

Sunday 23rd August 2020 and Sunday 30th August 2020 The 21st and 22nd Sundays of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A couple of weeks ago the bishop wrote to us (priests) to remind us that if we did not take any time off at Easter then we are still entitled to our Easter break and also our Summer break and he was insistent that we take them. I will be taking next week as my 'Easter break' and will therefore not be available between Sunday Mass on the 23rd August and Sunday Mass on the 6th September.

There will be volunteers calling into the parish office from time to time during the week to check for phone and email messages and Gerard Keane, the parish administrator will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10.00am until 12 noon.

There will not be any Masses during the week in the Good Shepherd parish except for the Sunday Masses.

During the coming week the church will be open for private prayer each day, Monday – Saturday, from 10.00am until 11.00am and in the evenings on Sunday, Monday and Thursday from 6.30pm until 8.00pm.

Holy Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at Christ Church at 9.30am.

Our last two Sunday Masses at Sacred Heart have been fully subscribed and it is my intention to start a Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's. I had hoped to start it this weekend, but we still do not have sufficient volunteers to act as Stewards for Holy Saviour's, and without stewards, we cannot open for private prayer or Holy Mass. Once again I must stress that I am not asking people who may be vulnerable to the virus to come forward. We need younger, healthy parishioners to enable the church to open.

Talking of stewards, I have been asked to pass on thanks to Kevin and the team of stewards at Sacred Heart who have opened the church and enabled parishioners and others to come for private prayer and Holy Mass. I add my own thanks to them all and know that the gratitude of parishioners is very genuine.

Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home for Sunday 23rd August.

If you would like to say the prayers along with the livestream of Mass, the Lord's Day at Home resource can help you. This week's Lord's Day at Home prayer [document can be found by clicking here.](#)

Sunday Mass on the 30th August 2020 will be open to parishioners with a maximum of 30 places available. Please only come if you have booked your place and you can book it using this link.

[Sunday Mass 30th August at Sacred Heart](#)

Booking will be available from 11.00am on Sunday 23rd August.

Sunday Mass on the 6th September 2020 will be open to parishioners with a maximum of 30 places available. Please only come if you have booked your place and you can book it using this link.

Sunday Mass 6th September at Sacred Heart

Booking will be available from 11.00am on Sunday 30th August.

If you are not able to book on-line, then, if possible, please ask someone to do it for you, entering your name on the booking.

If you cannot ask anyone else, then by all means phone the parish office and leave a message requesting the number of places you wish to reserve.

Please make sure you speak clearly and leave your contact number. **Please repeat your name and contact number** in case the line is not clear and it's difficult to hear. Someone will then register your request on-line for you and let you know if there is a place or places available for you. **Please do not turn up unless someone has called you back to confirm your reservation!**

When you book on-line you will receive an email confirming your reservation and inviting you to print your ticket. You do not need the ticket.

Masses and times of Private Prayer in Nelson and Colne 23rd – 29th Aug.

Sunday	9.30am	Holy Mass at Sacred Heart	(online bookings)
	6.30pm – 7.00pm	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	
Monday	10.00am – 11.00am	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	
	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	
Tuesday	10.00am – 11.00am	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	
Wednesday	10.00am – 11.00am	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	
Thursday	10.00am – 11.00am	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	
	9.30am	Holy Mass at Christ Church	
	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	
Friday	10.00am – 11.00am	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	
Saturday	10.00am – 11.00am	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	
Sunday	9.30am	Holy Mass at Sacred Heart	(online bookings)
	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	

Masses and times of Private Prayer in Nelson and Colne 30th August - 6th September

Sunday	9.30am	Holy Mass at Sacred Heart	(online bookings)
	6.30pm – 7.00pm	Private Prayer Sacred Heart	
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