC 10.0am

SH 10.00am

Thurs, 31st Dec (seventh day of Octave)

CC 10.00am

SH 6.30pm (Exposition at 5.45pm)

Mary, Mother of God (Friday, 1st Jan)

SH 10.00am

CC 10.00am

Saturday, 2nd Jan

SH 11.45am

HS 6.30pm (Vigil Mass)

2nd Sunday of Christmas 3rd Jan

CC 9.30am

SH 9.30am

Monday, 4th January

CC 10.00am

Tuesday, 5th January

CC 10.00am

SH 10.00am

The Epiphany (Wednesday 6th Jan)

CC 10.00am

HS 10.00

SH 7.00pm

Key to the churches:

CC Christ Church

SH Sacred Heart

HS Holy Saviour's