

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

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**Saturday 13th 6.00pm. Vigil Mass 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 14th 9.30am. Sunday Mass**

Tuesday 16th 10.00am Mass.  
Wednesday 17th 10.00am Mass. St Anthony Ab  
Thursday 18th 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction  
6.30pm Mass

Friday 19th 10.00am Mass. St Wulstan. R  
Saturday 20th 11.00-11.30 Exposition and Confessions  
St Fabian Pope M, St Sebastian M

**Saturday 20th 6.00pm. Vigil Mass 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 21st 9.30am. Sunday Mass**

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

## 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/>

## Synod Prayer

"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".

## What is the vision of the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Pendle?

We can be sure that the Holy Spirit is speaking to us!

It is within the body of the Baptised Faithful that the guidance of the Holy Spirit lives and moves. It is the function of the Pope and Bishops to hear the voice of God in the Sacred Scriptures, especially the Word of God - Jesus Christ - speaking through the Gospels, but it is also absolutely essential that they also listen to the Wisdom which the Holy Spirit cultivates in the prayerful reflections of the Faithful members of the Church. History shows us that there are times when the leadership of the hierarchy has been questionable. We all know the horror stories of bad popes and horrendous leadership by bishops in the Middle Ages etc. It is the **Faith of the People of God** which has sustained the Church and ensured that "the gates of Hell will never prevail against it." Mt 16:18 Pope Francis has invited us all to listen to each other in a prayerful and charitable atmosphere and to discover if there is a voice of the Holy Spirit emerging which we have not been attentive to. This process is extended to every parish and group of the Faithful.

### How can we participate in this process in this parish?

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 - **Wednesday 17th** after morning Mass, **Thursday 18th** after the 6.30pm evening Mass and after the **Sunday Mass on 21st January**. The meetings will be in the Sts Peter and Paul meeting room in the presbytery (through the sacristy and down the stairs).

These will NOT be discussion sessions, but opportunities for each person to have their voice heard and their thoughts recorded - if they wish - and submitted to the diocese. It will then be the job of the collators in the diocese to see if there are any common themes emerging. We will then have to reflect, prayerfully, to discover what the Holy Spirit is saying to us and what to do about it.

## Special collections in January

In January we will be having two collections in church:-

**SPUC** this weekend, 13th and 14th of January

**Caritas** on the 27th and 28th of January

There will be buckets at the back of church labelled for these appeals.

## SVP Christmas Appeal

Thank you all for your unbelievable response to our Christmas toy appeal for needy children. You donated **over 400 presents** which we distributed via the schools who know the children best and who know the families most in need. We were also able to take gifts for the children and the mothers in the Women's Refuge as well as helping many of the Food Bank families. We would also like to thank you for your generous donations to the food bank both in terms of food items and financial contributions. Your kindness and generosity put 'Happy' into Christmas for many families in the local area.

On behalf of everyone you have helped - **a heartfelt THANK YOU.**

You really made a difference.