



The Catholic Church in Colne, Barrowford and surrounding areas.

The Parish of the Good Shepherd.

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Services each week at Sacred Heart Church, Colne:

Sunday Mass: Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sunday Mass 9.30am

Services this week at Sacred Heart Church, Colne:

Tuesday: 10.00am Eucharistic Service

Wednesday: **No Service**

Thursday: 5.45pm – 6.20pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm Mass

Friday: 10.00am Eucharistic Service

Today is World Mission Sunday

The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please join in on this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people.

You can donate by visiting Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a direct debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. <http://missio.org.uk/>

Please note that a collection bucket and envelopes are at the back of church.

SVP are collecting toys for Christmas later in the year

Last year, the SVP collected toys for poor children in Pendle. Thanks to your amazing generosity we were able to give 79 children Christmas presents. We will be collecting toys again this year in Advent. If any of you are able to donate presents this Christmas for local children, you may be interested to know that Sainsbury's toys are all half price at the moment - there are some real bargains to be had! The sale usually lasts 10-14 days. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Fair, Sunday 27th November in the hall 10.30am to 12.30pm.

We will be starting our collection of donations for the Fair next Sunday, 30th and each week from then on. We need the following:-

- bottles for prizes on the Bottle Tombola, from ketchup to whisky
- small prizes for the Tombola, e.g. chocolate, toiletries,
- Raffle prizes, handmade crafts and gifts.

We will be having a cake stall but these donations can be brought the day before or before Mass on the 27th. **Please note NO Bric a Brac.**

Sacramental Programme.

The first meeting for the Sacramental Programme will be **on Wednesday 2nd November at 6.00pm**. It is important that each child and a parent should be at this meeting which will be a registration onto the programme.

It will then be necessary to take part in the **Enrolment ceremony at the 9.30am Sunday Mass on the 6th November**. The programme will lead to First Reconciliation in Lent 2023 and the reception of Holy Communion for the first time around Easter 2023.

Further information is available on the Sacramental Programme on the Parish Website.

Salford Diocese spirituality retreat programme 2022- 2023

A regular programme of day retreats will be running for the next year led by Donna Worthington at Lostock Hall. Some of you may remember Donna who was one of the guides during the week long retreat held in September 2017 at Sacred Heart. Sessions run between 11.30 am and 3 pm including 30 minutes for lunch, (please bring a packed lunch). These are small groups. Cost £20 per person. The next one is on **Thursday 8th of December**. To register an initial interest contact by email office@saintgerards.org.uk or call 01772 335387. More details and future dates on the notice board at the back of church.

Caritas Salford Volunteering Opportunities

Did you know that Caritas Salford has 263 amazing volunteers, supporting work in local communities across Greater Manchester and Lancashire? Would you be interested in joining them? Perhaps you may consider becoming part of our team of Caritas Parish Reps, supporting your parish in its local social action mission?

If you have a few hours to spare each week and would be happy to help Caritas to support people in your community, please get in touch. There are a range of different opportunities available to meet individual needs and skillsets, and full training and support is given every step of the way.

If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Sashi Thapa on 07939 995 952 or email s.thapa@caritassalford.org.uk

Prayer to St. John Paul II

Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading it along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up high again to find the light that illuminates the paths of life here on earth.

May you bless families, bless each family! You warned of Satan's assault against this precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the seeds of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you next to Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen