

THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
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Saturday 23rd	6.00pm. Vigil Mass Solemnity of Christ the King
Sunday 24th	9.30am. Sunday Mass
	4.00pm. Sung Vespers and Benediction
Tuesday 26th	10.00am Mass
Wednesday 27th	10.00am Mass
	7.00pm Registration Meeting for parents of children on Sacramental Programme
Thursday 28th	Exposition and Benediction 5.45pm - 6.25pm Mass 6.30pm.
Friday 29th	Mass 10.00am.
Saturday 30th	11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition St Andrew Apostle
Saturday 30th	6.00pm. Vigil Mass First Sunday of Advent
Sunday 1st	9.30am. Sunday Mass (see below)

Sacramental programme

The new Sacramental programme starts this **Wednesday, 27th November at 7.00pm**. This meeting is **NOT for children**, only the adults.

Parents or carers of children for the programme must attend the meeting in church to receive information about the programme and what is required and to register their child. Regular attendance at Sunday Mass is the most important part of the preparation. Only if the child is familiar with the Mass will they begin to understand the importance of Holy Communion. You will need information about your child's Baptism. Children who are to be **Enrolled** will be enrolled at the **Mass on Sunday 1st December** where they will be reminded of their Baptism and accept for themselves the commitment made by their parents and God-parents at their Baptism as they take their Baptism Promises for themselves.

Parliamentary debate on assisted suicide happening now!

The pro-assisted suicide lobby is building its case and support. Please voice your opposition to this Bill.

Read Cardinal Nichols' Pastoral Letter. **Write:** to your MP. jonathan.hinder.mp@parliament.uk

London letter address: House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Phone: your MP. Colne office: 01282 503316.

This Sunday. Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning

24th November

The usual Coffee morning refreshments will be available as well as Irish Coffee, **both of these for a donation.**

Stalls will include Tombolas, a Cake Stall, Crafts and a Raffle.

There will also be a stall selling handmade wreaths **raising money for the Food Bank.**

All other monies raised will go towards heating and running costs of the Church.



Parish Support Group. (1) Christmas Draw

The Parish Support Group is selling Raffle Tickets at the back of church after Mass to raise money to support its work in the Parish. Prizes include Christmas Hamper, and vouchers for meat, meals and manicure. Full list at the back of Church.

Parish Support Group (2) New Toys for Christmas collection.

We are now collecting new toys for needy children for Christmas.. The collection will close on Sunday 8th December. Last year your generosity brought 500 gifts to 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.

The Parish Support Group is raising funds to support its work in the Parish. Is there anyone in the parish with book-keeping experience who could advise us on financial record keeping and who could perhaps audit our finances every year? If you can help please contact 01282 -854437.

Update on the Parish Synod meetings

Please note there is a change to the meeting schedule. The meetings to reflect on topic 3 (Enabling access) and topic 4 (Fostering Christ-like care), previously arranged for November 17th and December 15th, **will no longer take place.** Instead, there will be one meeting on **Sunday December 1st** (after 9.30am mass, in Ss Peter and Paul meeting room in the Presbytery) to reflect on both topics.

Carol Services

The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its Salford Diocesan Schools Singing Programme (SSP) Carol Services, which will take place in churches across the diocese this December. For a full list of dates and locations for our services, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ssp-carol-services-24/>

The nearest ones to here are Thursday 12 December 6.30pm St. Mary's Burnley, Friday 13 December 6.30pm St. Alban's Blackburn and Monday 16 December 6.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Colne, in which our primary and secondary schools will be taking part.

In addition, there will also be the **Pendle and District Scout Association Carol Service** here at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 4th December at 6.00pm. All are welcome to all of these events.

The Live-Streaming is now back up and running from the Church WebCam which is accessible from the parish website. We have missed this facility for five weeks now while we have been without internet and a phone line. Mass on line is so important for people who are unable to physically get to church and to Mass, because even though they still miss out on the importance of being in the company of the worshipping community in church, and are not able to receive the Sacred Body of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, they are at least showing God their desire to be associated with the worshipping community and are joining them in prayer to the extent that they are able. We welcome these prayer-partners back with us.

It has come at a cost, and the cost is that we have had to change internet supplier and have also lost our landline phone number. We now have a new phone number which is a digital internet phone number. **The new number for the parish office is 01282 942308.**