

The Catholic Church in Colne, Barrowford and surrounding areas.

The Parish of the Good Shepherd. parish office: Good Shepherd Presbytery, **25 Queen Street, Colne. BB8 9NB** Tel: 01282 863135 e-mail: <u>enquiries@goodshepherdpendle.org.uk</u> web site: www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk Parish Priest: Monsignor Peter Wilkinson



Services each week at Sacred He Sunday Mass: Saturd Services this week at Sacred Hea	lay Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sunday Mass 9.30am
Tuesday 1 st November:	Solemnity of All Saints. Holyday of Obligation
	10.00am Mass
	7.00pm Mass
Wednesday 2 nd November:	Commemoration of All Souls (All Souls Day)
	10.00am Mass
	12 noon Prayers and blessing of graves at All Souls Cemetery
	7.00pm Mass
Thursday 3 rd Nov:	5.45pm – 6.20pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm Mass
Friday 4 th Nov:	10.00am Mass
Saturday 5 th Nov:	11.00am – 11.30am Confessions

Sacramental Programme.

The first meeting for the Sacramental Programme will be next **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 6**th **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.

Church cleaning

If you can help with church cleaning on Tuesday 1st November 10.30 am, that would be appreciated

Friendship and Bereavement Group coffee morning

This will be on **Wednesday 2nd of November at 10.30 am** in Sacred Heart Presbytery at 10.30 am. If you are going to the Barton Grange trip on Wednesday 7th of December, please bring the cost of the coach, £16.00, to the meeting on the 2nd.

Blessing of Graves at All Souls Cemetery

A reminder that on **All Souls' Day, Wednesday 2nd of November , at 12 noon,** there will be prayers for the dead and the blessing of graves in the cemetery, no matter what the weather is.

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.

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 <u>office@saintgerards.org.uk</u> or call 01772 335387. More details and future dates on the notice board at the back of church.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St. John of God Hosptialier Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community wiling to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa.

We know that coping with the cost of living crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, r=then we'd love to hear form you. Please visit https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/ for more information. There is also a poster 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 <u>s.thapa@caritassalford.org.uk</u>