



Sacred Heart, Colne



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In Church week commencing 21st March - 5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday	9.30am	Sacred Heart	click here to book
Tuesday	10.00am	Sacred Heart	One year on Memorial Mass click here to book
followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 12.30pm			
Wednesday	12.30pm	Sacred Heart	Requiem Mass* for Ann Quinn RIP
Thursday	5.45pm-6.25pm	Sacred Heart	Exposition and Benediction
	6.30pm	Sacred Heart	click here to book
Friday	10.00am	<i>Sacred Heart live-streamed Mass only</i>	
Saturday	6.30pm	Holy Saviour	click here to book
Sunday	9.30am	Sacred Heart	click here to book

The 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 resource [can be found by clicking here.](#)

Other News

Finance

Very many thanks for the parishioners who responded to the annual financial statement published in last week's newsletter showing the worrying shortfall over the last year. We have received a few significant donations which people have made for the weeks that they missed in giving to the collection.



Also very many thanks to a few 'virtual' members of our congregations over the last months who have stayed with us to pray with us each week from all over the country and further afield who have sent in some very considerable donations for our parish. We really are extremely grateful to you. Thank you.

Gift Aid

A reminder that the gift aid scheme only brings in money if we can claim it back. We can only claim it back if someone records the income and then they or someone else submits the claim. We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to record the income and submit the claim.

The 'counters' will continue to empty the envelopes, write the amount in the envelope on the front of the envelope, and then count the amount with the rest of the collection

The person who records the income will simply enter the amount written on the front of a numbered envelope into a spreadsheet next to that number. They will have no access to the key which says which person has which number. This person would ideally get the envelopes each week and take them and record the amounts shown on the front and then return the envelopes for storing. I am hoping that this vacancy will be fairly easy to fill. We then have a few months to find someone who will collate the information and submit the claim.

Thank you, Fr. Peter

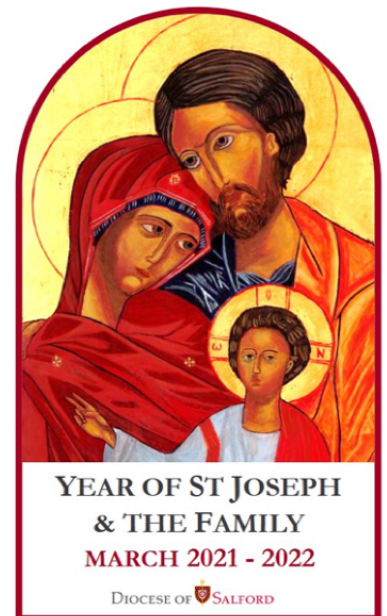
Year of St. Joseph

This year is the Year of St. Joseph as instituted by Pope Francis on the 8th of December last year. Our Diocese has St. Joseph as one of its Principal Patrons and the bishop has decided that in our diocese we will keep the Year of St. Joseph from the Solemnity of St Joseph which was on the 19th March until the 19th of March next year.

St Joseph is the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Protector of the Child Jesus, since the Church is the Body of Christ, he is also Protector of the Church, he is Patron of our Diocese and he is Patron of families and family life. As we hope for an end to the pandemic, a Protector and Patron of such Faith and proven track record is one we should value and whose help and intercession we should pray for daily.

The diocese has made some resources available for us to use as a parish, as individuals and as families.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/stjosephandthefamily/>



Environmental Survey

The Diocese would like to find out more about the views of anyone connected to the Diocese of Salford on the environment and so we'd like to invite you to take part in a survey which will go on to shape our environmental strategy. We would be grateful if you could share this link in your parishes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SalfordEnvironment>

Please bear in mind that this is simply one activity that the Diocese wishes to engage in. If you think that this needs to take its place among other priorities with which the Diocese should be engaged in fulfilling the Mission given to it by Our Lord, then please reflect this in your replies.

Next Tuesday is a day of reflection about the Covid Pandemic. A day to think and remember. The bishops have asked that it should also be a day of prayer. Sacred Heart will remain open after the 10.00am Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 12.30pm. Please make a special effort to spend some time with the Lord in church.
[what the bishops say](#) can be read by clicking that link.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

It has been far too long now since the Sacrament of Reconciliation was made generally available. We are still instructed not to use the confessionals in church because they could be places of transmission of infection. However, some priests are now using simple screens in side chapels to give some anonymity whilst often playing some background music to avoid anyone overhearing. I intend to try something along these lines.



Leading up to Easter, I think it is important that you have the opportunity to receive the grace of this Sacrament and the absolution from sin and the peace that this Sacrament promises.

I will therefore be available for Confession / Reconciliation in one of the side chapels during the time of prayer from 10.30am until 11.30am on Tuesday morning and again on Saturday morning from 10.30am until 11.30am in Sacred Heart church this week.

Live Streaming

We clearly have a problem with live-streaming at the moment. It would appear to be an internet problem because we have also had problems with connecting to the internet and sending emails from the Sacred Heart site. I can only assure you that we are aware of the problem and doing what we can to try to resume normal service.

Holy Week and Easter

Next week is Holy Week. It is going to be different. We are not to have a procession on Palm Sunday. The palms will be blessed from the front of the church without Holy Water. On Maundy Thursday there is not going to be a procession to an Altar of Repose or "watching" in church as usual. On Good Friday we will not be able to venerate the Cross individually and the Easter Vigil is to be simplified. However, we will be marking these significant events in the Liturgical life of the Church and the Parish as best we can.

On **Palm Sunday**, Masses will be at the normal times.

On **Maundy Thursday**, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart in Colne, and will also be celebrated in Christ Church in Nelson.

On **Good Friday** we will celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm in Sacred Heart in Colne and again, it will be celebrated similarly in Christ Church, Nelson.

On **Holy Saturday** we will celebrate the simplified Easter Vigil at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart. It will also be celebrated in Christ Church.

On **Easter Sunday** there will be Mass at 9.30am in Sacred Heart and Christ Church. There will also be Mass on Easter Sunday at Holy Saviour's at 11.15am.