



Sacred Heart, Colne



Holy Saviour, Nelson



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In Church		First Sunday of Lent		
Saturdays		Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Sacred Heart
Sundays		Mass	9.30am	Sacred Heart
		Mass	11.15am	Holy Saviour
Tuesday	8th March	10.00am	Mass	Sacred Heart
Wednesday	9th March	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Albert Shea RIP	Sacred Heart
		7.00pm	Mass	Holy Saviour
Thursday	10th March	9.30am	Funeral Service for Edward Phelan RIP	Holy Saviour
		5.45pm	Sacred Heart Exposition and Benediction	
		6.30pm	Mass	Sacred Heart
Friday	11th March	10.00am	Mass	Sacred Heart
			followed by Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	12th March	11.00am - 11.30am	Confessions	Sacred Heart
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Sacred Heart

Cafod Family Fast Day Lent Appeal

Family Fast Day is Friday 11th of March, a day when you eat simply and give generously.

Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition.

You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/lent

The Three Pillars of Lent, given to us by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount in St. Matthew's Gospel, read on Ash Wednesday are:

PRAYER FASTING ALMS GIVING

These are the key to Lent being a productive preparation for Easter.

Last week's offertory collections: £789.10 Many thanks.

It's time to "pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and start all over again."

Or so the song goes, but I think it must be before my time.

Yes, the parish has taken some knocks. We've been dealt a blow to our confidence. Habits that had become an established part of our lives have been broken. Some have been restored, some have not. There are reasons for that. Some people have become nervous, some have suffered as far as their health is concerned and sadly, we have lost some to the Lord, and some good ones, very good ones, at that.

But it is time to face the reality of the present, rejoice with what we have and start to build the sort of parish that the Lord is calling us to be. For some, it will be a return to former ways, for many it will mean facing new challenges and opportunities and fanning a generous spirit into a healthy flame. It is not going to be easy to move forward as a parish. We are going to have to learn to do things differently. Some of the former supports will not be there. We are going to have to establish new relationships amongst ourselves, develop new teams for facing what needs to be done etc.

It is certainly going to be a time for asking people to volunteer and be generous. Some appeals will be general appeals through the newsletter, or through the notices. Some will be by personal contact, but please don't wait to be asked. Please consider what you are able to contribute and offer your services either for specific things or just generally to be available.

At the moment there are three appeals we need to make. One is to repeat last week's invitation for people to volunteer to host the **hospitality after Mass** at Sacred Heart on Sunday morning. It would appear people are shy and waiting for others to make a move. The result of that will be that nothing happens. Please consider getting in touch with Kathy and offering to help, even once a month will get things started. Kathy's numbers are: 01282 870 184 07932443851

Also:

We are enormously grateful to the **Stewards** who guided us and kept us safe through the first eighteen months or so of the pandemic. When the initial urgency was over, they morphed into **Welcomers** and have continued to do a great job. We've had many comments about how reassuring it has been to have them as Stewards and Welcomers.

The bishop has also asked us to pass on his personal thanks to the Stewards who have most certainly been responsible for keeping so much of the diocese's activities going through all the difficult months. So please accept his thanks through me.

We have asked a lot of them and they have given generously on Sundays and weekdays over the last two years. Some of them are ready just to step back at least for a while. We therefore need to appeal to you to consider volunteering as a **Welcomer**. It really is important that people feel that they are welcome, especially visitors, and that there is someone identifiable and there to help if something out of the ordinary crops up or they need assistance or advice. If you feel you can help, please contact the office by phone or email or have a word with one of the Welcomers.

We are also still looking for more **Eucharistic Ministers** to volunteer to re-commence taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. We also need the names of people who need someone to take Holy Communion to them so that we can get back into the practice of this most important pastoral activity.

Many thanks for all the ways you help.

Fr Peter

Stop new abortion threat

Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. It is vital that as many Peers as possible oppose this amendment.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit

www.rightrightto.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat to contact your MP now. It only takes two minutes.

I know that many of you follow various Faith Channels on the internet.

Lent is a time for exploring and deepening our spiritual life. If any of you come across anything on the internet which you consider to be worth passing on to other parishioners, then I'm happy to list it on this page if you send me the link.

My Catholic Life has been recommende to me for daily meditations on the readings at Mass, for a series of daily reflections at the foot of the Cross with Mary and for reflections on the Divine Mercy. To access the website click the link below.
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