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29th November 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Masses & Services

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

First Sunday of Advent

11.00am Holy Mass (SH)

Monday 30th November

9.30am Holy Mass (SH)

St Andrew

Tuesday 1st December

7:00pm Mass (SH)

Advent Weekday

Wednesday 2nd December

9.30am Holy Mass (SH)

Advent Weekday

Thursday 3rd December

NO MASS

Friday 4th December

9.30am Holy Mass (SH)

St John Damascene

Saturday 5th December

12:00 Noon Holy Mass (SH)

Advent Weekday

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 6th December

Advent 2

10:00am Holy Mass (HF)

11.30 am Holy Mass (SH)



Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down! is the cry, of a people who need God. ...The master is coming is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

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: Denise Hall, Kathleen Anderson, Brenda Thomas, Winifred Lynch, Eleanor Melling, Jessie Jenkins, Tony Boyd, Bernard Winterbottom

Anniversaries & B'days: Ernest Gough Janusz Stanisław Sobków, Fr Lionel Murray

Prayer for the Sick & Housebound

Father we thank you for the gift of your Son in the 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



"I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church."

Blessed Carlo Acutis

RETURN OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

As we have heard from the Prime Minister public worship will be allowed again **from 2nd December**. This means that our first Mass with a congregation will be on **Friday 4th December at 9:30am**. I look forward to celebrating Mass with you in person again on that day. Thereafter we will have the usual Masses.

PLEASE NOTE this means that the 11:00am Mass will go back to 11:30am to allow me to celebrate Mass at Holy Family at 10:00am. There will also be the Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6:00pm.



Holy Family RC Primary School & Nursery

*'Through Work,
Through Worship,
Through Witness*

We are now accepting applications for our Nursery class for **September 2021**.

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they will be able to start Nursery.

Please contact the school office for more information about our happy and successful school.

Email: office@holyfamilyrc.rochdale.sch.uk
Telephone: 01706 640480

SVP FOOD COLLECTION

Many, many thanks to all who have donated to the SVP appeal for children's clothes, shoes and toys. We now have enough clothes to help those who need them. This appeal is now closed. Many thanks once gain. The **FOOD COLLECTIONS** continue on **Sunday afternoons** in the car park at Sacred Heart from 2pm till 4pm. 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.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



On Sunday, 13th December, I invite you to bring the image of the Infant Jesus from your Crib at home with you to church. I will then bless the images asking that all the blessings that

the Christ Child came to give us will be with you and your families at Christmas and into the New Year.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

(to be prayed on ordinary rosary beads)

Sign of the Cross

Our Father

Hail Mary

Apostles Creed

On the Our Father bead say:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary beads say:

For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluded with:



Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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It has been suggested that we pray this Chaplet for all those who are dying with Covid 19 in this country and around the world.

National Grief Awareness Week

2nd to 8th December 2020

The aim of the week is to: Raise awareness of the impact of grief Make people aware of the breadth of support available.

Create a unified voice and national platform for all bereavement services

The 2 key messages for the week are:

- 1. Distance should not mean we cannot share our grief.**
- 2. Your story could become someone's hope.**

Further information can be found at: <https://www.thegoodgrieftrust.org>

On **Tuesday 8th December 2020**, at 5pm, we will mark a moments silence for those who have died and the bereaved.

At 6pm, key buildings across the UK and Greater Manchester will be lit up in yellow as a symbol of hope.

Bishop John has kindly recorded a message which will be aired during the week We are hoping to hold a **virtual Inter-faith Service**, on 8th December, to coincide with Evensong at St Pauls Cathedral, the details of this are currently being finalised.



'Holiness is not for wimps and the cross is not negotiable, sweetheart, it's a requirement'.
Mother Angelica—founder of the EWTN Network

THE DIOCESAN ALMANAC

giving details of all the parishes, priests, schools of the diocese. is available when you come to Mass or Private prayer. Priced just £3.50



CHRISTMAS

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



Sacred Heart Nursery 2021
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Full and Part Time Sessions available
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SCHOOL MASSES (SH)

Due to current restrictions on my visiting our primary schools we have decided to livestream the Friday Morning Mass each week for different Year Groups at Sacred Heart School as follows:

4th December with Year 4
11th December with Year 3
18th December with the whole school

SCHOOL MASSES AT HOLY FAMILY

I will be celebrating Mass in Holy Family Church with various year bubbles from school. All Masses are at 11:00am.

4th December with Year 6
8th December with Year 5
11th December with Year 4

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CANDLES



To help us decorate the church for Christmas you may wish to purchase a memorial candle that will burn from Midnight

Mass for one week. The names of your loved ones will be placed on the candle and they will be remembered at Masses during the Christmas Octave.

The suggested donation for each candle is £5:00. Place your offering in an envelope and mark it clearly **CHRISTMAS CANDLE together with the name you wish to be added to the candle.**

The last day for handing in candle requests will be Sunday 20th December.

(Picture taken in my last parish)

MEMORIAL SERVICE



takes place **THIS SUNDAY EVENING AT 7:00pm** online via the webcam. 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 there are any more names to be added please email to me by 12:00 noon on Sunday so they can be added to the list.

AN IDEA FOR ADVENT

The Gospel of St Luke has 24 chapters. If you start on 1st December and read one chapter a day by the time you get to Christmas you will understand what we celebrate and why. Happy reading.

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 £1,718 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.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

We pray for the parish of Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich, for Mgr John Allen, their PP, and Fr. Tony Dearman. We pray for their parish primary school and St. Monica's High School, for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion and for the patients, staff and chaplaincy at Prestwich Hospital.

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

Terry Freeman

Our Lady

For the Hospitality Industry

Tabernacle

Pat McCrory

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.

RED MISSION BOXES AT HOLY FAMILY



I would like to thank Doreen Boardman who has done a sterling job looking after the Red Mission Boxes at Holy Family for a good number of years. She has now decided to have a little rest from her labours so we are looking for someone who would be able to take on that responsibility for us. Do we have a volunteer or volunteers who would be able to take this on? (Don't all rush at once!) If you feel you could do this then please make contact with Fr Francis and we can have a chat about it. Many thanks.