



SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

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Mass times are as published below:

Mon | Tues | Thurs | Fri: 10:00am

Wed: No Mass

Sat 6:00pm (Vigil Mass)

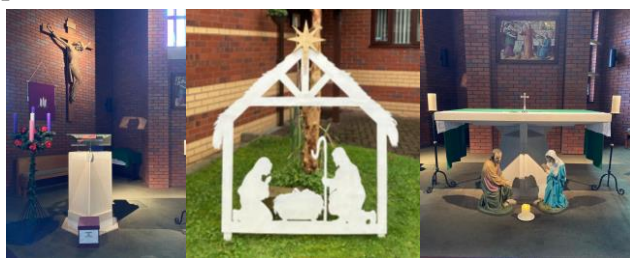
Sun: 10:00am

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.*



Christmas Mass Times:

Sat 24th Dec: First Mass of Christmas, 6:00pm

Sun 25th Dec: Christmas Day, 10:00am

Crib collection: This year's crib collection will be
in support of Bolton Hospice.

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.*

Carol Service: Our Carol Service will take place this
Thursday, 8th December, at 6pm. Our school choir will
be joining us – all are welcome!

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

Christmas Fair: All are welcome to our parish/school
Christmas Fair on Friday 9th December, 3:35pm, in the
school hall. Please help us by donating items such as
toiletries, fancy goods and home bake.



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.

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.

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>

Advent @ Cornerstone: Again, we 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.

ADVENT

We 'share the hope' during our Reverse Advent Appeal 2022 in support of Caritas Diocese of Salford.

28 Nov Toiletries / shower gel	5 Dec Gravy Granules	12 Dec Mince Pies	19 Dec Anything to help
29 Nov Toothbrush / toothpaste	6 Dec St Nicholas Day Giving*	13 Dec Biscuits	20 Dec Anything to help
30 Nov Tinned fish	7 Dec Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate	14 Dec Chocolates / sweets	21 Dec Anything to help
1 Dec Tinned potatoes / vegetables	8 Dec Jelly / Angel Delight	15 Dec Christmas Pudding	
2 Dec Tinned meat / soup	9 Dec Tinned dessert	16 Dec Nappies & Baby supplies	

*St Nicholas Day giving:
On Christmas Jumper day bring a wrapped and labelled gift:
Reception: For anyone
Y1 & Y2: For children
Y3 & Y4: For ladies
Y5 & Y6: For gentlemen

These are suggestions, but anything that will help make Christmas joyous for our vulnerable brothers and sisters is gratefully received.

Be inventive in hospitality (Romans 12:13)
Join us as we celebrate Jesus this Christmas!

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/>

Repairs: The heating system has now been repaired and our Church is now warm again! Following the damage done to the perimeter wall last month, the wall has now been rebuilt. Thank you to our builders for their generous work.



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. It costs nothing!

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/>

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



SCHOOL NEWS:

Please keep all our pupils and staff in your prayers, especially those in our community who are far from home this Advent & Christmas season...

Thank you: to all who donated food and clothing to support those at Cornerstone. Our Hope in the Future ambassadors visited the centre with two car loads and a trailer full of donations! Cornerstone write:

Thank you for your kind donation of food received for Cornerstone. We really appreciate your kindness. The cost-of-living crisis is affecting everyone, leading to fewer financial and practical donations at a time when demand is higher than ever, with more people needing to access our services locally. Your generosity will help make it possible for us to ensure that people have the support they need to prevent them from being homeless; that people who do become homeless are helped to secure safe accommodation with the support they need to make a new home; and that no one has to sleep rough. Please continue to keep in your thoughts and prayers everyone we are supporting during these difficult times. Thank you again for sharing what you have with those in need. Together, we will ensure that no one is left behind.



Governing Board: We still have two foundation governor vacancies. If you want to find out more, please contact the school or pick up a leaflet from the school foyer, [also downloadable from the parish bulletin page of our website.](#)

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

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.

Collections will be taken at Advent services for our annual Pedicab appeal in support of street families in Metro Manila.



CHRISTMAS PEDICAB APPEAL



December's 'prayers for home' is now available on the [newsletter page of our website](https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/pray.../parent-newsletter/), or by visiting:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/pray.../parent-newsletter/>

Admission to school: [The closing date for applications for September 2023 Reception starters 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.



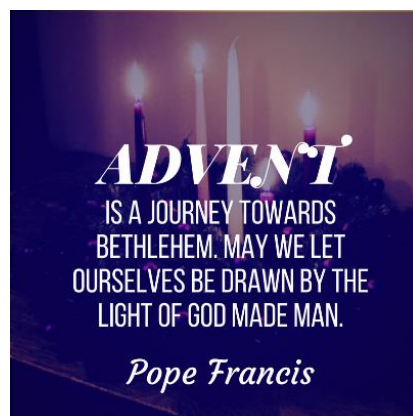
Choir: Our choir will be singing at a number of events this December. You are welcome to join us*!

- Tuesday 6th December, 11am: Woodlands Care Home
- Thursday 8th December, 6pm: Sacred Heart Church*
- Friday 9th December, 11am: The Hub
- Friday 9th December, 4pm: Christmas Fair, school hall*
- Friday 16th December, 10:30am: Gee Tees, Pavilion Square*
- Friday 16th December, 11:30am: Westhoughton Library*
- Monday 19th December, 10am, BoSCEP Carol Service, Thornleigh Salesian College Chapel.

DIOCESE & OTHER NEWS:

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

Young Adults Mass: Sunday 11th December, 5:30pm, St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester. Our next Young Adults Mass will take place on Sunday 11th December at St Augustine's, in Manchester. This month, we are delighted to welcome Fr Basil Onyike as our main celebrant and we hope to enjoy a trip over to the Christmas Markets for our social after Mass. Mass will begin at 5:30pm and as always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available between 4:45 and 5:15pm.



And why not join us a little earlier for a special Advent Carol service with music from the St Philip Neri Singers? The service begins at 3:30pm and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.



Caritas Advent Appeal: #BeeThere This year's Advent Appeal from Caritas Salford has now launched and is asking if you will #BeeThere for someone who needs it this Christmas. The appeal, which includes a special animation film: (www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere) asks local people to help Caritas to support the thousands of people in our local communities who will be facing acute crisis over the festive season. To find out more, watch the animation, or make a donation, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere

During this Difficult Winter: Caritas Diocese of Salford directly supports those most affected by the current cost-of-living crisis – people experiencing poverty, isolation, and homelessness. Through this work, Caritas have been approached by parishes across the diocese, asking for advice on how best to support people within their local communities as the crisis deepens and winter arrives. Caritas Salford have detailed several steps we can take to live out the message of Catholic Social Teaching in the current crisis: they call on us to:

See & Listen: Caritas ask us to See and Listen: to consider the specific needs of our local communities and to listen to their experiences; and to consider using sources of information on local poverty like the Greater Manchester Poverty Monitor to pinpoint the particular issues that your local area faces.

Discern: We are then called to Discern what our role could be – whether we would be most useful helping out with an existing organisation, or creating a new action group to fill a gap in local service.

Pray & Act: Once we have discerned our role, we must Act: we must pray for the wellbeing of those most affected by this crisis, and take the appropriate action that God expects of us. Caritas Salford have published a list of possible avenues for local action that you could take, including signposting individuals towards financial support.



Carols by Candlelight: You are warmly invited to Salford Cathedral's annual Carols by Candlelight celebration on Sunday 18th December at 7.30pm. The service is a highlight in the Cathedral calendar and brings together all our Cathedral Choirs, including Salford Cathedral's Children's Choir, Girls' Choir and Cambiata Boys' Choir. Amongst familiar readings, there will be some new carols and music as well well-known traditional Christmas Carols with an opportunity for all gathered to join in with some hearty singing. It promises to be a truly uplifting evening and we hope you can join us for mulled wine and mince pies afterwards in the cloister.

Retreat Programme: The retreat on Thursday 10th February 2023 introduces us to Ignatian Prayer. This rewarding session encourages us to use our imagination to open up a space to be attentive to God. The retreat will once again be led by [Donna Worthington](mailto:Donna.Worthington@saintgerards.org.uk) and will be hosted at the new centre at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Browndedge Road, Lostock Hall. It will run from 11:30am to 3:00pm, including a 30-minute lunch, and will cost £20. To register an initial interest for the retreat (or any others in our [series](#)) please call the parish office on 01772 335387 or email office@saintgerards.org.uk.



Every blessing for the season of Advent & Christmas. Fr Barry.