

Sunday 13th December 2020 Third Sunday of Advent.

In the parish this week

(Sacred Heart except for Vigil Mass on Saturday which will be in Holy Saviour's)

Tuesday	10.00am	Mass	maximum 30 people
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass	maximum 30 people
Thursday	5.45pm – 6.20pm. 6.30pm	Exposition and Benediction Mass	maximum 30 people
Friday	10.00am	Mass	maximum 30 people
Saturday	11.45am 6.30pm	Mass Vigil Mass	maximum 30 people Holy Saviour church (booking required)
Sunday	9.30am	Mass	Sacred Heart church (booking required)

To book for the Vigil Mass or the Sunday Mass please click on the correct link below.

[Click here to book for the Vigil Mass on 12th December at Holy Saviour's Church](#)

[Click here to book for Sunday Mass on 13th December at Sacred Heart Church](#)

[Click here to book for the Vigil Mass on 19th December at Holy Saviour's Church](#)

[Click here to book for Sunday Mass on 20th December at Sacred Heart Church](#)

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](#).

A topical thought for Advent

Father Gerard has given us a great thought for Advent at the beginning of his newsletter this week. You will find it on the St. John Southworth Parish page of this website. I commend it to you.

A letter from the diocesan Cafod director

Dear Father and parishioners,

Thank you for your support this year, be it through our Lent or Harvest Fast Days, campaigning or remembering our brothers and sisters in prayer. We know that it means so much to them and to our partners.

I hope in these difficult times the resources shared below support you and the community in your preparations during the season of Advent.

We know that it has been a difficult time for our churches, and we are truly grateful that you did not forget our brothers and sisters across the world. During Harvest Fast Day, the Catholic community of England and Wales reached out to give and pray in so many incredible, different ways.

The need this year has been huge and challenging across the world. But thanks to you we have been able to continue our international work. Through CAFOD you have supported some of poorest communities most impacted by the virus. You have reached people in more than 33 countries, with over six million people receiving health and prevention advice and more than half a million people receiving safe hygiene supplies and services to prevent and reduce infection. Many more poor and vulnerable families have been supported with food supplies when there was no way to earn a living in the face of lockdown.

Your care for others meant that we were able to continue support in countries like Yemen, Syria, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Brazil where communities were already facing the toughest of challenges before the arrival of the virus.

Please do pass on this information to your parishioners, with our heartfelt thanks. Kayode Akintola, who works for CAFOD in Sierra Leone, West Africa, recorded a [message of thanks](#) for all of our supporters, which you might like to view or share in your newsletter, on your parish website or via social media.

We have a variety of Advent resources and prayer for your use with your parish. These include [Advent prayer cards](#) (one for each week), a series of day by day [Advent reflections](#), [online prayer events](#), an online carol service guide with a carol sheet, a chance to join or organise a fun run and other social events and more. Your CAFOD Parish Volunteer may have asked for a notice to appear in your newsletter at the start of Advent. For more information on all of these please see cafod.org.uk/parishes

This year, we have seen a rise in requests for details of gifts people can buy for their loved ones which also make a practical difference to struggling communities around the world. Therefore, we have decided to send parishes some World Gift catalogues, albeit a limited amount. These can be used now in the run up to Christmas and for any special moment such as birthdays, baptisms right through to Autumn next year. The catalogues should arrive soon. It would be tremendously helpful if they could be mentioned or given out to your parish or held until it is possible for people to take away a copy.

Finally, I would like to wish you a holy and happy Advent and a restful and joyful Christmas.

With best wishes

Steve Burrowes

Community Participation Coordinator – CAFOD

It has been a difficult year and special collections have not been easy to arrange. This is coupled with the financial difficulties and anxieties which many people are experiencing, but here is the report from the Good Shepherd Parish. This year we have raised £867.21 for Cafod, which, considering, is not bad at all. However, it does compare with last year's total of £2,004.42 and at a time when Cafod has been more in need of funds than ever. Reading the Cafod Director's letter leaves me feeling that Cafod is doing a fantastic job and it is good to know that we have been part of it, in spite of the local difficulties. Fr. Peter

Christmas Masses

As things stand, it looks as though we will still have the same limitations on the Christmas Masses as we have at the moment.

This means that:

- We will be limited to 50 people at each Mass.
- Masses will need to be kept short and simple.
- We will not be allowed to sing. Sorry, no joining in with Carols.
- Christmas Masses are going to feel very different, sadly.

We expect all Christmas Masses to be fully booked before Christmas.

People just turning up at the door without reserved places could make life difficult for the stewards who would have the unpleasant duty to turn people away.

We do not want to put them in this situation.

So please, Do not turn up for a Christmas Mass if you have not booked a place.

Booking is available immediately because I believe that the opportunity to come to Mass at Christmas should be first made available to you, the people who are 'sticking with us' through the year, either in church or through the newsletters, the website and the streamed Masses, as a priority before opening it to others.

We will have seven Christmas Masses, between Christmas Eve and the Sunday after Christmas.

All of these Masses will essentially be the same Christmas Mass, whichever day you come.

The booking is now open and the links are below and now live.

1. Please only book for one of these Masses at this stage to give more people the opportunity to come to Mass at Christmas.
2. **If you are able to print your ticket please print it and bring it.** This will make things easier for the stewards.
3. Please book the **correct number** of places that you want. Bookings are limited to six people.
4. If you book and then find you cannot attend, please cancel your booking which will free the place(s) for someone else.
5. If your choice of Mass is 'full', check back later, there may have been a cancellation.

[Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm at Sacred Heart](#)

[Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve at 7.30pm at Holy Saviour's](#)

[Christmas Day Mass at 9.00am at Sacred Heart Church](#)

[Christmas Day Mass at 10.30am at Holy Saviour's Church](#)

[Christmas Mass on Boxing Day at 11.30am at Sacred Heart Church](#)

[Christmas Mass on Boxing Day at 6.30pm at Holy Saviour's Church](#)

[Christmas Mass at 9.30am on Sunday 27th December at Sacred Heart](#)

**Please remember: No admission on the door for any of the Christmas Masses.
All Masses must be booked in advance.**

To book for Christmas Masses at Christ Church, Nelson, please see St. John Southworth's newsletter which is available on the menu on this website.

Masses for Christmas and New Year in Nelson and Colne

Christmas Eve (Thursday, 24th Dec)

CC 5.00pm
SH 6.00pm
CC 7.30pm
HS 7.30pm

Christmas Day (Friday, 25th Dec)

SH 9.00am
CC 9.30am
HS 10.30am

St Stephen (Saturday, 26th Dec)

CC 10.00am
SH 11.30am
HS 6.30pm (Vigil Mass)

Holy Family (Sunday, 27th Dec)

CC 9.30am
SH 9.30am

Monday 28th Dec (The Holy Innocents)

CC 10.00am

Tuesday, 29th Dec (St Thomas Becket)

CC 10.00am (followed by
Exposition)

SH 10.00am

Wed, 30th Dec (sixth day of Octave)

CC 10.0am
SH 10.00am

Thurs, 31st Dec (seventh day of Octave)

CC 10.00am
SH 6.30pm (Exposition at 5.45pm)

Mary, Mother of God (Friday, 1st Jan)

SH 10.00am
CC 10.00am

Saturday, 2nd Jan

SH 11.45am
HS 6.30pm (Vigil Mass)

2nd Sunday of Christmas 3rd Jan

CC 9.30am
SH 9.30am

Monday, 4th January

CC 10.00am

Tuesday, 5th January

CC 10.00am
SH 10.00am

The Epiphany (Wednesday 6th Jan)

HS 10.00am
CC 10.00am
SH 7.00pm

Key to churches

CC Christ Church, Nelson
HS Holy Saviour's, Nelson
SH Sacred Heart, Colne

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

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared to Mary,
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

“Hail, Mary, ...

“Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
Be it done unto me according to thy word.”

Hail, Mary, etc.

And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt amongst us.

Hail, Mary, etc.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray,
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our
hearts.
That we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son
was made known by the message of an angel,
may, by His passion and cross,
be brought to the glory of His resurrection.
Through Christ, our Lord.