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In Church

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturdays

Vigil Mass 6.00pm **Sacred Heart**

Sundays

Mass 9.30am **Sacred Heart**

Mass 11.15am **Holy Saviour**

Tuesday

1st February 10.00am Mass Sacred Heart

Wednesday

2nd February 10.00am Mass Sacred Heart

Thursday

3rd February 5.45pm Sacred Heart Exposition and Benediction

6.30pm Mass Sacred Heart

Friday

4th February 9.30am Requiem Mass Sacred Heart
for Kathleen Gradwell RIP

Saturday

5th February 11.00am - 11.30am Confessions Sacred Heart
6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday Sacred Heart

Caritas Salford collection today

The epidemic continues to have a devastating effect on people's health, wellbeing and finances, which is worse for those already at risk or experiencing crisis in our communities. Coupled with rising food, energy and cost of living prices, it is going to be another tough year for so many people. Our individual acts of caritas - love in action - will be needed more than ever.

To see the difference that you made last year, please read our Caritas Impact Report. (There is a copy next to the bucket at the back of the church) or via the link <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/caritas-impact-report-2021/>

If you can, please support our work today. This can be done by:-

There is a special bucket at the back of the church today.

Alternatively, TEXT SUNDAY to 70580 to donate £10

or you can visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/caritas-sunday-2022/>

Or by calling Rachel Taylor on 0161 817 2285 during office hours.

If sending a cheque, please mark your envelope CARITAS SUNDAY, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP.

Thank you.

Last week's offertory collections: £625.14 Sincere thanks.

The RCIA programme is now underway, but new interest is always welcome. If you, or someone you know, is interested in understanding more of the Catholic Faith or has expressed an interest in perhaps becoming a Catholic, the programme is printed out below and the group have decided that the Foyer at Christ Church is a comfortable and convenient place for them to meet. Therefore the following meetings will all be held there. Don't be shy, come along and see. No commitment is expected at this stage.

RCIA Schedule. 2022.			
08/01/2022	10	1	I believe in God. Getting to know the church building.
15/01/2022	10.00	2	Jesus foretold. God and Man. Amazed and Afraid DVD.
22/01/2022	10.00	3	Mass and the Eucharist
29/01/2022	10.00	4	Mary
05/02/2022	10.00	5	Holy Trinity.
12/02/2022	10.00	7	Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God - miracles, parables, actions. The Beatitudes.
19/02/2022	10.00	8	Prayer
26/02/2022	10.00	9	The Church as the Body of Christ. The Communion of Saints. Some saints - choosing for confirmation.
05/03/2022	10.00	10	The seven Sacraments:- Baptism and confirmation.
06/03/2022	2.30pm.	NB	Presentation at Salford Cathedral.
12/03/2022	10.00	11	Sin and Reconciliation.
19/03/2022	10.00	12	Marriage and Holy Orders
20/03/2022		#	First Scrutiny
26/03/2022	10.00	13	4 last things Anointing of the sick
27/03/2022	10.00	#	Second Scrutiny. The Creed.
02/04/2022	10.00	14	Catholic Social Teaching. Love one another as I have loved you. Gifts and Talents. Taking a role in the parish..
03/04/2022		#	Third Scrutiny Our Father.
09/04/2022			
14/04/2022	8pm		Maundy Thursday
15/04/2022	3pm		Good Friday
16/04/2022	11am.		Preparation for tonight.
16/04/2022	8pm	##	8pm Easter Vigil.
23/04/2022	10.00	15	The calling of the Apostles. Intentional Disciples.and celebration!
	#		These will be at one of the Sunday Masses - to be agreed.
NB	11am.		On Wednesday 13th April there will be a service in Salford Cathedral at which the Holy Oils are blessed to which you will be invited.
	##		Usually candidates will be baptised or received into the Church, confirmed and make your first Holy Communion at this time.

Good Shepherd Parish, Colne

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I wish Good Shepherd Parish, Colne, to treat as Gift Aid all donations made from the date of this declaration until further notice

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Rev Peter Wilkinson
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A local consultation for St. John Southworth and Good Shepherd parishes.

Ten years ago the parish of the Good Shepherd was formed consisting of Colne, Barrowford, Trawden, Foulridge, Barley, Roughlee, the surrounding areas and part of Nelson.

Prior to this there had been a consultation about the re-organisation of the parishes in this part of Pendle. The outcome was that part of Nelson which had been Holy Saviour's parish was combined with the former parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Peter and Paul's to create the new parish of the Good Shepherd.

There had been a discussion about whether to unite Holy Saviour's to the Colne and Barrowford parish or to unite it to the Nelson (and former Brierfield) parish.

The decision to split Nelson was not to everyone's liking. In recognition of this, when the new parish of the Good Shepherd was created a note was attached to say that it might be appropriate, at some time in the future, to review the Good Shepherd's boundary in Nelson.

At the beginning of 2017 there was a major review of the parish structures in the diocese and again the question of having the whole of Nelson united as one parish, along with Brierfield and Fence was raised.

In the last ten years a great deal has changed. The Catholic population of the area has changed and in common with most other areas, the size of Mass going congregations has reduced quite dramatically, even before Covid.

Two years ago, just before Covid came on the scene, Fr. Gerard and myself wrote a joint letter indicating that at that time there were five Catholic Churches in the area with six 'Sunday' Masses and fewer than 500 in the combined congregations. We indicated that because of this and the fact that the three churches in Nelson were within half a mile of each other, we considered that a reduction in the number of churches was called for, initially, probably to three.

In the last two years things have changed even more dramatically and we are now at a stage where we hope we can start planning for the future and this must involve a review of our parish arrangements.

We have asked the bishop's permission to re-open the discussion about whether or not it would be in the best interest of the Catholics in this area if we operated from two parishes which were identified by the town boundaries rather than the rather odd current boundary which approaches to within a few hundred yards of Christ Church in Nelson town centre.

There are other considerations which have arisen and need to be discussed.

Fr. Gerard and myself would therefore like to invite parishioners to attend a consultation which will be held in Christ Church on the 8th February at 7.00pm. In addition we would welcome written comments either supporting a change of parish boundary or identifying reasons for keeping the current boundary. Written submissions should be received by Fr. Gerard or myself by two weeks after the meeting, the 22nd February.

I have included the letter from the bishop for your information and Fr. Gerard and myself will be speaking to you about the other issues involved.

God bless,
Fr. Peter

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A Message from Bishop John to the Parishioners of St John Southworth Parish, Nelson and The Good Shepherd Parish, Colne

To be read at all Masses on the weekend of 22 & 23 January 2022

Dear Parishioners,

In March 2020, just prior to the first lockdown, Fr Peter and Fr Gerard wrote to you all inviting you to reflect on the situation of the Catholic Church in Nelson and Colne and the surrounding areas. Over the past two years, I know that they have been co-operating in finding the best ways to serve you, particularly with establishing a new pattern of Masses.

I am writing today to ask you, with your priests, to enter into a short period of consultation on one very specific item. I have been asked to consider re-drawing the boundaries of these two parishes so that the whole of the town of Nelson becomes one parish. This would effectively move Holy Saviour Church from the parish of The Good Shepherd into the parish of St John Southworth.

This proposal was originally flagged up as a possible future option when I published the document on re-organisation of parishes back in January 2017. It would seem that the time is now right to seek your views on this and your priests will outline to you the ways in which you can make those views known to them over the next few weeks, with a view to them submitting a report to me towards the end of February.

In this time of change, let us keep frequently in mind that diocesan prayer, “Stay with us, Lord, on our journey”.

With my blessing and good wishes,

A handwritten signature of Bishop John Arnold, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'ohn'.

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