

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH  
WORSHIPPING AT  
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**This week 18th December 2022.**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

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

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor of the Church
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	V	Virgin

Tuesday	10.00am	Mass.	
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass.	
	12.00 noon	Requiem Mass for Pauline Connolly RIP	
Thursday	5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
	6.30pm.	Mass	
Friday	10.00am	Mass.	
Saturday	10.00am	<i>Church preparation for the Christmas Celebrations</i>	
	6.00pm	<b>Family Christmas Mass</b>	
	25th December	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
Tuesday 27th	10.00am	Mass.	St. John Ap.
Wednesday 28th	10.00am	Mass.	Holy Innocents M
Thursday 29th	5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction	
	6.30pm.	Mass	St Thomas Becket Bp M
Friday 30th	10.00am.	Mass	The Holy Family
Saturday 31st	6.00pm.	<b>Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day.)</b>	

**SVP Warm Space and food bank at Sacred Heart Hall.**

The SVP is now up and running with a Warm Space, for people to come, sit and have a chat, a cup of tea or coffee, a warm and a welcome, each Thursday 10.00am-12.30pm. All welcome.

The "Warm Space" is for everyone, not just those who have need of the food bank!

If you fancy somewhere to go to be with others in a warm and friendly place, to have a brew and perhaps play a card game or board game, come along!

If you wish to support our Food Bank, you could buy a few extra items each week when you go shopping. Cereal, tins of soup, tinned meat, beans, tea, coffee, long life milk, biscuits, chocolate, toilet rolls, toiletries, nappies, sanitary products etc. are all welcome.

Please put them in the box at the back of church.

No fresh food thank you. The need is very great. Please help.



## Preparing the Church for the Celebration of Christmas.

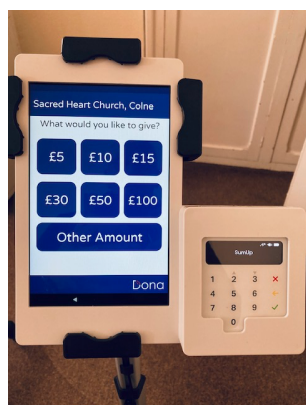
If you and your family would like to be part of the preparations for Christmas in church, please note that church will be open on **Christmas Eve morning (Sat. 24th) from 10.00am for a couple of hours or so**. If you are interested in 'adopting' a window bottom please ring Margaret on 862798. Anything else just come along.

**Christmas Masses** will be the Family Vigil Mass at 6.00pm and Christmas Day Mass at 10.00am (not the usual Sunday 9.30am Mass. It's a special Day!)

### *A Sign of the Times*

## Digital Collection Plate

If you have a look round at the back of church, you should see a new piece of furniture in the porch (as long as it arrives in time for this weekend). It is a "digital collection plate".



Many people do not carry money around with them these days and make most payments using credit or debit cards. You now have the opportunity to make a payment to the parish simply by indicating the amount you want to give - either choosing one of the preset amounts, or enter any amount from £1 upwards, and touching your card to the reader. It might ask you to insert it and enter your pin. At the moment, any donation will be credited to the parish, but once we get the hang of it, we should be able to programme it so that you can choose to give to the parish, or a special collection or any other preset recipient such as SVP or Cafod. It will also give you the opportunity to 'Gift Aid' the amount. Once a card is identified as from a 'Gift Aid' donor, it will continue to 'Gift Aid' any future donations on that card until instructed not to.

## Do you have any warm, winter woollens, clean and in good condition, which could keep someone warm this winter?

I've been approached by someone associated with a group in the town who are collecting warm, woollen garments to keep people warm. They are looking for hats, scarves, gloves, jumpers etc. They must be clean and in good condition. Supporting peoples' dignity is as important as the items that you give them. Suitable items can be left at the back of church for collection. Thank you.



*For those of you who are already making entries into next year's diary, here's one for you:*



## Catenian Burns Night

The Broughton-in-Craven circle of the Catenian Association is having a Burns Night event on Saturday 28th January 2023 at Colne Golf Club.



The event will be celebrated with poems, short speeches, plenty of jokes and of course good food. Cost £30.00 per person.

If you are interested, please contact Pius 07599840018.

## Another Catholic Publication

At the back of church this weekend you will find a newspaper which you are invited to pick up, take home and try out. It does ask you to make a £1 donation on the paper, but they are currently free. If we get any feedback to say that you would like us to continue to make future issues available we will do so. You would then be invited to make a donation for them if you wish.