

Sunday 1st November 2020

Solemnity of All Saints

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In church this week

This week in church there will only be Exposition and Mass on Thursday evening and the Vigil Mass and the Sunday Mass next weekend. As priests we are expected to take a week each year to “go on retreat”. This is a time of spiritual refreshment including prayer, some study and some relaxation which is essential for our spiritual wellbeing. It is now well over a year since I went on retreat and feel that I need to do so before we start Advent and a new Church Year will all that that might ask of us. I ask for your prayerful support during these days especially and assure you of my prayers for the parish and all associated with it.

Thursday Exposition from 5.45pm at Sacred Heart.

Thursday Mass at 6.30pm at Sacred Heart

(maximum 40)

Sunday Mass at 9.30am at Sacred Heart.

(on-line booking)

Sunday Mass at 9.30am at Christ Church

(on-line booking)

Prayer Resource - 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 prayer sheet [can be found by clicking here.](#)

Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses next weekend.

Here are the links for the Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass next weekend.

(This weekend's are on last week's newsletter.)

Simply click on the link to book your place.

[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's at 6.30pm on 7th November](#)

[Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9.30am on 8th November](#)

Bookings can be made **on-line** from 11.00am on the previous Sunday. Bookings can also be made by **phoning the parish office (01282 863135)** after the previous Sunday, but please make sure you leave a contact number **clearly** if you leave a message so that someone can confirm your reservation or tell you that it is fully subscribed. You cannot be ‘booked on’ if it is already ‘full’.

Please note. Bookings are reserved until 2 minutes before the scheduled start of the Mass.

If you arrive later than this the stewards may have given your place to someone who turned up and waited to see if there were any available places. It is for the stewards to decide if we have reached capacity and they are not to allow anyone else in once capacity is reached.

Once a Mass shows as “sold out” it is always worth checking later as sometimes people need to cancel their bookings and these then show as available.

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.

November, Month of the Holy Souls (the Faithful Departed)

Please remember especially during November to pray for those who have died that through the Mercy of God they may reach their Eternal Reward. Dying and going to heaven is not automatic. Heaven is only reached through the invitation and mercy of God and is extended to us in life through the ministry of Jesus Christ especially through his Church and the Sacraments. It is important that we respond to this invitation through our life of Faith, our relationship with God, through our living in response to God's Commandments and expressing that through good works. At the moment of our death we are not

perfect and by definition only that which is perfect can find its home in heaven. We therefore still need some purification (remedial action, in plain English) beyond death. As Catholics, we call this purification “purgatory” which simply means “a cleansing”. We believe that we can accompany and support those we love through this process, however it takes place, through our prayers for them and by bringing them with us into the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

One simple reminder of this is the box we place in the sanctuary where we can place the names of those we pray for and whom we remember and wish to be remembered by ourselves and all who are at the Masses in our churches. You will find one of these boxes in both Sacred Heart and Holy Saviour’s church and you are welcome to put names in these boxes. The Masses in both churches will be offered for all those whose names are in the boxes throughout November. You do not need to put any money in the boxes, just the names of those you wish us to pray for.

Sacramental Programme

For information about the last Sacramental Programme or the arrangements for 2021, please see the Sacramental Programme page on the Parish Website. [Sacramental Programme update](#)
Preparation for receiving Holy Communion for the first time will be firmly linked to attendance and participation in the parish Mass.

Saint John Southworth Parish, Nelson

You will find a link for St. John Southworth’s Parish on the website menu. This will give you the parish newsletter and a link for the Sunday Mass at Christ Church.

Building Bridges, Pendle,

This community organisation urgently needs volunteers for a variety of roles, including collecting, sorting, distribution of food in food banks etc. to the increasing number of people in our area who find themselves desperately short of food. If you would like more information or think you may be able to offer a couple of hours each week to help somewhere in the Pendle region, then please contact lynne@buildingbridgespendle.org.uk . I am very pleased to be able to say that we already have parishioners who are assisting in this most urgent of work.

God bless you all and pray for each other,
Fr. Peter