

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 Requiem Mass for James Joseph Cruise RIP

11.30am Funeral Service for Carlo Lionti RIP

Wednesday: 10.00am Eucharistic Service

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

6.30pm Eucharistic Service

Friday: 10.00am Eucharistic Service

## A message from Father Peter

Dear parishioners,

I was genuinely taken unawares at the end of Mass last Sunday. I deliberately chose to be on holiday over my 'significant' birthday to avoid any fuss. Clearly, I don't always get my own way. I was not expecting the birthday wishes, gifts and money which you gave and for which I am extremely grateful. I was honestly surprised and for once, speechless, and so would like to say a sincere 'thank you' to you all now.

In particular, I was most touched by the fruit cake which was most beautifully iced and decorated with amazingly life-like images of myself and Clara. Once again, many, many thanks and I'll see you at the end of the month. God bless.

#### **Blessing of Graves at All Souls Cemetery**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Cemetery Mass in church last Saturday morning. It was good to welcome so many people, both within the parish and visitors, some of whom had travelled a distance. A reminder that on All Souls' Day, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, at noon, there will be prayers for the dead and the blessing of graves in the cemetery.

#### **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

There are CAFOD envelopes and a CAFOD bucket at the back of church. Please give what you saved from having less food and drink on Friday to those who have little or nothing to live on. You can also donate online by going to cafod.org.uk/fastday

#### **Prisoners' Sunday today**

Today there is a bucket at the back of church for PACT, the Catholic charity who support prisoners, their families and also their children who can experience hardship and victimisation through no fault of their own. You can also donate online by visiting www.prisonadvice.org.uk/prisoners-sunday

#### **Christmas Fair meeting after Sunday Mass today**

There will be a short meeting in the Church Hall after Mass to make plans for our Fair. If you can help with the Fair in any way, please come down. If you would like to help but can't attend the meeting, please ring Margaret on 862798. All money raised will be used to improve the entrance to the Hall from the car park.

#### Sacramental Programme.

The first meeting for the Sacramental Programme will be on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> November**. The programme will lead to First Reconciliation in Lent 2023 and the reception of Holy Communion for the first time around Easter 2023.

# 10,000,000 innocent lives have now been sacrificed to abortion in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act was passed

Right to Life UK released a short two-minute video called *The Ten Million*, which commemorates the ten million people who have had their lives ended through abortion and attempts to illustrate what the UK has lost through the death of these millions of people. You can view *The Ten Million* video at the link below:

https://righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion

## **Tea/coffee after Sunday Mass**

Tea/coffee is available on Sunday in the hall after Mass. Many thanks to the volunteers who are enabling this to happen.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> of December**. To register an initial interest contact by email <a href="mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk">office@saintgerards.org.uk</a> or call 01772 335387. More details and future dates on the notice board at the back of church.

#### Annual Retreat at the Briery, Ilkley

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October (5pm) to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (2pm). £153.00 for the weekend. 38 Victoria Avenue Ilkley LS29 9BW Tel. 01943 607287

The theme of the Retreat is: Under the Gaze of God led by Sr. Anne and Sr. Susan

Contact Sue Barnes On 01282 618231 for any queries

#### Left a scarf behind?

If you have lost a scarf, please ask at the sacristy after mass to see if it is yours.