

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
WORSHIPPING AT
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**Saturday 7th
Sunday 8th**

**6.00pm. Vigil Mass Second Sunday of Advent
9.30am. Sunday Mass**

Tuesday 10th

10.00am Mass

Wednesday 11th

10.00am Mass St Damasus I pope

Thursday 12th

Exposition and Benediction 5.45pm - 6.25pm
 Mass 6.30pm. Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday 13th

Mass 10.00am. St Lucy V M

Saturday 14th

11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition
 St John of the Cross P D

**Saturday 14th
Sunday 15th**

**6.00pm. Vigil Mass Third Sunday of Advent
9.30am. Sunday Mass**

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

New Sunday Missals are available.

The ones with Hodder and Stoughton on the spine are £15.45. The others CTS and RP are each £19.95. Payment can be made on the **card machine** which now accepts money for

1. collection money and donations,
2. piety stall (for the new missals or any objects or cards on sale) and
3. the foodbank.

Church Christmas Decorations

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday 23rd of December. The church will be open from 9.30 am to 12 noon so that you can come along and help to put up the Christmas trees and decorate other parts of the church.

If you are able to put together and install a display on one or more window bottoms, please let me know (just to give us an idea of numbers). If you would like to dress a window, but are unable to come along on Monday, there will be an opportunity on Tuesday morning (Christmas Eve). Margaret Ward on 862798.

Please note that the parish office now has a new phone number 01282 942308.

Parish Support Group.

New Toys for Christmas collection.

Thank you once again for your generosity in sharing your Christmas with needy children. The toys you have donated are amazing. Just a reminder we are closing the collection for toys on 8th December. We will then distribute them to the children via the schools. If you know of any families that are struggling and would like some help, please ask them to contact us or phone 01282 854437. We promise discrete support.

Christmas Wreaths

Order or buy your Christmas Wreath and table decorations in the Church porch after Mass. Proceeds to the Parish Support Group.

Carol Services

The Pendle and District Scout Association Carol Service was held here last Wednesday evening. It was terrific to see the church absolutely full of very happy and enthusiastic young people and their families entering into the spirit of Christmas and giving full voice to Christmas songs and carols. The spontaneous applause when they concluded by singing We Wish You A Merry Christmas said it all. We are grateful to the local district Scout association for choosing to come to Sacred Heart Church for the third year running and for making our Food Bank the focus of its Christmas Giving.

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.

We can still defeat assisted suicide!

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.

Christmas Masses at Sacred Heart Church.

We will repeat the pattern of previous years which seems to have worked out okay. There will be a Family Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm and Mass on Christmas Day will be at 10.00am. Mass on New Year's Day, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, will be at noon.

ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

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