



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time,  
Year A

## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

**Saturday:** 6 pm  
**Sunday:** 10 am  
**Monday: Requiem** 10 am  
**Tuesday - Thursday** 9 am  
**Friday** 10 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday** 5.30-5.50 pm  
and at call

## THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

### First Reading

**Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

A perfect wife – who can find her?

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 127:1-5**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord

### Second Reading

**Thessalonians 5:1-6**

God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

### Gospel

**Matthew 25:14-30**

You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

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## **THE WORD THIS WEEK**

Paul had obviously taught the new Christians at Thessalonika that Christ had conquered death, so that death had no more grasp on Christians, no more power over them. So they were puzzled that Christians nevertheless died. Paul explains in the letter that Christians who have died will be the first to rise up and join the returning Christ in his triumphant procession. Only after them will come those who are still alive. However, Paul's principal stress is on the unpredictability of the Day of the Lord, that final day when the Lord will set right all injustices. It makes little difference whether I meet the Lord in some sort of imagined vast Judgment Day, or whether my meeting with the Lord is merely personal at my own death. I know that I will not be ready—if only I had just a little more time to prepare!—and that I will not be in a fit state to face the glorious, pure wonder of Divine Love. I will need to be purified for that encounter! The day will come as unexpectedly as a thief in the night or the pains of childbirth, with that same finality and inescapability. 1 Thessalonians is a great letter to read in November as we remember all our beloved dead.

**Requiem Mass** on Monday we will celebrate the requiem Mass for Cathy Borman. Please remember Cathy in your prayers at this time.

**Sunday Coffee Morning** following requests for more coffee mornings we have decided to increase the number of Coffee Mornings from one to two a month, on the first and third Sundays of the month. There will be a coffee morning this Sunday. Why not stay and meet some new friends?

**Parish and School Christmas Fair** is on Friday 8 December beginning 3.35pm (end of the school day). The Christmas Fair is run jointly by and for the School and Parish with proceeds split between us both. Volunteers are needed to help staff some stalls, especially the café, and also to help set up the stalls on 8 December. There are posters at the back of church – can you display one in your window? There are also items on the back of the poster which we are asking you to donate for the fair: please take a biodegradable bag. Items can be returned over the next couple of weeks to church or school.

**Parish Raffle** Tickets on sale until 3<sup>rd</sup> December. £1 per strip. The draw will take place after 10am Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

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

**Sacred Heart Primary School**  
**Forthcoming events:** 6T Class Led Assembly, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Christmas Fair, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 3.35pm.

**St. Joseph's High School**  
60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> November in school and on the Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at Rivington Barn. Tickets available by 'googling' Eventbrite St Joseph's Alumni or follow the link from St. Joseph's school Facebook page.

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Year 11 Presentation Evening, starts at 6pm

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 visit Salford Diocese on 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.

He will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, Collyhurst on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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' document on the environment, *Laudate Deum*. Echoing the pope's call for all to take action on our climate crisis, Bishop John asked that we create environmental groups to explore ways to better care for our common home. There is more information on the diocesan website [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/dioce-se/environment/get-started-in-your-parish](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/dioce-se/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.

**Advent Cantata** A much-loved choir is heading to our diocese on Saturday 2nd December at 6pm to provide a musical start to the season of Advent. The Forum for the Inculturation of Liturgical Music has become a regular feature at the Parish of the Nativity in Failsworth and Limeside and is back at St Mary's church this December by popular demand. Tickets are £5 per adult and £1 per child and can be bought on the door or booked in advance by emailing [nativityparish@yahoo.com](mailto:nativityparish@yahoo.com)

**Caritas Diocese of Salford Advent Appeal** Caritas Salford, has launched its Advent appeal for 2023, including a very special animation film voiced by local children. You can view the short animation and find out more about how you can donate to the appeal, or take action to help people in your parish who are experiencing crisis this Christmas, by visiting [www.caritassalford.org.uk/beether](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/beether)

**Quarant'ore at St Mary's, the Hidden Gem** You are invited to join St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, for a special time of prayer - Forty Hours of Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament - in the days leading up to the feast of Christ the

King - Friday 24th November until Sunday 26th November. Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday and Saturday 8am – 10pm and on Sunday 9am – 1.30pm. Further details on the parish website: [hiddengem.me.uk](http://hiddengem.me.uk)

**Music for Eternal Life** On Wed 22nd Nov at 7pm, Salford Cathedral Choir will join forces with pupils from Holy Family RC Primary School, Rochdale, to give a one-hour concert inspired by the 'Eternal Life' mosaic at St John the Baptist's church, in Rochdale. Admission is free to the concert, but booking is essential due to limited seating. Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/music-for-eternal-life/>

**Diocesan Synod - The Big Listen** We recently launched the first key stage of our diocesan synod - The Big Listen. We are 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/>

**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, 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 at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://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 catalogues. 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 provides ways of making a donation to CAFOD to support our sisters and brothers around the world.

**Reminder -Your travel to church Survey** As the Diocese of Salford works to reach its goal of net zero by 2038, we want to find out about the travel patterns of people in the diocese. The survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/skCHYCKnBzhDvbn9>.

**Job Vacancies:** the Diocese of Salford is currently recruiting for the following positions. You can find out more and how to apply at [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies)

Parish Administrator - Blessed Dominic Barberi parish, Bolton (replacement role) Appointment Type: Part-time, permanent. Working hours: 12 hours per week - worked over two days. Location: St Osmund's Presbytery, Long Lane, Breightmet, Bolton, BL2 6EB Salary: £11.26 per hour

Property Administrator (replacement role) Appointment Type: Full time, permanent contract Working hours: 35 hours per week, with some flexible working required. Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP Salary: £23,793 - £25,488 depending on skills and experience

Pilgrimage Office Administrator (replacement role) Appointment Type: Full time, permanent contract. Working hours: 35 hours per week, Mon- Fri. Flexible working will be required including evenings and weekends.

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP - although may sometimes be required to work at the office of the Pilgrimage Director.

Salary: £23,793 - £29,248 depending on skills and experience