

Sunday 20th December 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent.

In the Sacred Heart church this week

Monday	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Mary Madeleine Payne RIP (priority for family invitations, 30 maximum)	
Tuesday	10.00am	Mass	maximum 30 people
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass	maximum 30 people

On Thursday we begin our seven 'Christmas Masses' between now and Sunday. These Masses are available to those who have booked them in advance only. **There will be no admission for others who have not booked.** We have to keep within our limited Covid safe capacity and this looks as though it is going to be fully booked for all services. At the time of writing, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are fully booked, but cancellations are being made and so it is worth having another look. The list of Masses with booking links is further down this newsletter.

Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home and Christmas Masses

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.

[Fourth Sunday of Advent \(20th December\)](#)

[THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD \(25th December\)](#)

[The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph \(27th December\)](#)

[The Second Sunday of Christmas \(3rd January 2021\)](#)

[The Baptism of the Lord \(10th January\)](#)

On behalf of the congregations, parishioners and friends of the Good Shepherd Parish, along with myself, can I wish you all a blessed, peaceful, safe and Joyful Christmas. May the good Lord be with you and your families in all you do. Fr. Peter



Christmas Masses

As things stand, it looks as though we will still have the same limitations on the Christmas Masses as we have at the moment.

This means that:

- We will be limited to 50 people at each Mass.
- Masses will need to be kept short and simple.
- We will not be allowed to sing. Sorry, no joining in with Carols.
- Christmas Masses are going to feel very different, sadly.

We expect all Christmas Masses to be fully booked before Christmas.

People just turning up at the door without reserved places could make life difficult for the stewards who would have the unpleasant duty to turn people away.

We do not want to put them in this situation.

So please, Do not turn up for a Christmas Mass if you have not booked a place.

Booking is available immediately because I believe that the opportunity to come to Mass at Christmas should be first made available to you, the people who are 'sticking with us' through the year, either in church or through the newsletters, the website and the streamed Masses, as a priority before opening it to others.

We will have seven Christmas Masses, between Christmas Eve and the Sunday after Christmas.

All of these Masses will essentially be the same Christmas Mass, whichever day you come.

The booking is now open and the links are below and now live.

1. Please only book for one of these Masses at this stage to give more people the opportunity to come to Mass at Christmas.
2. **If you are able to print your ticket please print it and bring it.** This will make things easier for the stewards.
3. Please book the **correct number** of places that you want. Bookings are limited to six people.
4. If you book and then find you cannot attend, please cancel your booking which will free the place(s) for someone else.
5. If your choice of Mass is 'full', check back later, there may have been a cancellation.

[Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm at Sacred Heart](#)

[Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve at 7.30pm at Holy Saviour's](#)

[Christmas Day Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart Church](#)

[Christmas Day Mass at 10.30am at Holy Saviour's Church](#)

[Christmas Mass on Boxing Day at 11.30am at Sacred Heart Church](#)

[Christmas Mass on Boxing Day at 6.30pm at Holy Saviour's Church](#)

[Christmas Mass at 9.30am on Sunday 27th December at Sacred Heart](#)

**Please remember: No admission on the door for any of the Christmas Masses.
All Masses must be booked in advance.**

To book for Christmas Masses at Christ Church, Nelson, please see St. John Southworth's newsletter which is available on the menu on this website.

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)

HS 10.00am
CC 10.00am
SH 7.00pm

Key to churches

CC Christ Church, Nelson
HS Holy Saviour's, Nelson
SH Sacred Heart, Colne

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

The Angelus

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

“Hail, Mary, ...

“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.

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.