

THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH WORSHIPPING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH.

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This week. 14th Aug

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday Vigil Mass, 6.00pm, Sunday Mass, 9.30am.

Sung Vespers and Benediction, 6.00pm



Tuesday 10,00am Mass. St Stephen of Hungary

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Thursday 5.45.pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

6.30pm. Mass

Friday 10.00am Mass. St. John Eudes, priest

Saturday 11.00am - 11.30am. Confessions

6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday.

next week 21st August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm,

Sunday, 9.30am.

This Sunday is the very special feast of the **Assumption of Our Blessed Lady.**We will celebrate with Sung **Evening Prayer** from the **Divine Office** at 6.00.pm followed by **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**.

All are of course invited and we'd love to see you all here.

There will be a brief rehearsal of the Psalm Tones at 5.30pm for all who wish to help us prepare. Again, everyone is welcome, no special singing voice required!

Advanced notice: The **Annual Cemetery Mass** will be celebrated at All Souls, Wheatly Lane, on Saturday 1st October at 11.00am. If the weather makes that impossible it will be celebrated at Sacred Heart at 11.15am on the same day.

The Survey of Mass Times

Sincere thanks to almost 100 people who responded.

There is no reason to change the times of either the Vigil or Sunday Mass. The overwhelming majority of responses requested that we keep the Mass times as they are and so they will remain the same: 6pm on Saturday and 9.30am on Sunday.

Annual Retreat at the Briery, Ilkley.

This year we are again invited to join parishioners of St. John Southworth's on the Briery retreat which will be on the weekend of Friday 21st (5.00pm) - Sunday 23rd (2.00pm) of October.

It is £140 for the weekend. Single, double, twin rooms - all ensuite - with lift access available. £20 deposit required.

Transport by own car - lifts can be arranged. Dietary requirements - inform Sue on booking. Saturday afternoon free in town. Refresh your soul as well as your body! You will enjoy the experience! Contact Sue Barnes on 01282 618231 for further details.

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?

In partnership with St. John Southworth parish, we are inviting anyone who has an interest in knowing more about the Catholic Church, possibly with a view to becoming a full member of the Church, to coming along to an introductory meeting on 17th September (venue to be confirmed) with a view to beginning a series of talks and discussions which, for those who wish to follow through with it, will lead to the Sacraments of Baptism (if necessary), Confirmation and Holy Communion.

If you are interested then please have a word with either Fr. Peter or Fr. Gerard.

Sacramental Programme 2022/2023

The next Programme to prepare children, 7yrs old or over, for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion is now being planned.

There will be an introductory meeting at 6pm in Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 2nd November for parents and children.

The first Sunday Masses and Instructions will begin the following Sunday, 6th November, with the 9.30am Mass.

Further dates will be indicated on the Sacramental Programme of the parish website.

A Grand Variety Fundraising Concert Saturday 17th September 2022

Sacred Heart Hall 7.15pm Tickets £8 (£10 on the door)

Putting Food on Tables

The concert is in support of our SVP who are very aware of the growing need to support families in providing food especially for their children. Our SVP are working extremely well with other local churches and identifying need especially through local schools.

They desperately want to increase their response and would like your generous help.

More information is on the next page of the on-line newsletter.

Sponsored Walk in aid of Right to Life.

Burnley Knights of St Columba Council 110 and Catenian Circle 54 have organised a 10km (six and a bit miles in real money) sponsored walk to take place on Monday 29th August (Bank Holiday). The walk will start at St. Mary's Church, Burnley at 1pm. Further details of the walk and sponsorship forms are on the notice board at the back of church.

From the Diocese:

The Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes are visiting Salford Cathedral on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st of September. There will be a full programme of events at the Cathedral on these days.

Please see details below for more information and do get in touch by emailing communications@dioceseofsalford.org.uk if you have any further questions.

You can find all of the following information on our <u>website</u> or via the QR code on the right.







Fund-raising **CONCERT** Saturday 17th September 2022. **7.15pm**.

Parish Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Colne BB8 9NB



Once again *Robin Darcy* will be your host for the evening.

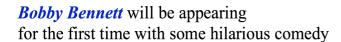
Firm favourites *Wal & Dave* return once more to provide further original songs and superb guitar skills.





New to our event *Evee B*

a very talented local vocal performer.







Liam Rowbotham a young, very talented illusionist. Prepare to be amazed and delighted in equal measure!

All profits will go to the St Vincent de Paul Society https://www.svp.org.uk/

Tickets £8 in advance (£10 on the door)
Call Kathy: 07932443851 or 01282 870184

For those who wish to - BRING YOUR OWN WINE etc - & glasses!

Thank you ... from the SVP



Since the SVP was able to begin work again after Covid, and following our Parish Appeal, we have been very busy, mostly welcoming asylum seekers and refugees in Pendle. Following an appeal to Parishioners we collected so much from donations we were able to open a free 'shop' taking over the ground floor of Holy Saviour's house, Nelson.

Your generosity never ceases to amaze us. We received donations of money, clothes, shoes, towels, bedding, household items, toys, baby equipment, sanitary products, and toiletries, four Silver Cross prams, baby baths, high-chairs, baby gates and five cribs. We opened the 'shop' in November 2021, every Friday from 10.00am – 1pm. So far, we have helped over 210 refugee families set up their homes and lives in this country. Once established, we opened the refugee shop to the poor families as referred to us by three local schools, the homeless via the Salvation Army and the Women's Refuge in Nelson.

The influx of refugees has now slowed down, so we intend to close the refugee shop by the end of June as we have accomplished our aim of providing emergency help for newly settled refugees. We will continue to support the refugees and the poor, by meeting their needs on a case-by-case basis.

We have supplied refugees with bicycles, reconditioned cookers and washing machines, microwaves and hot plates. We have provided seven portable sewing machines to refugee women and hopefully they will be able to start up their own small business amongst the refugee families. We have bought school uniforms for children who have found school places and leisure wear for children newly arrived in the country who had no clothes or coats.

We have also been able to provide emergency aid to refugees and poor families by giving them a £50 food voucher.

We are currently helping some young women who have been trafficked. Providing them with clothes, towels, bedding and £50 each to buy toiletries and sanitary products and food to provide for their needs until they can access benefits.

We have also helped the poor and needy of the local community including providing Christmas presents for 75 poor families, Christmas presents, Easter Eggs and chocolates for the women and children in the Women's Refuge. We also provided a large quantity of clothes and good quality, second hand toys and books for the children in the Refuge. We also gave 5 food gift vouchers each worth £50 to needy families in the Good Shepherd Parish.





Pendle is welcoming refugees from Ukraine over the next few weeks.

Their needs will be different as they are staying with local families, but we have already provided towels, bedding, dressing gowns and a welcome pack of toiletries for the new arrivals.

Yours generosity has meant that we were also able to provide blankets, toiletries, warm jumpers, coats and baby sleeping bags and nappies to be transported to Poland for the refugees sleeping in refugee centres there.

We also purchased 10 double sleeping bags – winter weight and waterproof which would easily accommodate three children or a mother and two children to help them keep warm as they try to sleep in the over crowded railway stations and refugee centres in Poland.



The Good Shepherd SVP would also like to gratefully acknowledge the support of St Joseph's, Barnoldswick SVP, a group of ladies from Settle who also wanted to help the refugees, Trinity Baptist Church in Colne and the parishioners of the Good Shepherd Parish whose generosity seems to have no bounds and who have contributed huge quantities of items for the refugee shop as well as financial donations. We would also like to thank Father Peter Wilkinson our Parish Priest who kindly allowed the SVP to use Holy Saviour's House and who has been so supportive of our work. Also a big thank you to Father Gerard who has been so patient!!

Thank you all