



SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

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Mass times for August are as published below:

Weekdays: No Mass

Sat 6:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sun: 10:00am

Confessions: Sat (before Vigil Mass)

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

During the interregnum, 3rd July - 1st September, there will be NO weekday Masses celebrated in church and the Chapel of Adoration will be closed too. Apologies for any inconvenience.

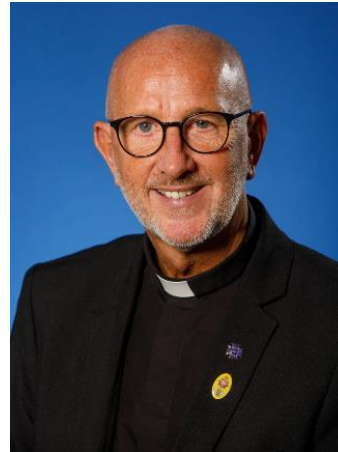


Social media & live-stream: Follow our social media: <https://www.facebook.com/SHJWParish> and <https://twitter.com/shjwparish>. For those who are housebound or unable to be here in person, Sunday Mass is streamed live via Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/westhoughton>

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.



Thank you Fr Barry:

Please stay behind after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday 27th August as we say farewell and thank Fr Barry for his service to Sacred Heart Parish.

All are welcome, in the large meeting room, where refreshments will be available.

Fr Barry writes: During this time of the year, holiday season, there isn't that much news to share. But now that my 8 weeks supply here at Sacred Heart will be coming to an end on Sunday 27th August and Fr. Christopher's first Mass as your new Parish Priest begins on the weekend 2nd - 3rd September, I would like to say thank you for the patience you have shown during these weeks of interregnum which still have another 3 weeks yet to run.

The parish can now look forward towards the beginning of yet another chapter in its history, as in September, it sees the arrival of my successor Fr. Christopher Dawson. Please give him the time and the space to settle in. Leaving any parish for the last time is difficult, I know, and there is always an element of loss attached to the move, so please be mindful of that fact. Fr. Christopher's parishioners in Denton are going to be sad that he is leaving them and moving on, but that's just part of our life journey, being played out on a smaller scale as one day we will all move on. So please be kind to him, as you have been kind to me. None of us get it right all of the time, that's part of the process of growing together.

And finally, to quote the late Cardinal Hume when he himself was preparing to leave, only for his very last journey, he said "whenever you speak of me, and you will, please be kind".

Every blessing to you and your families as we all journey on. Stay with us Lord on our Journey.

Fr. Barry.

The Pope Video for August: The theme of this month's Pope Video is 'For World Youth Day'.

Watch at: <https://thepopevideo.org/>



FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

"Let us pray that the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to set out on the journey, witnessing to the Gospel with their own lives."
- Pope Francis -

Pope Francis responds to several young people from different continents who pose questions in various languages. Youth from the Philippines, Brazil and the Ivory Coast ask Pope Francis unfiltered questions: whether the Church is just for "old people"; why he chose Mary as the theme for World Youth Day; what is the Pope's own hope for this international meeting of young people in Portugal.

Replying at a distance, Pope Francis' responses are quite powerful. He explains that Mary's attitude is a lesson for all her peers, for "as soon as Mary knew she was going to be the mother of God, she didn't stay there taking a selfie or showing off." Rather, "The first thing she did was to set out on a journey, in haste, to serve, to help." Later, he confides his dream "to see a seed for the world's future," a world in which love (at a time when "we are at war") and joy ("because if we Christians have no joy, we are not credible, no one will believe us") are at the centre.

WHAT IS POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE?

- To set out quickly on a journey to serve and to help.
- To build a world where love is at the center, where we sense that we are brothers and sisters.
- To search for joy, because if Christians are not joyful, we are not credible.
- To live the Gospel.
- To go out in order to meet Christ.

"My message for you, dear young people, the great message entrusted to the Church, is Jesus! Yes, Jesus himself, in his infinite love for each of us, his salvation and the new life he has bestowed upon us. Mary is our model; she shows us how to welcome this immense gift into our lives, to share it with others, and thus to bring Christ, his compassionate love and his generous service to our deeply wounded humanity."

POPE FRANCIS

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

WHAT IS WORLD YOUTH DAY?

It is a meeting of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is a pilgrimage, a festival of youth, an expression of the universal Church and a powerful moment of evangelization in the lives of young people.

WHERE AND WHEN IS IT BEING HELD THIS YEAR?

Even though **Christ the King Sunday** is the date set for World Youth Day at the diocesan level, every so often it is held in a city chosen by the Pope. **This year it will be held in Lisbon (Portugal) from 1-6 August.**

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS MEETING?

World Youth Day seeks to provide all participants with an experience of the universal Church, to foster a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It seeks to promote peace, unity and fellowship among peoples and nations from all over the world.

WHAT IS THE THEME POPE FRANCIS CHOSE FOR THIS WORLD YOUTH DAY?

"Mary arose and went in haste" (Luke 1:39) is the biblical citation chosen by Pope Francis as the motto for World Youth Day. Mary of Nazareth is the grand figure of the Christian journey. She teaches us how to say yes to God.

WHAT DOES POPE FRANCIS INVITE US TO BEAR WITNESS TO?



Of the experience of those who have seen God's goodness and beauty in themselves, in others, and in the Church's communion.



Of the love and respect that is possible to establish in human relationships.



Of the promotion of social justice, truth, honesty and human rights.



Of those who are persecuted, the poor and the weak, those who have no voice in society, and immigrants.



Of the new vision that makes you view the earth as our common home.



That sadness can rediscover hope.

Above all, to bear witness that Christ lives!

How to Pray at Home:

Joining us in prayer for World Youth Day couldn't be easier! Simply follow Salford Youth Ministry on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and keep tabs on our dedicated webpage by clicking [here](#).

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/resources-links/world-youth-day-pray-at-home/>



SCHOOL NEWS:

School resumes for the new academic year on Tuesday 5th September. *Please keep in your prayers the 60 children joining us in Reception.*

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 during term time.

Summer Holiday works: During the break, several projects will come to fruition at the school site. These include:

- (i) Solar panels have been installed, promoting the [Diocese of Salford environment strategy](#) as [guardians of creation...](#)



- (ii) An access control arm barrier is due to be fitted this month, restricting vehicular access to the main driveway and staff / visitor car park. This will allow a safer experience for those visiting our school.
- (iii) A modular building is due to be installed on the school site – which will become our 'sacred space', a permanently dedicated prayer space, that will become a space cherished and regularly used by staff and students. This space will also be used

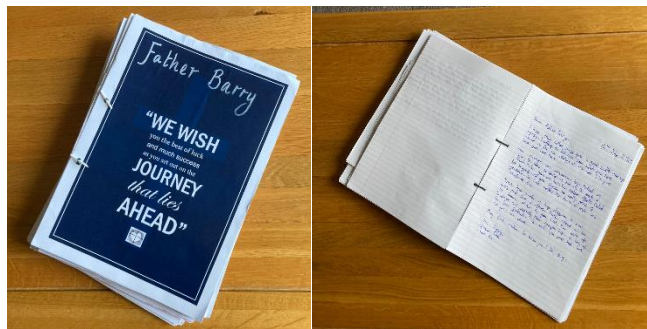


every lunchtime, with activities led by our pupil leadership teams. Fr Barry has given us some items to appropriately furnish the space.

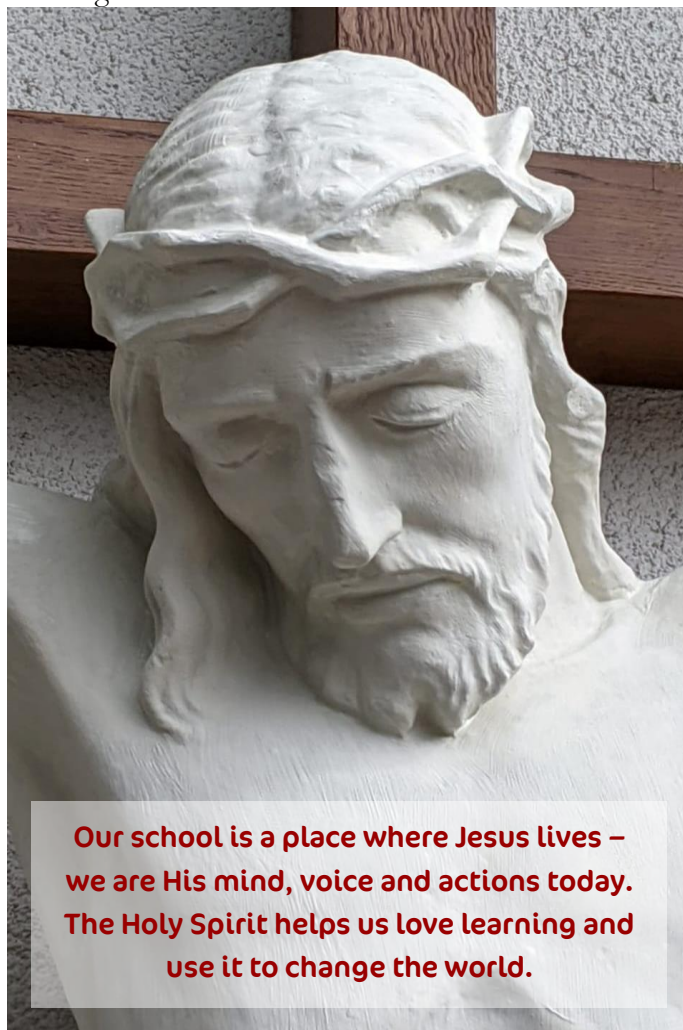
Governing Board: We have a vacancy for [foundation governor](#). If you are interested, please email office@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk for more details.

Volunteering: We always welcome volunteers – whether this is to help with reading, maths or around the school site. If you are interested in regular volunteering in school, please get in touch with Miss S Butler, our school business manager.

Thank you! Our children each wrote messages and letters to Fr Barry to thank him and wish him well in his new role.



Fr Barry gifted us the large crucifix, from St Mary's, Swinton, that hangs at the front of our school building:



Our school is a place where Jesus lives – we are His mind, voice and actions today. The Holy Spirit helps us love learning and use it to change the world.

DIOCESE & OTHER NEWS:

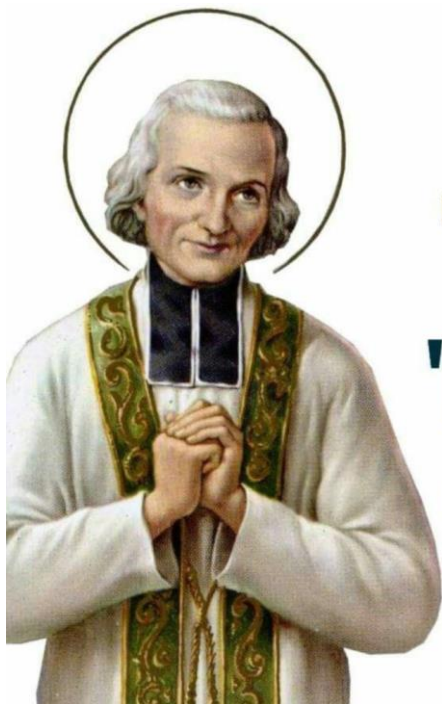
News: Keep up to date by visiting:

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



Vocations: On Friday 4th August, we celebrated the feast of St John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, with a special focus on vocations. This feast also coincided with World Youth Day 2023, a joyful gathering of young people from across the world coming together in faith. And as young adults from our diocese joined thousands of others in Lisbon, we decided to celebrate this feast through the lens of World Youth Day by catching up with diocesan priest, Fr Gavin Landers. Watch the video to find out more about Fr Gavin's vocation story, and how a pilgrimage to World Youth Day helped him to hear God's call to priestly life.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/the-path-to-priesthood-fr-gavin/>



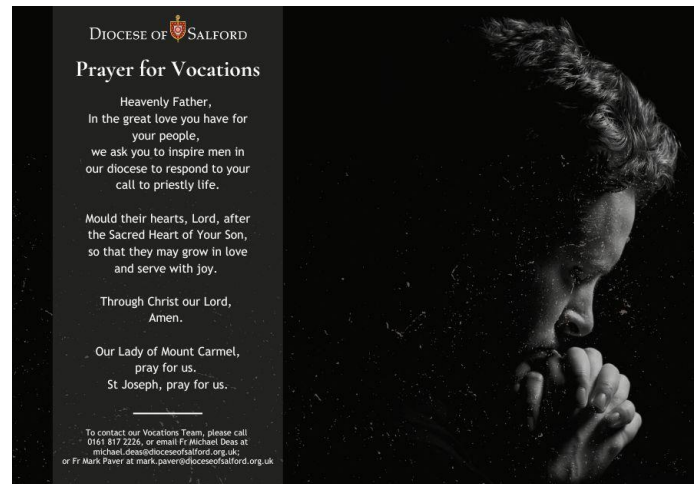
**"EVERY
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St. Jean Vianney

Almighty and merciful God, who made the Priest Saint John Vianney wonderful in his pastoral zeal, grant, we pray, that through his intercession and example we may in charity win brothers and sisters for Christ and attain with them eternal glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contact our Vocations Team: If you would like to find out more about a vocation to the priesthood, or speak to a member of the team, please call 0161 817 2226, or email Fr Michael Deas (michael.deas@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or Fr Mark Paver (mark.paver@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood: St Edwards, Spring Lane, Lees, Oldham, OL4 5AJ. Friday 13th October 2023, 7:00pm.



DIOCESE OF Salford Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,
In the great love you have for
your people,
we ask you to inspire men in
our diocese to respond to your
call to priestly life.

Mould their hearts, Lord, after
the Sacred Heart of Your Son,
so that they may grow in love
and serve with joy.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
pray for us.
St Joseph, pray for us.

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Eucharistic Healing Service with Fr John Baptist

Bashobora: A priest with an internationally-renowned healing ministry is returning to our diocese for an upcoming Eucharistic Healing Service. Fr John Baptist Bashobora will be travelling from Uganda to St James and All Souls in Salford on Tuesday 8th August at 7.30pm. Previous Healing Services have received beautiful and great feedback with testimonies of significant healings taking place, physically and spiritually. Please join us and spread the word.

"In Lisbon, I would like to see a seed for the world's future. A world where love is at the centre, where we can sense that we are sisters and brothers." Pope Francis

Our Faith, Our Planet, Our Commitments:

OUR FAITH OUR PLANET OUR COMMITMENTS

Thursday 14th September 2023
6:30pm to 9:00pm

Manchester Museum
Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL

[OFOP.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)



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Click [here](#) to find out more and register.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-faith-our-planet-our-commitments-tickets-676670799577>

**With every blessing for the coming month.
Fr Barry.**