



THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH WORSHIPPING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH.

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This week in Sacred Heart church.

Sunday Mass:		Saturday Vigil 6.00pm,	Sunday, 9.30am
Tuesday	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Emelia Hennessy RIP	
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass	
Thursday	5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
	6.30pm	Mass	
Friday	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday	11.00am - 11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)	

This week in Holy Saviour Church, Nelson.

Sunday Mass 11.15am, further information from [St. John Southworth newsletter \(click here\)](#)

An Easter Prayer to Our Blessed Lady.

The Regina Caeli.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCHOLA CANTORUM

A Schola or to give it its posh name, a schola cantorum, is a school of singers. It can be an actual school, or it could be a group of interested members of the community who come together to practice something extra for special liturgical celebrations.

I want to form an informal 'Schola' at Sacred Heart which need not have a regular membership, but would be people who would respond to the call to prepare for a special feast or occasion by learning something new or revising something perhaps forgotten. Our first occasion will be to lead Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) and Benediction on the Feast of Pentecost: 6pm on Sunday 5th June - Whit Sunday.

We've sung Vespers a couple of times now and it has been much appreciated.

Think about it and I'll call a couple of rehearsals nearer the time.

Thank you. Fr. Peter



Donating to the parish

The new boxes of weekly envelopes will be available for collection from the back of Sacred Heart and Holy Saviour's churches from the weekend of the **23rd/24th April** for the **next three weeks at the weekend masses**. As a reminder, please note that the envelopes carry an identifier number linked to a specific name, so that donations can be tracked for the claiming of Gift Aid. It's important that we have the correct address for those who have Gift Aid, so please inform the parish office if your address has changed. enquiries@goodshepherdpendle.org.uk or **01282 863135**.

If you have previously been donating using the envelope system, please consider switching to an easier method, which is direct giving by standing order. You just need to complete a standing order mandate form, return it to the parish office and they will send it to your bank.

Finally, if you are a taxpayer, please consider completing a gift aid form, if you haven't already done so, as the parish can claim an additional 25% on your donations.

Both forms (standing order mandate and gift aid) are available in the church porch or can be downloaded from the parish website (newsletter section). Thank you.

If you wish to make a single or recurring donation to Good Shepherd parish using your phone, please scan the code on the right. It will give you the option to gift aid your donation. It is secure and we will receive at least 99.97% of your donation.



Tea/coffee after Sunday Mass

Tea and coffee will be available again this Sunday in the hall after Mass. Many thanks for the volunteers who are enabling this to happen.

Should anyone else wish to volunteer, please text/call me on 07932 443854 (Kathy Flynn Driver).

Church Cleaning - Tuesday 11.00am Sacred Heart.

We all like a beautiful and clean church and wouldn't we would all like to contribute to the church being nice and clean? Well, if you're free for an hour on Tuesday 3rd May after the funeral (about 11.00am) you will be most welcome.



Deanery Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (Last call!)

The Bishop will be celebrating Confirmation for year 8 age group and above at St. Mary's, Burnley on Thursday 16th June 2022. We will run a joint Nelson, Colne Confirmation course starting on 1st May at 4.00pm at Christ Church, Nelson for those who give their names to either Fr. Gerard or Fr. Peter.

Last week's collection in Sacred Heart church and gift aid envelopes from Holy Saviour brought in £552.68. We are going to have to get used to the reduced income. We have had a few more people complete Standing Order forms and I'm very grateful for those. We've had a few more people sign up for Gift Aid. This really does make a difference. We are currently making a claim on the gift aided income for the last financial year and it should bring us a return of about £10,000 which is well worth having for nothing! Unfortunately it is already spoken for because we've been informed today that our 'Levy' which is due to the diocese each quarter will be £11,982 for the coming year.