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Sunday 12th November 2023
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time,
Year A

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday: 6 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am
Monday - Thursday 9 am
Friday 10 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30-5.50 pm
and at call

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62(63):2-8

For you my soul is thirsting, O God my God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

The wise and foolish virgins

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Suggested items for inclusion in future editions of the newsletter may be emailed to SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter@outlook.com Please submit by midday on Thursday.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The first Christians were unclear about many things in their faith. The Thessalonians were obviously worried about the fate of Christians who had died. Had not Paul taught them that Christ had conquered death? What was this talk about an imminent final coming of Christ to bring history to its end? How soon would it occur? Paul gives an answer in terms of a familiar image, a Roman triumphal procession. After a great victory in battle, a Roman general could be granted a 'triumph', marching through the streets of Rome with his victorious army amid cheering crowds, like a successful football team or local regiment coming home. There was no need to worry about Christian friends and relations who had died, for they would come with Christ in his triumphal procession, and the rest of us would join him on the way. All this, of course, is imagery. Neither Paul nor anyone else had any idea *when* it would occur. But he teaches with firm confidence that it *would* occur. The timing is irrelevant. We don't mind waiting a bit, so long as we can be sure that we will all be reunited in the joyful triumph of Christ's victory over death.

Remembrance Sunday 12th

November. Sunday Mass will begin at the slightly earlier time of 9.30 am to allow parishioners to participate in Westhoughton's Wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 11 am.

Friday Masses: Our Mass on Friday mornings during school term-time will be at 10am to allow one year group from Sacred Heart School to join us each week.

Parish Raffle We are having a Parish Raffle! Tickets will be on sale from 4th November until 3rd December. £1 per strip of tickets. The draw will take place after 10am Mass on Sunday 3rd December.

Parish Repository Stall now has a selection of Christmas cards, Advent calendars and other seasonal items.

Sacred Heart Primary School

Forthcoming events: 6T Class Led Assembly, Friday 17th November Christmas Fair, 8th December, 3.35pm. Further details nearer the time.

Sacred Heart Primary School

Newsletter each half term Sacred

Heart School will produce a newsletter to keep other members of the parish informed of what is going on in school. The first edition is available on the tables at the back of Church.

St. Joseph's High School Forthcoming Events.

5th Nov: St Joseph's 60th Birthday. Celebrations will take place on 24th November in school and on the Friday 16th Feb at Rivington Barn. We are looking forward to welcoming all our parish communities to join in our celebration of 60 Years of Catholic education where young lives have been given hope and dreams have been born.

23rd Nov: Year 11 Presentation Evening, starts at 6pm

24th Nov: 60th Reunion party in the school hall, tickets £10, starts at 7pm. Tickets available by 'googling' Eventbrite St Joseph's Alumni or follow the link from St. Joseph's school Facebook page.

Year 8 Retreat to Savio House 24-26 Nov 2023

Pastoral Visit of the Apostolic

Nuncio His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will make a pastoral visit to Salford Diocese on 29th - 30th Nov. As part of his visit he will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, Collyhurst on Thursday 30th Nov at 6:30pm where he will impart an Apostolic Blessing on all those present. All are welcome to attend the Mass and there is no need to register.

Pastoral Letter - Caring for our

Common Home. In October, Bishop John shared a pastoral letter that reflected on Pope Francis' latest document on the environment *Laudate Deum*. Echoing the pope's call for all to take action on our climate crisis, Bishop John asked parishes and schools across the diocese to make a priority of creating environmental groups to explore ways to better care for our common home. There is more information on the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocese/environment/get-started-in-your-parish I would be interested to hear from any parishioners who would like to be involved in setting up a parish group.

Diocesan Synod - The Big Listen

We recently launched the first key stage of our diocesan synod - The Big Listen. Over the coming months, we're inviting you to help us reflect on the needs of our community today and how our diocese is being called to respond. Please ask the parish office for any upcoming listening events or find more information about the diocesan synod and how to get involved at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/>

Diocesan Young Adults Mass - The Big Listen - Sunday 12th November, 5.30pm St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester, M15 6BW

Young adults from across the diocese are invited to join us this November as we turn our attention to our diocesan synod at our next monthly Mass. Fr David Yates, director of Salford Youth and Young Adults Ministry, will lead our celebration of Mass before handing

over to our young adult synod representatives, who will conduct The Big Listen exercise for our diocesan synod. Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/young-adults-nov-23/>

Memorial Mass This November, the Manchester Hospitals RC Chaplaincy Team is holding a special Mass to remember all who have died at Manchester Foundation Trust Hospitals. Wednesday 15th November, 7pm Holy Name Church, Oxford Road, M13 9PG

All are welcome join for the celebration of Mass and for refreshments after.

Diocesan Day Retreat: Desert

Mothers Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Lostock Hall, PR5 5AA Saturday 18th November, 11.30am The Diocese of Salford's Day Retreat programme returns this November to explore the deep spirituality of some of Christ's most ardent disciples. Entitled 'Desert Mothers', this month's retreat runs between 11.30am and 3pm and costs £20 per retreat. Call 01772 335387 or email office@saintgerards.org.uk to book your place.

Why God Became Man: Pre-

Advent Retreat at The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9PZ 24 - 26 November. Join the Christian Heritage Centre's pre-Advent retreat reflecting on the mystery of the Incarnation and exploring the beauty and the implications of Christmas. Preached by Fr de Malleray FSSP, Mass will be offered in the Extraordinary Form, with daily Holy Hour, and plenty of time for prayer and reflection. Find out more at <https://christianheritagecentre.co.uk/events/why-god-became-man-weekend-retreat/>

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis

Appeal Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing

urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

CAFOD have sent some of their Christmas World Gifts catalogue. If you have someone who is impossible to buy for, or if you have decided not to send gifts or cards this year please take a catalogue which provide ways of making a donation to CAFOD to support our sisters and brothers around the world.

Your Travel to Church As the Diocese of Salford works to reach its goal of being net zero by 2038, we're looking to find out more about the travel patterns of people across the diocese. Our diocesan environment team has put together a short survey to find out more about how people travel to and from church and would be very grateful for your response. The survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/skCHYCKnBzhDrvbN9>

Job Vacancies: the Diocese of Salford is currently recruiting for the following position. You can find out more and how to apply at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Property Administrator

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent
Working hours: 35 hours per week, with some flexibility is required.
Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP
Salary: £23,793 - £25,488 depending on skills and experience.
Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 8th December 2023

Collections: During October the combined total of offertory collections and standing orders was £2,947.00. Thank you for your generous support of our parish. The CAFOD Family Fast Day raised £430, and World Mission Sunday raised £70. Thank you!

