

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

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

Children on the Sacramental Programme will be enrolled during Mass.

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

Confessions are available after every service this week.

Monday 4th	10.00am Mass. 7.00pm Mission Programme
Tuesday 5th	10.00am Mass. Followed by Talk and refreshments in the hall. 7.00pm Mission Programme
Wednesday 6th	10.00am Mass. 7.00pm Mission Programme
Thursday 7th	11.00am Mass including the Sacrament of the Sick 7.00pm Mission Programme
Friday 8th December	10.00am Mass. Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Followed by Talk and refreshments in the hall. 7.00pm Mission Programme
Saturday 9th	No services until the Vigil Mass

Saturday 9th 6.00pm. Vigil Mass
Sunday 10th 9.30am. Second Sunday of Advent

Carol Services invitations.

You are invited to the Salford Diocesan Schools Singing Programme Carol Service in St. Mary's Burnley on Tuesday 12th December at 6.30pm. Free admission.

You are also invited to the Burnley and Pendle District Scout Carol Concert in Sacred Heart Church, here, on Wednesday 13th December at 6.00pm. Free admission and refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Do come along to the Parish Mission this week.

There will be Mass each morning (Monday to Friday) and a Mission Service in the evening. This will not be a Mass but will take different formats depending on the content.

At least one of the Mission Priests will be available for Confession after each morning and evening event.

Updates will be given during the week. Please keep your eye on the newsletter page of the website for any updates which may appear there.

If you are able to bring someone to church who cannot usually get here in order to receive the Anointing on Thursday morning, please do so.

The SVP is collecting new toys for needy children in Pendle. The collection closes on 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 two 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.

Thread of Hope theatre performance

You are invited to a new and original theatre performance devised from the wisdom and experiences of those in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.

Date: Thursday 14th December 7-9pm (Refreshments from 6.30pm, performance starting at 7pm).

Venue: St. John's Methodist Church, Albert Road, Colne BB8 0RY

Suitable for 16yrs +

There is no charge for the performance, but please do let us know if you are attending by contacting Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk

Church cleaning

This has been postponed until Tuesday 12th of December after Mass at about 10.30 am because of the Parish Mission. This will be a grand pre Christmas clean. Please come and help if you can.

Friendship and Bereavement Group

The coffee morning is cancelled on Wednesday 6th December.

Please come to the Parish Mission that morning

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).

2024 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

FRIDAY 26th JULY TO FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST



Hotel St Georges £909 (sharing)
Hotel Padoue £979 (sharing)

Single Room £1059 per person
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

There will be a meeting for all who are interested in travelling with us on **Monday 15th 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.

The Baskets are back!

As from the Third Sunday of Advent, 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.

It is important to say at this point that we are not trying to embarrass people who are very generously making their contribution by Standing Order! We do not expect those people to contribute to the basket in addition to what they already give! We are aware though, that the bucket is easily missed and we would hate anyone to feel that they had not been given the opportunity to contribute to the parish.