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This week 7th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday, 9.30am.

Tuesday	10,00am	Mass.	St Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) martyr
Wednesday	10,00am	Mass.	St Laurence, Deacon and Martyr
Thursday	5.45.pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
	6.30pm.	Mass	<i>St Clare. Virgin</i>
Friday	10.00am	Mass.	<i>St Jane Frances de Chantel religious</i>
Saturday	11.00am - 11.30am.	Confessions	
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday.	

and next week. 14th Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Sunday Mass: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday, 9.30am.
Sunday 6.00pm. Sung Vespers and Benediction**

Next Sunday is the very special feast of the **Assumption**. We will celebrate with **Sung Evening Prayer (Vespers, the official Prayer of the Church, which unites the whole Catholic Church throughout the world) at 6.00pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are of course invited and we'd love to see you all here.**

If anyone wants a pre-view of the psalms we will be singing, there will be a brief rehearsal after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 7th. Again, everyone is welcome.

The Survey of Mass Times

Sincere thanks to almost 100 people who responded. That is truly a great response. Statistically the expectation is that a 20% response rate to any survey is a good result. This is almost 50%. Excellent!

Well the results are very clear. For the Vigil Mass, the vast majority were happy with 6pm. A few would have welcomed 6.30pm and a smaller number would have been happy for it to be earlier. For the Sunday Morning Mass: again the majority were in favour of keeping it at as it is, at 9.30am. A few would have preferred it later at 10.00am, but again some would have gone the other way and would have liked it earlier.

The conclusion in this case is clear. There is no great appetite to change the times of either Mass, in fact we keep the vast majority happy by keeping things as they are, and so that is what we will do. Thank you for your responses.

Annual Retreat at the Briery, Ilkley.

This year we are again invited to join parishioners of St. John Southworth's on the Briery retreat which will be on the weekend of Friday 21st (5.00pm) - Sunday 23rd (2.00pm) of October.

It is £140 for the weekend. Single, double, twin rooms - all ensuite - with lift access available. £20 deposit required.

Transport by own car - lifts can be arranged. Dietary requirements - inform Sue on booking. Saturday afternoon free in town. Refresh your soul as well as your body! You will enjoy the experience!

Contact Sue Barnes on 01282 618231 for further details.

Sponsored Walk in aid of Right to Life.

Burnley Knights of St Columba Council 110 and Catenian Circle 54 have organised a 10km (six and a bit miles in real money) sponsored walk to take place on Monday 29th August (Bank Holiday). The walk will start at St. Mary's Church, Burnley at 1pm. Further details of the walk and sponsorship forms are on the notice board at the back of church.

From the Diocese:

The Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes are visiting Salford Cathedral on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st of September. There will be a full programme of events at the Cathedral on these days.

Please see details below for more information and do get in touch by emailing communications@dioceseofsalford.org.uk if you have any further questions.

You can find all of the following information on our [website](#) or via the QR code on the right.



Also from the diocese:

Deadline approaching to sign up to new day retreats

The deadline is fast approaching to sign up for any of the new day retreats from the Diocese of Salford Formation Department.

The retreats will be hosted at the new centre at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall, and are set to explore a range of topics, including scripture, prayer, and other religious texts.

Our first retreat will take place on Saturday 10th September 2022, when attendees will be invited to explore John of the Cross' remarkable *Spiritual Canticle*.

If you are interested in attending this or any of our other retreats, please register your interest before Monday 29th August. A minimum of 15 people are required for the retreat to be offered.

Visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-programme-2022-2023/> for more information on upcoming retreats and how to register your interest.

Thank you . . . from the SVP



Since the SVP was able to begin work again after Covid, and following our Parish Appeal, we have been very busy, mostly welcoming asylum seekers and refugees in Pendle. Following an appeal to Parishioners we collected so much from donations we were able to open a free 'shop' taking over the ground floor of Holy Saviour's house, Nelson.

Your generosity never ceases to amaze us. We received donations of money, clothes, shoes, towels, bedding, household items, toys, baby equipment, sanitary products, and toiletries, four Silver Cross prams, baby baths, high-chairs, baby gates and five cribs. We opened the 'shop' in November 2021, every Friday from 10.00am – 1pm. So far, we have helped over 210 refugee families set up their homes and lives in this country. Once established, we opened the refugee shop to the poor families as referred to us by three local schools, the homeless via the Salvation Army and the Women's Refuge in Nelson.

The influx of refugees has now slowed down, so we intend to close the refugee shop by the end of June as we have accomplished our aim of providing emergency help for newly settled refugees. We will continue to support the refugees and the poor, by meeting their needs on a case-by-case basis.

We have supplied refugees with bicycles, reconditioned cookers and washing machines, microwaves and hot plates. We have provided seven portable sewing machines to refugee women and hopefully they will be able to start up their own small business amongst the refugee families. We have bought school uniforms for children who have found school places and leisure wear for children newly arrived in the country who had no clothes or coats.

We have also been able to provide emergency aid to refugees and poor families by giving them a £50 food voucher.

We are currently helping some young women who have been trafficked. Providing them with clothes, towels, bedding and £50 each to buy toiletries and sanitary products and food to provide for their needs until they can access benefits.

We have also helped the poor and needy of the local community including providing Christmas presents for 75 poor families, Christmas presents, Easter Eggs and chocolates for the women and children in the Women's Refuge. We also provided a large quantity of clothes and good quality, second hand toys and books for the children in the Refuge. We also gave 5 food gift vouchers each worth £50 to needy families in the Good Shepherd Parish.





Pendle is welcoming refugees from Ukraine over the next few weeks.

Their needs will be different as they are staying with local families, but we have already provided towels, bedding, dressing gowns and a welcome pack of toiletries for the new arrivals.

Your generosity has meant that we were also able to provide blankets, toiletries, warm jumpers, coats and baby sleeping bags and nappies to be transported to Poland for the refugees sleeping in refugee centres there.

We also purchased 10 double sleeping bags – winter weight and waterproof which would easily accommodate three children or a mother and two children to help them keep warm as they try to sleep in the over crowded railway stations and refugee centres in Poland.



The Good Shepherd SVP would also like to gratefully acknowledge the support of St Joseph's, Barnoldswick SVP, a group of ladies from Settle who also wanted to help the refugees, Trinity Baptist Church in Colne and the parishioners of the Good Shepherd Parish whose generosity seems to have no bounds and who have contributed huge quantities of items for the refugee shop as well as financial donations. We would also like to thank Father Peter Wilkinson our Parish Priest who kindly allowed the SVP to use Holy Saviour's House and who has been so supportive of our work. Also a big thank you to Father Gerard who has been so patient !!

Thank you all