



CHRISTMAS

As a founding member of the Advent Preservation Society I don't like to talk about Christmas until we are actu-

ally there but I think this year we will have to make an exception so that we can plan how we might as a parish will celebrate that great Feast.

Given the restrictions on the number of people that can be present in church to allow for social distancing we will need to have some form of ticket system. An individual tick will admit one person and a family ticket will admit up to four people. If there are more than four in your family then you will need two tickets.

Tickets will be available to the regular Mass congregation and after that notification will be made via the Facebook page and website to give others a chance of obtaining a ticket. I am proposing that Masses will be offered as follows:

Christmas Eve

6:00pm at Holy Family

8:00pm and Midnight at Sacred Heart

Christmas Day

10:00am at Holy Family

11:30am at Sacred Heart

That's five Masses in total so there should be something for everyone. And remember you only have to go to one of them, I have to go to them all!!!

THE UNIVERSE NEWSPAPER

is available at the back of Sacred Heart church priced £1.90. We only have 5 copies so it is a first come first served basis.

MANY THANKS

to all who have donated clothes and toys to the SVP for distribution among those in need.

Your generous is wonderful to see, We could really do with some donations of children's wellies. Many thanks.



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15th November 2020

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Masses & Services

**All Masses and Services are on
line at the following times**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00am Holy Mass

Monday 16th November

9.30am Holy Mass (SH)

St Edmund of Abingdon

Tuesday 17th November

7:00pm Mass

St Hugh of Lincoln

Wednesday 18th November

9.30am Holy Mass

Dedication of Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul

Thursday 19th November

NO MASS

Friday 20th November

9.30am Holy Mass

Weekday

Saturday 21st November

12:00 Noon Holy Mass

Presentation of the BVM

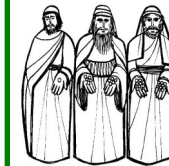
Sunday 22nd November

Our Lord Jesus Christ

King of the Universe

11.00 am Holy Mass

Confessions available by appointment



We must be very careful that the real point of the first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of spouses. This is not, in fact, a recipe for the perfect wife, but an illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the Masters return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

SVP FOOD COLLECTION

will take place on **Sunday afternoons** in the car park at Sacred Heart from 2pm till 4pm. The church will be open for private prayer at this time too. If you would like to donate any items of non perishable food then please bring them along to help those from our parish who are struggling a little. Many thanks.

Please Pray For the Following

Sick: Louise Sherrington, Ken Hargreaves, Frank Mullarkey, Philomena Hill, Kathleen Payne, Doreen Boardman, Cindy Nuttall, Gemma Beeny, Lindsay Hillen, Jim & Helen Hyndman, Andrew Swaby, Marjorie Molloy.

Lately Dead: Brenda Thomas, Winifred Lynch, Marisa Dale, Patsy Boyle, Eleanor Melling, Gordon English, Pat Nyland.

Anniversaries & B'days: Eileen Breen, Annie Taylor, Rita Swindells, Betsy Leach, Anne Mawdsley, Geoff Bentley, Mary Reid, Kevin Boardman, Annie Taylor, James Wadsworth, Doris & Harry O'Neill, Gerard Padgett.

Prayer for the Sick & Housebound

Father we thank you for the gift of your Son in this Eucharist.

We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish

As they share in his Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and the joy, peace and healing of your presence, through Christ your Son, Our Lord.

Hospital Chaplains

Springhill Hospice: 649230

Royal Oldham : 0161 627 8796

Fairfield Fr. Starkie 07979351744

North M/c Hospital 0161 720 2293

The Christie 0161 446 3097

Newsletter by Email

To receive the newsletter by email please drop a note to the parish email: parish@sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk

Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever."

Blessed Carlo Acutis

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

can be emailed to the parish office (parish@sacredheartrochdale.org.uk) or dropped through the door at Sacred Heart. Please make sure that they arrive no later than 12:00noon on Fridays. Many thanks

NEW WEBCAM

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this project **We have currently raised a wonderful £1,658 towards the total cost of £3,500.** If you would still like to make a donation drop your donation into the collection at Mass—marking your envelope 'Webcam' Many thanks.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Due to the current second lockdown our meetings have been put on hold until further notice.

MEMORIAL SERVICE



Sunday 29th November I will preside at a Memorial Service at Sacred Heart. I will read out the names of all those I have conducted funerals for since last November and candles will be lit for them. **If you would like**

the names of your loved ones included in this service then please email them to me at: parish@sacredheartrochdale.org.uk. Given the numbers of people who may wish to attend this service will be **live-streamed only** via the parish webcam.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

during the time of no public Mass your collection can be dropped through the door of the presbytery. Many thanks for your continued financial support of the parish.

CHURCH ON LINE AGAIN

with the decision of Her Majesty's Government to prohibit the gathering in our places of worship for church services we return to live streaming all our Masses and liturgies. The only exception to this are Funeral Masses and Services but even with these there is a maximum number of 30 people that may attend.

PLEASE NOTE DURING THE TIME OF CHURCH CLOSURE THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00am

The church is allowed to be open for private, individual prayer as we did in the first lockdown. Beginning on Sunday the Sacred Heart Church will be open at the following times:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

10:30am—12:30pm

Saturday and Sunday

2:00pm to 4:00pm

HOLY SOULS LISTS

can be dropped off through the door of the presbytery or handed in when you come for private prayer and I will place them at the Holy Souls Shrine in front of the altar.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE

for the late Brenda Thomas will take place at Rochdale Crematorium on Friday 20th November at 11:50am. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and all who mourn her passing.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

We pray for the parish of Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal, for Fr. Vincent Coyne, their PP, and the Servite Friars. We pray for their parish primary school and for the residents of Nazareth House, together with the Sisters of Nazareth and the Faithful Companions of Jesus.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

We now have three lamps in the sanctuary at Sacred Heart. One burns by Our Lady, another by the Sacred Heart and one by the Tabernacle. These lamps can be purchased to burn for your intentions. If you would like to purchase a lamp (donation £5) then have a word with Fr Francis or alternatively place your offering in an envelope marking it 'Sanctuary Lamp' and where you would like the lamp to burn and for what Intention.

The lamps this week burn as follows:

Sacred Heart

Ann Griffin - Birthday

Our Lady

Geoff Bentley - Anniversary

Tabernacle

Agnes Clarke - Anniversary

Please note that the lamps are burnt in the order that they are received. The names will appear in the newsletter when they are being burnt. It may mean you have to wait a little while before your lamp is burnt.

GIFT AID

Many thanks to all who support the parish financially and especially those who have contributed during these difficult times for us. I am very grateful for all that you contribute financially and in other ways. Those who support us via the Gift Aid Scheme will be interested to know that we received our claim the other week from the HMRC. We have been able to reclaim **£11,381.87** in tax from your contributions and it didn't cost you a penny more!! Many thanks for your continued support. If you are a tax payer and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme then please have a word with Fr Francis.