



Sacred Heart, Colne



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In Church **First Sunday in the Season of Advent.**

Saturdays	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Sacred Heart
Sundays	Mass	9.30am	Sacred Heart
	Mass	11.15am	Holy Saviour
Tuesday	7th December	10.00am	Mass Sacred Heart
Wednesday	8th December	10.00am	Mass Sacred Heart
Thursday	9th December	5.45pm	Sacred Heart Exposition and Benediction
		6.30pm	Mass Sacred Heart
Friday	10th December	10.00am	Mass Sacred Heart
Saturday	11th December	11.00am - 11.30am	Confessions Sacred Heart

Sacramental Programme

The next series of Sunday Masses and lessons to prepare for Holy Communion and Reconciliation will begin in January. Please see the Sacramental Programme page on the website for dates.

From the SVP.

The next SVP meeting will be in Sacred Heart Church this Monday evening (6th December) at 7.15pm.

First, the SVP would like to thank you all for your generous contributions to our recent appeal. So far your donations have brought in just over £1,100. We will keep you informed on how we use your donations to help the people of Pendle.

We would also like to thank you for your amazing response for the refugees. We still need crockery, cutlery, household items such as lamps and throws and toiletries.

SVP Christmas Toys Appeal 2021

There are many children in Pendle who, without your help, will hardly notice it's Christmas this year. As you know there are many poor families in the area, and last year, following the SVP appeal and your generous donations, we were able to give 69 children a Christmas present.

We are asking once again if you would you like to share your Christmas with a child? If you can contribute to the appeal, please take a label off the tree at the back of church, buy a gift and put the present in the box in the porch. No need to wrap them. **This appeal will close on Sunday 12th December. Please donate your gifts of toys no later than Sunday 12th December (next Sunday.)**

Thank you for your kindness. Happy Christmas. Your SVP

I have received an email from **RIGHT TO LIFE** about the DIY home abortion pill which was introduced "as a (so called) necessary provision" during the Covid Lock Downs.

Dear Mgr Wilkinson,

As you may have seen in the media, a study has revealed that [over 10,000 women](#) have needed hospital treatment following the use of medical abortion pills since March 2020. Please include this notice in your newsletter.

Ask your MP to end 'DIY' abortion

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

It is essential that as Catholics we do not fall into the trap of talking about an unborn child in the womb as though it only becomes something with a right to life once it reaches a stage of development which is sustainable (outside of the womb).

This cannot be our definition of human life! When does any of us become totally independent of others? Our value and dignity comes from God's relationship with us. We know that human life is sacred because every human life is in a relationship with God from the moment that life is created as something unique. Right from conception, what the parents have created, whether they wanted to or not, is neither the mother nor the father, even if totally dependent on the mother for the time being. This unique creation is already known by God who has immediately entered into a personal and unique relationship with this new person. God has already given this unique person an eternal existence which cannot be ended by abortion or in any other way. What they have created will live for ever. God has told us, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5) It is therefore an offence against God and against the unborn person to deprive this person of life no less than if the person was born and then killed.

Please seriously consider contacting your MP about this. Fr. Peter

Readers' Day at Christ Church.

The repeated second day of the two day course for readers, for those who were unable to make it on the first occasion, will be held at Christ Church on the 11th December from 10am until noon.

The (volunteer) **Church cleaners** will be in Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday at 10.30am after Mass and would be very grateful for any assistance. Please give it some thought.

We all appreciate the beauty of this church, but it obviously doesn't clean itself.

Mass in Polish

Father Robert will be coming back to Holy Saviour's Church on the second and fourth Sunday of each month to celebrate Holy Mass in Polish at 1pm. This will start in December.

Both churches will be open on Christmas Eve from 9.30am for you to come and help with the decorating. Please make a special effort to drop in - even for half an hour - to make this a truly shared Christmas experience as a Parish Community.
Thank you. Fr. Peter

