

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH  
WORSHIPPING AT  
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**Saturday 25th 6.00pm. Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday 26th 9.30am. Christ the Universal King**  
**4.00pm Sung Vespers and Benediction**

Tuesday 28th 10.00am Mass.  
Wednesday 29th 10.00am Mass.

Thursday 30th 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction  
6.30pm Mass **St Andrew Ap**  
**Patron of Scotland**

Friday 1st December 10.00am Mass.  
Saturday 2nd 11.00am - 11.30am. Confessions during Exposition  
End of the Church's Liturgical Year

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

## Parish Mission Starts

**Saturday 2nd 6.00pm. Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday 3rd 9.30am. First Sunday of Advent**  
**The Church begins a new liturgical year.**

**We start our Mission to give ourselves a refresher as  
we begin again to celebrate the Mysteries of our Salvation.**

### Sacramental Programme 2023 - 2024

The meeting for parents to register their child on the programme will be this Wednesday 29th November at 7.00pm in church.

**This meeting is for parents and not for the children.**

Please see the Sacramental Programme page on this website, or click [here](#).

This Sunday 26th November is the Great **Feast of Christ the King** which brings us to the end of the Church's Liturgical Year. We will celebrate the Feast by singing Vespers (the universal Evening Prayer of the Church) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come along at 4.00pm and experience this other beautiful expression of the Church's praise of our God on this great Feast of Jesus Christ.

There will be a short practice for singing the psalms after Mass on Sunday morning. All welcome!

## PARISH MISSION 2ND - 8TH DECEMBER 2023.

Please redouble your efforts in praying for the success of the Mission.

We are aware that it is not the best time of year to be asking people to come out, especially for the evening Mission services, but please make a special effort to come and give it a try. The weather looks to be taking a dip in temperature, but we'll try to make sure the church and hall are comfortable.

Each morning and evening the Mission Priests will be available after the Masses and evening events. One will remain in church for Confessions, the other will be in the hall for general chat and there will be a brew available in the hall during this time.

Please encourage others to come.

Please note the Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at 11.00am on Thursday morning. Could you bring someone who struggles to get to church along for this special Mass for them?

## SVP

### New toys for Christmas collection

The SVP will be collecting new toys for needy children for Christmas **starting this weekend**. The collection will **close on Sunday 17th of December**. Last year your generosity brought Christmas joy to over **200 children in Nelson and Colne**. As in previous years we are collecting gifts for children **aged 6 months to 11 years**. **There is no need to wrap your gifts - we will take care of that**. Thank you from the SVP.

## Decorating the Church for Christmas

This year we will begin decorating the church for Christmas on the morning of Saturday, 23rd of December from 10.00am. As before, Father Peter would like this to be a whole parish event. Children are especially welcome to bring their own decorations and to help with the tree in the porch or to decorate bench ends. If you are able to join in by decorating a window bottom to your own design please **contact Margaret Ward on 862798**, the more offers we have the better! If you would like to do this, but are unable to come along on Saturday there will be another opportunity after 9.30 Mass on Christmas Eve (Sunday).

## Pastoral Letter - Caring for our Common Home

This October, Bishop John shared a [pastoral letter](#) that reflected on Pope Francis' latest document Laudate Deum. Echoing the pope's call for all to take action on our climate crisis, Bishop John asked parishes and schools across the diocese to make a priority of creating environmental groups to explore ways to care better for our common home.

If you would like to learn more about getting started in your parish, please click [here](#) and explore the links below for further resources. *(If any parishioner would like to take this further in our parish, please let me know. Fr. Peter)*

[Hearing the Cry: Responding with Hope - Our Diocesan Environment Strategy](#)

[Parish Roadmap](#)

[Care for Creation Promise](#) (please email copies of signed promises to [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk))

[Parish Walk Guide](#)

# 2024 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY TO  
FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST**



Hotel St Georges £909

(sharing)

Single Room £1059 per person

Hotel Padoue £979

(sharing)

Single Room £1204 per person

## **PRICE INCLUDES**

Return flights Manchester to Carcassonne and transfers by coach to and from Lourdes  
Airport Duty and Passenger Taxes

1 suitcase per person for the aircraft hold 20kgs

7 nights full board at either Hotel St Georges or Hotel Padoue (see above for price)

Salford Affiliation Fee

Northern Star Representative

A deposit of £300 per person is required to make a booking.

## **NOT INCLUDED**

Travel Insurance £60 per person

Travel to and from Manchester Airport

Further information available from Fr Francis Wadsworth at St Anne's, Accrington Tel  
01254 232920 email: [francis.wadsworth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:francis.wadsworth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

There will be a meeting for all who are interested in travelling with us

on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7:00pm.** This will be held in St Joseph's Parish Hall,  
Belgarth Road, Accrington BB5 6AH. At this meeting there will be an opportunity to ask  
questions and to collect booking forms.