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Christ the King

Year A

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday: 6 pm
Sunday: 10 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

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me

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SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter
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Please submit by midday on Thursday.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

What will happen at the end of the world? How will the world be brought to an end? We simply do not know, and it is not the sort of thing the Bible needs to teach us. For us Christians, three things are certain – and this is what Paul teaches us in our second reading today in vivid picture language. First, God's sovereignty will extend over the whole of creation in peace and harmony. Second, this will be through Christ's work of mediation, for Christ is Lord of the Church, the 'backbone' of the Church which is his Body. When Paul says 'he has put all his enemies under his feet', he is quoting a messianic Psalm about the priest-king of Jerusalem, frequently applied to Jesus. Third, Christ is the first fruits of the Resurrection: where he has led the way, we are to follow.

Congratulations to the children preparing for their first holy communion this year who this weekend have their first church celebration. Please pray for us and we will pray for you!

Advent music at Mass Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. Since I have been here we have used the first acclamation as the chant after the consecration. This advent we will use the second one: 'When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come in glory.' A reminder that the music is on the sheets on the table as you come into church.

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 help set up the stalls on 8 December. Thank you to all who took posters to advertise the fair. There are more at the back of church. Thanks also go out to anyone able to take a biodegradable bag for collecting items to donate to the fair. These can be returned over the next couple of weeks to church or school.

Parish Raffle Tickets on sale until 3rd December. £1 per strip. The draw

will take place after 10am Mass on Sunday 3rd December.

Walk With Me provides a short reflection and prayer for each day of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please take one. There is also an Advent calendar for our younger parishioners with ideas for prayer or activities for each day of the season.

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

Sacred Heart Primary School

Forthcoming events:

Christmas Fair, 8th Dec. 3.35pm.

St. Joseph's High School Christmas Fair on Sunday 3rd December- starts at 12-2pm. 60th Birthday Celebrations will take place on Friday 16th Feb at Rivington Barn. Tickets available by 'googling' Eventbrite St Joseph's Alumni or follow the link from St. Joseph's school Facebook page.

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 20th 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

Pastoral Visit of the Apostolic Nuncio

His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will visit Salford Diocese on 29th - 30th Nov. 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' document on the environment, *Laudate Deum*. Echoing the pope's call for all to act 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/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.

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

Laudato Si' Christmas Showcase. Join the Laudato Si' Centre between 11am and 2pm on Sunday 3rd December as staff and volunteers ring in the festive season with a joy-filled Christmas Showcase! This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about the centre by exploring the wintery woodland and walled garden whilst enjoying toasted marshmallows by the roaring fire and picking up Advent wreaths and other treats! Blue badge parking only. Nearby on-street parking available, or in St Mary's Cemetery car park. Address: Laudato Si' Centre, Wardley Hall, Worsley, M28 2ND.

Young Adults Mass Young adults from across the diocese are invited to join us on Sunday 10th December for our final Young Adults Mass of 2023! Mass begins at 5.30pm at St Augustine's, Manchester, with opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation between 4.45pm and 5.15pm. Join us after as we kickstart the festive season with a fun-filled social complete with Christmassy food and drink!

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/beethere

Discover more about our Diocesan Synod

Over the coming weeks and months, the Diocese of Salford is carrying out the first key stage of our diocesan synod. But what is a synod? And what does it mean for our diocese and the future of the Church in Greater Manchester and Lancashire? Scan the QR code to find out more.



Cafod Israeli-Palestinian Crisis

Appeal Donate 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 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 donating 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/skCHYCKnBzhDrvbn9>.

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

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, Brightmet, 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

Parish Administrator - St Patrick's, Collyhurst Appointment Type: Part-time, permanent contract. Working hours: 10 hours per week - worked over two days. Location: St Patrick's RC Church, 6 Nobby Stiles Drive, Collyhurst, Manchester, M4 4FA. Salary: £11.26 per hour. Find out more and apply at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

