

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
WORSHIPPING AT
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Saturday 25th 6.00pm Vigil Mass 4th Sunday of Easter
Sunday 26th 9.30am Mass

Monday 27th 10.00am Mass

Tuesday 28th 10.00am Mass St Peter Chanel P M
 St Louis de Montfort P

Thursday 30th 5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 6.15pm Benediction.
 6.30pm Mass St Pius V Pope

Friday 1st April 10.00am Mass St Joseph the Worker

Saturday 2nd 11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition
 St Athanasius Bp D

Saturday 2nd April 6.00pm Vigil Mass 5th Sunday of Easter
Sunday 3rd 9.30am Mass

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

The MISSION POSSIBLE team are with us again this weekend.

Mission Possible supports the work of the Salesian Sisters in Dagoretti, Nairobi. Mission Possible originated as a small group of teachers from local Catholic schools who decided to make charity real and active. Each year they collect money and useful items which they take with them in their holidays to Nairobi to assist in schools there. They target the poorest, slum areas and assist children and particularly mothers who are at risk or in particular need. In addition to the money and items, the local teachers really appreciate having teachers from England sharing with them new teaching techniques and practices which really really make a difference to the pupils and supports the teachers in giving them effective and efficient teaching methods. This is life changing for the children.

Once again they have with them novelty items made by the 'mamas' to sell so that the 'mamas' can feel that they are contributing to their own support. Please chat with them about what they do and support them in their efforts.

Church Roof Fund

We are very grateful for the incredible generosity you are showing to raising money for the roof. The initial cost to make safe slates and coping stones and to replace troughing with larger stronger troughing which will be able to catch sliding slates and hopefully prevent serious accidents or damage to people or cars below, plus the scaffolding necessary, will be in the region of £20,000. The good news is that we are well on the way to raising this. The two perspex collection boxes have brought in an amazing £912.64 so far. We have also had four very generous donations which will total £11,500 once the Gift Aid is received. Very sincere thanks!

Of course, since all the roof has been deteriorating slowly for 130 years, the current state indicates that major work will be needed before long and we need to be raising money for that now. Perhaps £2,000+ would be a realistic target to work towards.

Mission Boxes - Red Boxes

collecting for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith – the APF

The parish contributions for last year, including direct donations, were **£2009.77**. This is a tremendous support from you all to help the mission keep going.

Jummy and Pius thank all red box volunteers and supporters sincerely for their generosity. We would like to remind anyone with an unopened box to please bring it to church as soon as possible and hand it to us. If anyone would like a box, please let us know. We have plenty to share. Thank you.

Fundraising for the church roof

The committee discussed several issues that could take place later this year including various social events, for example, a parish day, flower festival, art exhibition, an online magazine, etc, enlisting the help of our MP and various funds that might be available. Ellen (Wilson) will be doing a sponsored walk soon from Colne to Burnley. Please sponsor her, no matter the amount, it will all help.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please feel free to share them.

Sponsored Walk for the Roof Fund.

Ellen Wilson is raising money to help pay for repairs to the church roof, and hopes that you will sponsor her. The church is over a hundred years old, the roof is very high and the work will be very expensive.

Ellen is going to walk 15 miles, from Colne Bus Station to Burnley Bus Station and back again.

Please be generous. Thank you

Donations to the Church

There are a variety of ways that you can give to the church.

Please note that if you are giving specifically for the appeal for repairs to the church roof, please make it clear to us that that is what you are giving the donation for.

General donations to 'the church' do not stay in full with the parish. General donations, unless otherwise specified, are also used for diocesan expenses such as sick and retired clergy (and there are more retired priests than priests in parishes at the moment), training of students for the priesthood and diaconate, schools, diocesan services, priest who are doing jobs which are not parished based etc.

If you want your donation to be ring-fenced for our building repairs, please make it clear on your donation.

We are thankful for all donations and remind you of the ways that you can contribute:

Cash - baskets at weekend masses.

Cash for the Roof Fund - the two perspex collection boxes.

One off donations for the Roof Fund which can be Gift Aided - please use the envelopes next to the perspex collection boxes.

Card - using the machine at the back of church. Please select parish (which will support the roof fund), the Parish Community Service group (food bank, for short, but they do a lot more), and Piety stall for religious items.

Standing Order - this is the most convenient way to give perhaps for yourselves, but certainly for us. It reduces the work for the counters and reduces the cash to be taken to the bank. There are Standing Order forms at the back of church, or just ask a 'welcomer' or someone in the sacristy.

Bank Transfer - you can pay directly into the parish bank account. The details are as follows: Sort Code 205534 Account number 50869627. Account Name SRCDTR The Good Shepherd Colne Registered Charity.

Again, if you make a gift and you want the whole amount to be for the roof repairs, please ensure that you tell Fr. Peter who can give it the appropriate category code on the parish accounts.

Volunteering opportunity in church

Do you come to church on Saturday evening? Why not come a little earlier and stay a little longer and join our Saturday evening welcomers team? You could do it with a friend. Please contact David on 07565 219235 or email david.burridge088@gmail.com for more details.