



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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1st Sunday of Advent



3rd December 2023



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1st Week in Advent

Our Pilgrimage Mission to Sacred Heart, Colne

There are two words which are commonly used in the Church: the first word is 'retreat' and the second word is 'mission'. These two words are commonly used in a military context, as the commanders order their troops either to retreat from the frontline so they can regroup, or to break through into enemy territory so that their mission can be accomplished!

We need to be constantly reminded that as a Church we have a mission to fulfil, a mission which is so important that it constitutes our very identity as the Church of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was a man on a mission—sent by the Father to give his last breath and his last drops of blood in order to accomplish his God-given task of bringing God's love to the world.

This week, we are 'joining forces' with our 'comrades', in the Parish of the Good Shepherd, and our mission is to push back the powerful forces of apathy and complacency which can wreak havoc on the life of the Church.

The mission requires that we pull together, focus, and enter into this time with generosity, commitment, determination, and discipline.

Let's do our best to make the most of this God-given opportunity to take some ground for the Lord. AMEN! Captain Kelly!


TIMETABLE FOR ADVENT PARISH MISSION SACRED HEART, COLNE

- MONDAY:** Mass, 10.00am
(Healing)
Mission Service 7.00pm
- TUESDAY:** Mass, 10.00am
(followed by tea and coffee,
and a talk)
Mission Service 7.00pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Mass, 10.00am
Mission Service 7.00pm
- THURSDAY:** Mass, 11.00am
(with Anointing of the Sick)
Mission Service 7.00pm
- FRIDAY:** Mass, 10.00am
(followed by tea and coffee,
and a talk)
Mission Service 7.00pm
(Mary and Discipleship)

MISSION PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us, grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service; that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 4th December

Monday 4th Dec	Tuesday 5th Dec	Wednesday 6th Dec	Thursday 7th Dec	Friday 8th Dec	Saturday 9th Dec	Sunday 10th Dec
MISSION MASSES AND EVENING SERVICES AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, COLNE. (Speak to Fr Gerard if you require a lift)				 MASS C.C. 12.00 noon	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Children's Church: C.C. Carmel & Molly- H.S. - Sarah K, Suzanne K, Gift Team

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Week: 3rd Dec	Jeremiah	Zachariah
Next Week: 10th Dec	Luke	David

Introduction to Catholic Life and Teaching

Tomorrow, Saturday 2nd December, is the next meeting for those who are interested in reflecting afresh on their faith will take place at Sacred Heart presbytery at 9.30am. We do have a couple of newcomers to the Church, but it's good for them to know that they are actually joining an enthusiastic and engaged community. I (Fr G) will be presenting on the Mass, which is at the very heart of Catholic worship and practice, and to edge forward just one inch in our understanding of the Mass makes everything worthwhile! Do feel welcome to come along.

MASS INTENTIONS

Edward Stephenson, anniv.
Sick person
Margaret O'Reilly
Bashir Variyam, anniv, 11th Dec
John Craig Howarth, anniv, 1st Dec (1994)

CHURCH COLLECTION

26th November: £296.80
Standing Orders: approx: £632 p/w
Thank you!

Holy Saviour's—lost, found, and cleaned!

1. Please claim the lost property which is accumulating in the porch at Holy Saviour Church.
2. A date for your diary ... Sat 9th December 10am - 12.00 noon Holy Saviour church ...big clean in preparation for Christmas . Please come along ... many hands make light work !

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Dec 3rd Harvey Burnett (2001)
Dec 5th Nellie Sharkey (1971)
Dec 6th Mary Stockton (2001)
Dec 7th Jack Brady (2009)
Dec 8th Chris P Needham (1977)



We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, that the Lord will receive them into the fullness of his resurrection life!

BAPTISM

This weekend, we welcome Patrick (3) and Maeve Durkin (1), children of Tom & Sophie Durkin into the Family of God, the Church. May our parish be a place of welcome, and a place of nurture and growth for these children as they embark on their Christian lives.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10 Julie Taylor
£10 Joyce Shea
£10 Charlie Eccles
£10 Eileen Wilcock



£85.00 towards Parish funds. Many thanks!

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL POUND DRAW

£100 first prize

The Draw will take place on Friday 15th December at the **C.A.F.O.D.** Soup kitchen at Christ Church.

The Advent C.A.F.O.D. Soup Kitchen
ON FRIDAYS after 12.00 noon Mass
1st, 8th, 15th December

