



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
WORSHIPPING AT
SACRED HEART CHURCH.**

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Saturday 16th 6.00pm. Vigil Mass
Sunday 17th 9.30am. Third Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 19th 10.00am Mass.
Wednesday 20th 10.00am Mass.

Thursday 21st 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction
6.30pm Mass
St Peter Canisius P D
Friday 22nd 10.00am Mass.
Saturday 23rd *No Confessions today*

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

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm. Vigil Mass
Sunday 24th 9.30am. Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve Night
Sunday 24th 5.00pm Family Mass Holy Saviour, Nelson
6.00pm Family Mass Sacred Heart, Colne
8.00pm Vigil Mass Christ Church, Nelson

Christmas Day
9.30am Christ Church, Nelson
10.00am Sacred Heart, Colne
11.15am Holy Saviour, Nelson

The SVP is collecting new toys for needy children in Pendle. The collection closes this weekend, Sunday December 17th. Please take a decoration from the tree at the back and put any presents in the box at the back of the Church. There is no need to wrap them - we'll take care of all of that.

We have been given six fabulous soft toys by a parishioner to raffle to raise money for the SVP. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses.

Thanks for your continued support.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

This is an invitation for everyone to be part of preparing your Church for Christmas. There are several ways you can do this:-

- Come along at **10.00 am on Saturday, 23rd** and decorate a window bottom to your own design. (please ring Margaret Ward, 862798 if you are able to do this)
- Or use provided decorations and greenery to decorate any window bottoms etc.
- Or Help with any 'heavy' lifting.
- **Children, please bring along any tree decorations you make to add to the tree.**
- **Alternatively help with a small amount of final preparations after 9.30 Mass on Sunday 24th**

We also need medium or large poinsettias as part of the decorations we plan. If you could donate one of these, you can bring them along to church anytime from Sunday, 17th. of December



What is the vision of the Salford Diocesan Synod?

- To enable true collaboration between the clergy and laity at diocesan and parish level by truly listening to each other;
- To discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in Salford at this next stage of our journey.

For more detail on the Diocesan Synod, see <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/>

How can you participate in this process? We are currently in 'The Big Listen' stage, where you are encouraged to get involved by attending a **Parish Listening Session**. In our parish, these sessions have been planned for 3 dates in January - 17th, 18th and 21st.

More details will follow in the New Year.

"Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Help us to listen to each other and to what you are saying to us, so that we may prayerfully discern the way that you wish us to go and fulfil all that you are asking of us".

The Baskets are back!

As from the Third Sunday of Advent, (Saturday Vigil 16th December) we will once again be using the collection baskets during the Offertory at the Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass.



The Offertory ought to be an action in the Mass where we can symbolically show that we are offering something of our own or ourselves to God. It is also a time where we can make a concrete contribution to the wellbeing of the Church and all of its activities.

Many people give very generously by Standing Order or via the card machine. We rely heavily on these regular donations. We do not expect those people to contribute to the basket in addition to what they already give! But for everyone else, we are aware that the basket is easily missed and we would hate anyone to feel that they had not been given the opportunity to contribute to the parish.