



THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH WORSHIPPING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH.

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Saturday 3rd Oct 6.00pm Vigil Mass 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 4th 9.30am Mass

Monday 5th 10.00am Mass St Faustina R
Tuesday 6th 10.00am Mass Saint Bruno P

Thursday 8th 5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.15pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm Mass

Friday 9th 10.00am Eucharistic Service
St John Henry Cardinal Newman P D

Saturday 10th 11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition
St Denis B and companions.

Saturday 10th 6.00pm Vigil Mass 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 11th 9.30am Mass

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	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

The Annual Cemetery Mass for All Souls Cemetery will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Colne, on Saturday 31st October at 11.00am. The blessing of graves in the cemetery will follow shortly afterwards.

Volunteer opportunities in our parish - we have three:-

1) We need a 'Registered Person' to register marriages in Sacred Heart on behalf of the Register Office. The job is infrequent since we have very few weddings and since it is a Register Office Post it attracts the statutory fee which was £90. I suspect it is now more. It requires checking and signing the 'Marriage Schedule' which the Register Office provides and returning the Schedule to the Register Office once the marriage has taken place. Support is available on line and from the Superintendent Registrar.. If you are interested, please see Father Peter after Mass.

2) Parish Community Support Group- two more volunteers needed for a Wednesday morning for about an hour

We are rightly very proud of all that is done in our local community to alleviate poverty and suffering in so many ways. However, the number of people who are doing this great work

on our behalf has reduced for several reasons over the months and if someone is sick or unavailable it makes a big difference to the Parish Community Support Group's ability to achieve its aims. Have you got an hour or so to spare on a Wednesday morning? We have had two volunteers, could we have two more volunteers to help with the food bank. For more information, please ring Ann Marie Broughton on 07498 288380.

3) Church cleaning

The more volunteers there are, the less time it takes. About an hour once per month on the first Tuesday morning. There will be church cleaning on **Tuesday 6th of October** after Mass (approximately 10.30). Please come along and help if you can.



Parish Community Support Group

We have a family of refugees. They have seven children including a baby. We have helped by providing food and some furniture. The children are sharing beds. We still need a couple of single beds and a pram for the baby. Can anybody help?

If you have a single bed, a chest of drawers or a pram which you no longer need, please let us know and **phone 01282 834437** we will collect.

Thank you

Fundraising for the church roof -

Christmas lunch at Colne Golf Club - Saturday 5th of December 2026 - The Roof Fundraising committee has organised a Christmas lunch to celebrate the birth of Christ and raise money for our roof project. The lunch will be held at Colne Golf Club on **Saturday 5th December** starting at 12:30 pm. There will be a substantial raffle and **donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.** You will be able to buy your ticket and choose your meal after the weekend masses this weekend. **Please note cash only. £20 for 2 courses, £25 for three courses.**

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 2nd of October

Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to safe water and grow food in school gardens. Envelopes are available to donate via the bucket at the back of church or you can donate online at cafod.or.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**. The collection will stay open until after Mass on Sunday 11th of October.

Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

Three very different opportunities for people to step away from the noise, deepen their faith and prepare for an important new chapter in life.

RETREAT: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

20th–23rd November 2026

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God.

Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. The weekend includes talks, contemplative prayer, Mass, Adoration and time to walk, rest and reflect in the peaceful surroundings of the Stonyhurst estate.

Find out more and book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND

8th–10th January 2027

Our residential Marriage Preparation Weekend offers engaged couples time and space to explore the beauty of the Church's teaching of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Led by Stefan and Eleonora Kaminski, it combines a Scripture-based theological reflection with prayer, thoughtful conversation and practical exercises for couples.

Please share this opportunity with engaged couples, clergy and marriage-preparation teams in your community.

Find out more and book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/>

MEN'S RETREAT: SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS

26th February - 3rd March 2027 OR 5th - 10th March 2027

A five-day silent retreat for men (laity and clergy), led by Benedictine monks from St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny. Through guided meditations, prayer, daily Mass and individual spiritual direction, the retreat offers participants an opportunity to step away from everyday distractions, deepen their relationship with God and discern His will more clearly.

Find out more and book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius/>

Big Sleep Out Saturday 10th October 7pm to Sunday 11th October 6am

Caritas Salford invites you to join people from across the diocese in "The Big Sleep Out" to raise funds for hundreds of people in our area currently experiencing homelessness. So dust off your sleeping bag and get ready to wrap up warm whilst we spend the night in the great outdoors for a great cause. For more information and to register please click the following link www.caritassalford.org.uk/BSO

Upcoming collections at the weekend Masses this month

Please note that there seem to be several collections this month which we have little control over. Please support as much as you can. We do understand that you may not be able to support everything.

Prisoners' Sunday - 10th and 11th October

Missio - 17th and 18th of October

During August and September, **Castlerigg Manor** in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or

contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Event at Stonyhurst

Learn The Sacred Art of Icon Writing

Our Byzantine Iconography course returns this October for experienced students, whilst beginners can register their interest for next year's highly sought-after novice course. A residential course offering step-by-step tutoring, framed by theological input and prayer.

Link: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/ancient-byzantine-iconography-course/>

Flyer: [Download the JPG flier here](#)

Quiz night at the Hippodrome - Friday 30th of October 2026 - save the date support the church roof.

Just room for a couple more teams. Quiz, bingo, bar, prizes - all in a good cause in Colne on a Friday night!! Gather your team, book a ticket and save your cash to take with you to play bingo. Check the digital display for more details and how to book. If you need any help with entering your team please see Emily or David at Mass at the weekend. May the best team win.