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In Church

Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Saturdays	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Sacred Heart
Sundays	Mass	9.30am	Sacred Heart
	Mass	11.15am	Holy Saviour
Tuesday	22nd February	10.00am	Mass Sacred Heart
Wednesday	23rd February	10.00am	Mass Sacred Heart
Thursday	24th February	5.45pm	Sacred Heart Exposition and Benediction
		6.30pm	Mass Sacred Heart
Friday	25th February	10.00am	Mass Sacred Heart
Saturday	26th February	11.00am - 11.30am	Confessions Sacred Heart
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday Sacred Heart

Eucharistic Ministers and Ministry to the Housebound

We are sadly aware of the separation from the Sacraments that many have felt over the last two years. In particular those who are housebound or in residential or nursing homes have been hit hard. We are also aware that we had (and in fact, still have) a responsibility to those people to keep them safe and not to introduce infection from ourselves or others that we have visited or been in contact with. Some homes and individuals may now feel that they would like the priest and Eucharistic Ministers to resume bringing Holy Communion to the sick or housebound. This will also mean utilising Eucharistic Ministers who feel confident to enter these homes. So far I only have three names of Eucharistic Ministers who wish to start and I am very conscious that we need an up to date list of names and addresses and contact details of those who wish to be visited. Please get in touch either with the office or me if you wish to be visited and brought Holy Communion or if you are a Eucharistic Minister and wish to re-commence this ministry.

Many thanks,
Fr. Peter

Items for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you wish to have an item included in the newsletter, please ensure that it is emailed to enquiries@goodshepherdpendle.org.uk by 5.00pm on Wednesday for inclusion the following weekend. The newsletter is printed on Thursday and needs to be prepared in advance.

Last week's offertory collections: £684.25 Many thanks.

Lent as a preparation for the Paschal Mystery (the Easter Triduum)

Christmas doesn't seem that long ago but already a week next Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday. We are still not too sure what to do about the distribution of Ashes, or whether to substitute some other action or to give a choice of receiving Ashes or making some gesture. Ideas are welcome. But whatever we do, we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on the 2nd March.

There will be a Mass in Holy Saviour's at 10.00am on Ash Wednesday and the Primary School will attend and so parishioners and particularly parents and families are invited and welcome.

There will also be Mass in Sacred Heart at 7.00pm on Ash Wednesday.

Ashes will be blessed at a service in Ss John Fisher and Thomas More High School at 8.00am for distribution throughout the day to classes or groups.

There will also be an evening Mass on Ash Wednesday at Holy Saviour's at 7.00pm celebrated by Fr. Gerard.

Fr. Gerard will then continue to celebrate an evening Mass on each Wednesday at 7.00pm at Holy Saviour's for the remainder of Lent to see how that goes. If there is a reasonable uptake, then it could continue beyond Lent.

This will be in addition to the Thursday evening Masses at Sacred Heart which follow a period of quiet prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed and Benediction.

On Thursday 24th March, the Evening Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 7.00pm and will be a Deanery Station Mass to which the whole Deanery are invited.

The following two Thursdays there will not be an evening Mass at Sacred Heart because there will be a Deanery Station Mass in other parts of the Deanery to which we will be invited. More details will be available about these Station Masses next week.

These three Thursday Deanery Station Masses will be in preparation for the celebration of The Mass of the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday) the following week.

The Deanery Station Masses will develop a theme and the preacher at each of them will be Fr. Ian Kelly, already known to many of you and an excellent preacher.

What are angels and do we still believe in them?

Well yes we do. I was going to say a few words about them and looked for a systematic approach from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, but the references are too numerous and invite a more serious study. I will therefore suggest what angels are not, from a list of what children have said angels are...

Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. Olive, age 9.

It's not easy to become an angel. First, you die. Then you go to heaven and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you have got to agree to wear those angel clothes. Matthew, age 9.

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go and do something else. Mitchell, age 7.

My guardian angel helps me with maths, but he's not much good for science. Henry, age 8.

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows. Jack, age 6.

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. Daniel, age 9.

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. Reagan, age 10.

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. Sara, age 6.

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, Jesus, who's a very good carpenter. Jarred, age 8.

Angels are girls because they've got to wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. Antonio, age 9.

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. Ashley, age 9.

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it. Vicki, age 8.

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. Sarah, age 7.

Angels are like mums. They know you inside and out and love you just the same. Michelle, age 6.

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