



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.*

Holy Week & Paschal Triduum:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:00pm
(followed by vigil watch for 30min.)

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 10:00am; The
Passion: 3:00pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass, 6:00pm

Easter Sunday: Morning Mass, 10:00am



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.*

The Pope Video for April: The theme of [this month's
Pope Video](#) is 'for a non-violent culture'. Pope Francis
asks: Let us pray for a more widespread culture of non-
violence, that will progress when countries and citizens
alike resort less and less to the use of arms. Living,
speaking, and acting without violence is not surrendering,
losing or giving up anything, but aspiring to everything.



As Saint John XXIII said 60 years ago in his Encyclical
[Pacem in Terris](#), war is madness. It's beyond reason. Any
war, any armed confrontation, always ends in defeat for
all. Let us develop a culture of peace. Let us remember
that, even in cases of self-defence, peace is the ultimate
goal, and that a lasting peace can exist only without
weapons. Let us make non-violence a guide for our
actions, both in daily life and in international relations.
And let us pray for a more widespread culture of non-
violence, that will progress when countries and citizens
alike resort less and less to the use of arms.

Watch at <https://thepopevideo.org/april-for-a-non-violent-culture/>

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/>

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



Sacramental Programme:

Please keep in prayer the children who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.



They continue to prepare for their First Eucharist in June.

Key dates are as follows:

Unit 3: We are people who celebrate forgiveness.

Sunday 23rd April 2023, 10:00am Mass,

Unit 4: We are people who celebrate God's Word. Sunday 14th May 2023, 10:00am Mass,

Unit 5: We are people who follow Jesus.

First Eucharist: chosen from the following dates:

Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June 2023, 6:00pm

Sunday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June 2023, 10:00am

Please keep these children, and their families, in your prayers.



The Wednesday Word:

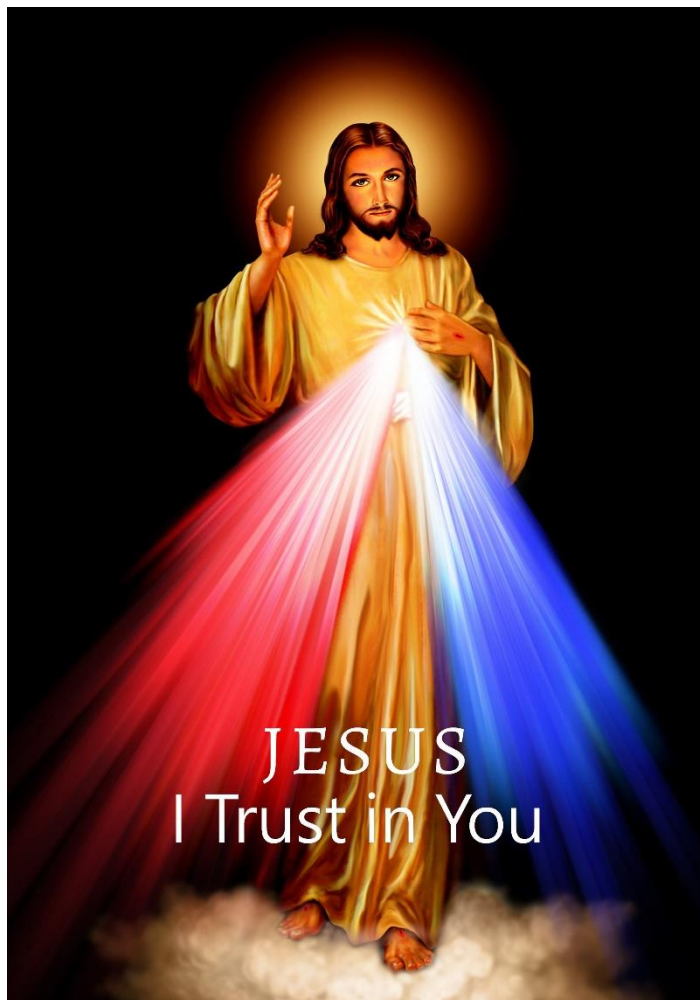
The Wednesday Word is a national missionary initiative for the 21st Century. Please support The Wednesday Word school mission with your prayers. Specialised resources for primary schools and

parish churches, are the focus of this new, Christ centred, weekly custom. You can access the Parish version of the Wednesday Word at: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

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

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>

Feast of Divine Mercy: A special celebration for the Bolton area, at the Parish of St Cuthbert, St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 7, Eastbourne Grove, Heaton, BL1 5TR will be held on Sunday 16th April 2023, 1:00-3:30pm. This will include exposition, confessions, special prayers & talk by Sean Booths MOSJ and hosted by Dr Charles Arewa. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Eamon Mulcahy (with co-celebrant Fr Marian Juszczyk) at 3:00pm. Refreshments will follow Mass. All are welcome.



*Lord, give me a fervent heart of prayer. Help me to be open to those whom You place in my path. And as I pray for those in need, I make myself available to You to be used as You will.
Jesus, I trust in You.*



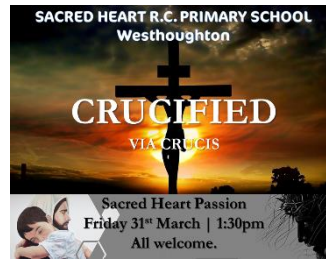
SCHOOL NEWS:

Please keep in your prayers all Y6 children as they prepare for the National Tests in May.

Show racism the red card: Over the last month, our Y4 pupils have linked to the protected characteristics of the Equality Act, attending workshops to 'show racism the red card', working in teams to discuss hate crime and using critical thinking skills to discuss systemic racism in football. Children in Y6 have also had opportunity to work with the [Robert F Kennedy Human Rights Foundation](#) to create an animated film, focusing on 'What are Human Rights?' Our Hall display this term has also linked to these protected characteristics, highlighting how each year group promote equality and justice and work towards our mission to shine as we come, talk, work, walk & pray together...



The Tempest: National Shakespeare day is 23rd April. In celebration of this, Reception and Y1-Y5 classes will perform scenes from 'The Tempest' on Friday 21st April, starting at 9:30am. All are welcome.



Thank you: Thank you to those parishioners who joined us for Sacred Heart Passion, on 31st March, as each class retold the stations of the cross.

Please join us for: Stay and Pray Class Assemblies: 2D, Friday 28th April, 3:00pm; 1E, Friday 19th May, 3:00pm, 1D, Friday 9th June, 3:00pm.



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.



DIOCESE & OTHER NEWS:

News: Keep up to date by visiting <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/>

Livestream of Chrism Mass at Salford Cathedral:

This year's Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Salford will be taking place at 11am on Wednesday 5th April at Salford Cathedral. If you would like to pray along at home, the Mass can be livestreamed at <https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/>

Resources for Holy Week and Easter: During the course of Holy Week and Easter, the Diocese of Salford will be sharing a number of resources to help you pray and reflect at home. To find out more or access these resources, please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/> or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).

Laudato Si' Centre Pray with Nature series: The Diocese of Salford's [Laudato Si' Centre](#) would like to thank everyone across the diocese who has sent in photos for its [Pray with Nature](#) series this Lent. To find out more or view all of our photos, please visit <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/general/parishes-and-schools-take-part-in-pray-with-nature/>

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood: The diocesan series of Masses for Vocations to the Priesthood returns in April to help inspire conversation and prayer around the call to priestly life. The next Mass will take place at 7:00pm on Friday 21st April at Salford Cathedral. All are very welcome to attend. To find out more about these Masses, please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/monthly-vocations-masses/>

Women Saints and Spirituality: Friday 21st April, 10:00am-12.30pm, Wardley Hall, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND. Join us as we continue our fascinating series of talks exploring the life and spirituality of women in the Church throughout history. Our next session takes place on Friday 21st April and has a special focus on Catherine of Siena. Contact Sister Joan Kerley at joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816 796 to reserve a place. Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/women-saints-and-spirituality/>

CAFOD: Bishop John has announced the decision to step down as chair of Catholic overseas development charity CAFOD after 13 years of service. His tenure will come to an end at Easter, when the role will be taken up by Right Reverend Stephen Wright, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Over the past 13 years, Bishop John has travelled the world in his role as chair, experiencing first hand some of the challenges our brothers and sisters are facing each day, and how this remarkable charity is responding to those challenges. Looking back over his time as chair, Bishop John reflects on the “compassion” and “care for our common home” that is evident in the work of CAFOD, and said: “It’s been a privilege to serve CAFOD for 13 years as its chair. I will never forget the people I’ve met all over the world, from Niger to Cambodia, and getting to see how the extraordinary work of CAFOD and its partners is making a real difference to lives. “It was through working with CAFOD, seeing the damage inflicted on the poorest communities by the climate crisis, that I felt compelled to act and set my diocese in Salford on the path to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2038. I’ll remain a committed friend of CAFOD and I wish Bishop Stephen all the best as he takes on this rewarding and exciting role.” We wish Bishop Stephen all the very best as he picks up the mantle and invite you to keep the work of this remarkable charity in your prayers.



A night reflection for Maundy Thursday

Jesus arrested, judged, found guilty and condemned to die is held captive overnight.

If I were arrested and held this night what would I be found guilty of?

That I made friends with people irrespective of their colour, creed or class... That I shared my bread with the poor... That my words... and actions... brought healing and forgiveness... That I made justice and didn't count the cost... That I sought the truth and then spoke of it... That I recognised my neighbour and loved them as my very self... That I met God along the way in the healing and forgiveness I received... That I accepted hospitality at many different tables... That I was changed by the lives of others... and often repented my arrogance and foolishness in encountering their wisdom... That friends and strangers sometimes paid the price for me... That I never sought out suffering... but journeyed with it to the best of my ability... That the love of those about me taught me to love myself before God...

You call us out of brokenness to mend and remake your creation. Grant us the courage to stay with all those who are held captive this night. In the name of Jesus who is good news, Amen.

Pat Pierce/CAFOD

Prayers for Holy Week and Easter can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources>

With every blessing for Easter and the coming month.

Fr Barry.