



Sacred Heart, Colne



Holy Saviour, Nelson



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In Church

Saturday 24th July

Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sacred Heart [click here to book](#)

Sunday 25th July

Sunday Mass 9.30am Sacred Heart [click here to book](#)

Sunday Mass 11.15am Holy Saviour [click here to book](#)

Tuesday 27th July 10.00am Sacred Heart Mass [booking not necessary](#)

Wednesday 28th July 10.00am Sacred Heart Mass [booking not necessary](#)

Thursday 29th July 5.45pm Sacred Heart Exposition and Benediction

6.30pm Sacred Heart Mass [booking not necessary](#)

Friday 30th July 10.00am Sacred Heart Mass [booking not necessary](#)

Saturday 31st July 11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition

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Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sacred Heart [click here to book](#)

Sunday 1st August

Sunday Mass 9.30am Sacred Heart [click here to book](#)

Sunday Mass 11.15am Holy Saviour [click here to book](#)

Sunday Prayer Resource – “The 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.

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Covid Update for the Good Shepherd Parish

On Monday 19th July, the government removed many of the legal restrictions relating to the Covid pandemic.

The government department which deals with faith bodies in this regards has left us with this position.

The legal restrictions have been lifted, but the government requires us to proceed with caution. We are to consider the area that we live in, the uptake of vaccines locally, the ventilation of the building and quite a number of other considerations. We are then told that responsibility for deciding how to proceed rests with the 'venue manager' for the building. In the case of our Catholic Churches, this means the parish priest under the instructions of the bishop.

The bishop has instructed us that if we decide to relax our arrangements we are to do so slowly and with caution, conscious of the fact that we are in a very vulnerable part of the country and the whole country is being warned of a deteriorating situation.

The position for the Good Shepherd Parish will therefore be as follows:

Face-coverings: **We ask everyone, unless they are exempt, to continue wearing face coverings in church** both to protect themselves and out of consideration for the health and the fears of others who may be particularly vulnerable or simply nervous. We know that this will be unpopular with some, but it is a matter of charity as well as health.

Distancing: We will continue to offer the same number of places for advance booking. We will keep one side of the church with alternate benches unused. We will issue people with cards to place on the seats next to them which will say, "Please leave a space." This will ensure that people do not feel squashed up. If, when all booked places are taken, there are still places available, we will be more flexible about admitting people, respecting the spaces with a spacer card on the seat. This will not apply to the side where we are only using alternate benches. That side of church will operate in the same way that it has been doing with the same distancing.

Distribution of Holy Communion, absence of singing, not sharing a Sign of Peace, not using Holy Water will all remain unchanged for the time being.

Since this weekend will be the first weekend that we operate like this, it will be a learning situation for us all. Please be patient and support the stewards in their attempt to look after us.

In addition, can I please remind those who 'book' to take up their place 5 minutes before the start of the Mass, as indicated on the booking page, otherwise their 'reservation' may have been allocated to someone else. Reservations are only kept until five minutes before Mass, otherwise the job of the stewards becomes impossible.

We will try this and see how things develop.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Fr. Peter

Update on the former church of Saints Peter and Paul

It will be sad to say goodbye to the ownership of the former church and parish hall in Higherford, but it is a day that we have known for some time will come.

The trustees of the diocese have agreed this week that the building should be put up for auction. A firm of auctioneers has been appointed and the diocesan solicitor has been instructed to draw up the conditions of sale. It is most likely that the sale will be on the firm's auction day towards the end of August or September.

Notice of the auction will be posted at the site in the near future.

The auctioneers have now been inside the building to take photographs and a video to provide a 'virtual tour' of the premises which they will put on their website prior to the auction.

Caritas Salford

As many of you will be aware, some years ago all of the social care and social services of diocese were put under a single roof. This included The Catholic Childrens' Rescue Society, The Mary and Joseph hostel, The Passage, The crypt and other forms of support for those in need. Caritas now is able to respond to specific and immediate needs and is responding to asylum seekers, victims of abuse, safe hostels and mother and baby units.

Putting Love into Action in the Diocese of Salford

This summer, Caritas Salford will support 5,150 families experiencing challenges and crisis. We will give practical support to those living in insecure accommodation, help alleviate poverty and provide food packs, shopping vouchers and 'in-crisis' grants to those in need. We will be there for people who need housing support, tenancy assistance and help with applications for benefits and school uniforms.

If you can, please support our work today.

Donate online at www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate or by calling Rachel Taylor on 0181 817 2285.

If sending a cheque, please mark your envelope Caritas Summer Appeal, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP.

Thank you.