



SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

Westhoughton

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Mass times are as published below:

Mon | Tues | Thurs | Fri: 10am

Wed: No Mass

Sat 6:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sun: 10:00am

Holy Days: 6:00pm (Vigil) | 10:00am

Confessions: Sat (before Vigil Mass)

Chapel of Adoration: 10:30am-5:00pm, daily,
excluding Wednesday & Sunday.

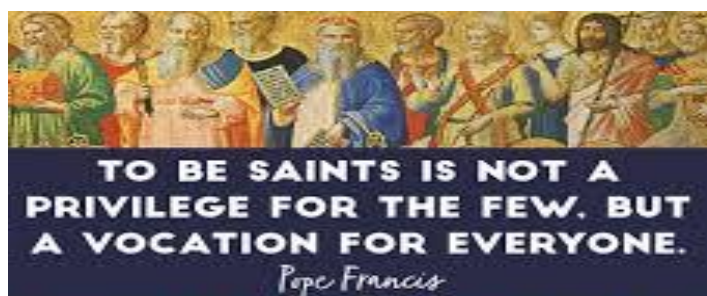
*Note that weekday Mass times are subject to change as
announced at Mass. For any change, please see revised times
posted in the Narthex window.*

Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are sick.

*Heal Thy Servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their
trust in Thee. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from Thy
holy place.*

Please remember and keep in your prayers all those
who have died recently and all those whose
anniversaries occur around about this time.

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



Holy Souls: During the month of November, it is our
custom and privilege to remember in prayer the Holy
Souls. You will find a box has been placed at the foot
of the altar in which to place the names of all those you
wish to be remembered during this special month.
Please do not place money in this box: it is NOT for
actual Mass intentions. The names placed in the box
will be remembered generically during all Masses
celebrated during this month of November and up to
the First Sunday of Advent.

Collection & Standing Orders: Thank you to all who
support our parish via the collection plate. It is also
possible to set up a standing order using the [form](https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/sacred-heart-of-jesus-parish/)
available on our website: <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/sacred-heart-of-jesus-parish/>
Anyone wishing to sign up for gift aid, or wanting an
envelope, please see Father Barry.

Safeguarding reminder: Please remember that any
children needing to visit the toilets in our churches
MUST be accompanied and supervised by an adult at
all times.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/safeguarding/>

Christmas Fair: The joint parish/school Christmas
Fair will be held on Friday 9th December, 3:35pm.
Please help us by donating items such as toiletries,
fancy goods and home bake. **A planning meeting for
the fair will be held next Thursday, 10th November
at 3pm** – in person at the school, or by Zoom if you
let us know you want a link. We need the help and
support of our parishioners, parents, members of the
community and local businesses to help make this
event the great success it was prior to the Covid-19
pandemic. All are welcome to the fair! Posters
advertising the fair will be made available in the
Narthex – please display one if you are able.

CHRISTMAS FAIR:
SACRED HEART SCHOOL HALL
CENTRAL DRIVE | WESTHOUGHTON
FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER
3:35 PM
STALLS | FATHER CHRISTMAS | REFRESHMENTS

<https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/sacred-heart-of-jesus-parish/>

Mobile phones: Please do remember to switch your mobile phone off when you enter church.

Live-streaming: For those who are housebound or unable to be here in person due to illness or self-isolation, Mass is streamed live via Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/westhoughton>

Sad but true: Over the years I have noticed that all too often the funeral arrangements of some good and faithful Roman Catholics who, possibly widows or widowers, are made without much reference to the Faith THEY have witnessed throughout their entire life. This is often due to the fact that arrangements are made, in some cases, by non-practicing family members, who having lost their own faith, feel the idea of a Requiem Mass, as being something, they do not understand or want to be part of. Therefore, a service at the crematorium or chapel or sometimes in church is asked for. I would strongly advise that if you feel your wishes may not be understood or carried out by your “nearest and dearest”, then write down your wishes so that those left to make the arrangements may strive, wherever possible, to see that they are fulfilled. This not only gives you some peace of mind, but also helps your loved ones do the right thing by you.

Christmas gifts: On St Nicholas Day, Tuesday 6th December, we will be collecting and donating Christmas gifts. Parishioners, and children via our school, are invited to bring a wrapped gift to support the most vulnerable within our Diocese of Salford family. These include children and adults, and will be distributed by Caritas Diocese of Salford via the Cornerstone centre. Classes are directed to gifts for the following ages: Reception – for any ages | Y1 and Y2 – For children | Y3 and Y4 – For ladies | Y5 and Y6 – For gentlemen. Please ensure gifts are clearly labelled with the target group.

Advent @ Cornerstone: Again, we will have a reverse Advent appeal in support of Caritas Diocese of Salford. Things needed include: chocolates, cakes, mince pies, Christmas wrapping paper, toiletries, brand new underwear, hats, gloves, scarves, coats, jumpers, trousers, jogging bottoms, shoes, trainers. Donations can be dropped off at Church or School.

Bulletin: Our newsletter is published monthly. To register for a copy to be e-mailed, please complete the form at <https://bit.ly/SHBulletin2022>. All bulletins

are uploaded to our website at: <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/parish-bulletin-social-media/>

Social media: Follow our social media at: <https://www.facebook.com/SHJWParish> and <https://twitter.com/shjwparish>



The Catholic Police Guild of England & Wales: The CPG is a guild established in 1914 for the support and wellbeing of Roman Catholic Police Officers, Police Staff, Specials and PCSO's in their Faith. If you are interested in joining why not visit our webpage: <https://www.catholicpoliceguild.co.uk/>

Gift Aid: If you attend Mass here, pay tax or have recently given a donation to the parish, regardless of whether you live in the parish or not, then please note that for every £1.00 given we can claim back 25p. If you want to find out more about Gift Aid, then please have a word with Jim Maxfield, John Martin or Fr. Barry. You will only need to fill in a form once with name, address and signature. Please do consider this method of supporting the parish further; it will not cost you a penny more.

Baptisms: Those wishing Baptism in this parish should present themselves in person to the Parish Priest after one of the Sunday Masses. You must be Roman Catholic, live in the parish and attend Mass here each and EVERY weekend for a minimum period of 6 weeks consecutively, therefore an appointment isn't required as you already have one every Sunday. Once a Pre-Baptismal enquiry form has been FULLY completed along with proof of parents own Baptism and a Godparent Confirmation certificate, a date can be set.



Adoration Chapel: The Blessed Sacrament is accessible to parishioners for personal adoration 10:30am-5:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (not Wednesday & Sunday).

Access to the Adoration Chapel is through the keypad on the front Church door: the code is available from Fr. Barry. Please do not share this number with non-parishioners and always make sure, once inside, that the door is closed behind you. Please do not hold the door for others, especially people unknown to you, as only those who have access to the code should be admitted.



SCHOOL NEWS:

Please keep all our pupils and staff in your prayers, especially those who have been bereaved...

Open afternoon: For those applying for school places for Reception age children, starting in September 2023, there will be an open afternoon on Monday 7th November, 1:30pm & 2:30pm. All are welcome – ring or email the school to book onto the tours. [The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.](#)



Keep up to date with our news: by visiting our website at: <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/newsletters/> where you can access the weekly 'Sacred Heart Standard' which is published each Friday.

Governing Board: We now have two vacancies for foundation governor. If you want to find out more, please contact the school.



Celebrate opportunities coming up, to which you are welcome, include:

Assemblies:

5B Assembly – 18th November 2022, 3:00pm

5A Assembly – 2nd December 2022, 3:00pm

Advent services in the school hall:

Monday 12th December: KS1 (Y1&Y2) 2pm & 7pm | Tuesday 13th December: LKS2 (Y3&Y4) 2pm & 7pm | Wednesday 14th December: UKS2 (Y5&Y6), 2pm & 7pm | Thursday 15th December: Reception, 2:30pm & 5:30pm.

Choir: On Friday 9th December, our Choir will be singing at the Hub, Central Drive, at 11:15am.

DIOCESE & OTHER NEWS:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/>

How do you become a deacon? If you are interested in becoming a deacon, your first port of call is to speak

to your parish priest, or to contact our vocations promoters for the permanent diaconate:

Fr Paul Daly paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diaconate-faqs/>

Diocesan Youth Prayer

Lord Jesus, bless us as we gather together as young people from the Diocese.

We are one in your name.

May your light burn brightly within us as we celebrate your love for us.

Inspire us with your Holy Spirit.

Help us to take Your light and Your love out to the whole world.

Show us how to use our gifts and talents to become who You have called us to be.

Amen.

St Catherine of Siena - Pray for us.

Salford Youth Ministry - Get involved as a Parish Representative: There are so many ways that you can get involved with Salford Youth Ministry who are always eager to meet new faces. A list of events can be found at:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/events/>

The Parish Representative is a young adult (18-25 years) who is part of the parish and is passionate and confident about getting young people more involved in the life of the parish. They will:

- Help implement the vision statement for youth ministry in the Diocese articulated in the diocesan prayer.
- Be a point of contact for the Diocesan youth ministry co-ordinator to help raise the awareness of events and activities from the diocese in your parish.

- Help develop, support and implement parish, deanery and diocesan events and initiatives.
- Ensure the voice of each young person from their parish is consulted and represented.
- Encourage other young people to be more actively involved in the life of the parish.
- Be an active member of the deanery group which will meet throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a parish youth rep, please contact youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Caritas Diocese of Salford provides a lot of different services in many areas within the Diocese of Salford. They advocate for Social Justice and aid to create an equal society by helping those who are most vulnerable. Find out more at: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/services/>

Having a clear-out? Tidying the wardrobe to make way for your winter woollies? We're appealing for donations of clothing items to help Caritas Diocese of Salford support more people experiencing homelessness, poverty and disadvantage in Greater Manchester and Lancashire. Donate your unwanted clothes by sending into church or school during November.

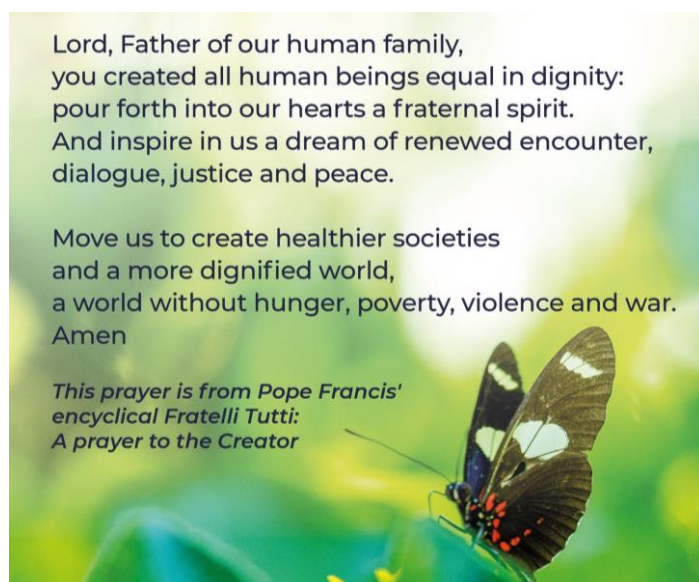


The Letter: Pope Francis' Message for our Earth:

A thought-provoking new documentary that has been developed with the help and participation of Pope Francis is uniting the Church across the globe in its call for environmental and social justice. The Letter is a powerful documentary released on October 4th 2022 – the feast of St Francis of Assisi – exploring more about the principles of Laudato Si' and the escalating impact of climate change on communities around the world. The film follows the stories of a number of inspiring individuals from around the world, including a climate refugee, the courageous leader of an indigenous community who was captured and tortured for his protection of his people and the land, a Vatican

preacher, a young female activist, marine biologists, and the president of the Laudato Si' Movement. Together, they travel to the The Vatican for eye-opening discussions about the destructive impact of climate change and the universal call for action. The Letter is available to watch now on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

How you can get involved: The Letter is not just a documentary; it is an invitation to join a global, multi-faith call for a future built on justice and sustainability. To help communities and individuals respond with action, the [Laudato Si' Movement](#) has compiled a number of resources to help you on your way. If you would like to watch The Letter at home or with your family, there is also another resource to help you take action at home. You can download the pack now by [clicking here](#).



Young Adults Mass: The next Young Adults Mass will take place on Sunday 13th November at St Augustine's church in Manchester. This month, we are delighted to welcome Canon Paul Daly as our main celebrant, who will also be joining us for a Q&A Session at our social after Mass. Mass will begin at 5.30pm and will be followed by a social. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available between 4.45 & 5.15pm before Mass. All are very welcome to attend.

Mass for LGBTQ+ Catholics: St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor St, Manchester M15 6BW. Saturday 26th November 2022, 3:00pm.

Every blessing for the coming month.

Fr Barry.