

# The Good Shepherd Parish worshipping at Sacred Heart Church.

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| **Saturday 7th** | **6.00pm. Vigil Mass 32nd Week in Ordinary Time** |
| **Sunday 8th** | **Remembrance Sunday 9.30am. Sunday Mass** |
| Monday 9th | 10.00am Mass Dedication of the Lateran |
| Tuesday 10th | 10.00am Mass. St. Leo the Great Pope D |
| Thursday 12th | Exposition and Benediction 5.45pm - 6.25pm<br>Mass 6.30pm. |
| Friday 13th | Mass 10.00am. St Josaphat Bp M |
| Saturday 14th | 11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition<br>St Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude V |
| **Saturday 14th** | **6.00pm. Vigil Mass 33rd Week in Ordinary Time** |
| **Sunday 15th** | **9.30am. Sunday Mass** |

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

## Sacramental Programme 2027

The only appropriate and adequate preparation for the reception of Holy Communion is familiarity with the Holy Mass. It is therefore not appropriate to invite children onto the preparation programme unless they are familiar with what Mass is. In order to be familiar with the Holy Mass, they need to be coming to Mass regularly on Sunday or Saturday evening as the Church requires.

The Sacramental Programme in the Good Shepherd Parish will begin in mid January and will lead up to the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in early February.

Preparation for the reception of Holy Communion will be available from mid April for those who have made their First Reconciliation (Confession) and who are coming to Mass regularly. If they complete the full preparation course they will be invited to receive Holy Communion for the first time from the end of May into June.

Full dates are available on the parish website and on information sheets available from the Sacristy after Mass.

## November lists of the dead

There is a box for names of those who have died whom you wish to be included in our Masses during November. This box will be on the table outside the Ss Peter and Paul temporary chapel in the presbytery during the week and at the back of church at the weekend. All Masses celebrated here will include these intentions.

## Quiz Night Fundraising for the church roof -

Thank you to all those who took part in the quiz on the night and anyone who contributed to the raffle prizes. A total amount of £1,817.12 was raised which is incredible. Plans are for another one in a few months time. A special thank you to Emily and David for all their hard work on this to make it such a success.

## Christmas lunch at Colne Golf Club -

Saturday 5th of December 2026 -
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 appreciated. Please note cash only. £20 for 2 courses, £25 for three courses.
Only a few tickets left now. If you still need to pay for your ticket(s), please do so as soon as you can at the weekend Masses and give to the person at the back of the church.

## Christmas Fair, raising funds towards our roof repairs, will be held after 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 29th November. We are now collecting donations throughout November. We would be grateful for raffle prizes, items for the Gift stall, Tombola and Bottle Tombola. We will also be having a Cake stall. There is a box at the back of church for any donations.

## Collecting toys

We are collecting toys again this year for needy families during November. Please be generous and help local deprived children to have a Happy Christmas. It may help you to know that Sainsbury's usually offer half price toys at about this time. Tk Maxx in Colne currently has a toys clearance sale

There is a tree at the back of the church with labels which include a child's gender and age. Please take one and buy a toy which is appropriate and then put it in the marked box at the back of church. No need to wrap.

## Online session on Catholic Social Teaching - Wednesday 11th November 2026 6PM to 7.15PM

Catholic Social Teaching has been referred to as 'the Catholic Church's best kept secret.' Many people are unaware of the depth of the Church's teaching on social justice, which applies the Gospel to current social issues impacting our communities. Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, would like to invite you to a free online session on Catholic Social Teaching, in advance of World Day of the Poor.
To register to join the free webinar please visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/CSTWebinarNov26

## Salford Diocese Tour of the relics of St Gerard Majella in November

Monday 23rd - Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich, Mass 6.30pm
Tuesday 24th - The Hidden Gem Manchester, Relics available for prayer from 1pm, Mass 6pm
Thursday 26th - St Brendan's Bolton, Mass 6.30pm
Friday 27th, Our Lady of Lourdes, & St Gerard, Lostock Hall, Mass 6.30pm

## 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.
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## Foundation Governor vacancy at Sacred Heart Primary School.

There is a vacancy for a Foundation Governor at our parish school. Foundation Governors represent the Diocese and the Bishop. It is one of the Catholic School posts which requires a 'Faith Reference'. Any post in our schools which requires a Faith Reference does so because the post constitutes a 'Ministry' within the Church unlike other posts in the school. As such, the Faith Reference requires and confirms that the applicant is a 'Practicing Catholic' according to the definition in the Catechism of the Catholic Faith, ie. the person participates in the Mass on each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation unless there is grave reason. It also requires that they live the Sacramental Life of a Catholic. This is about life style. In particular, if they are living in a relationship, they must be married and the marriage must be recognised by the Church ie. The marriage must have been in a Catholic Church (unless there was a prior dispensation or a subsequent convalidation).
For more information please contact the school and request an application form.