



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Year B**

## **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

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| Saturday:         | 6 pm     |
| Sunday:           | 10 am    |
| Monday – Thursday | 9 am     |
| Friday – Requiem  | 10.30 am |

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 5.30 – 5.50 pm  
and at call

## **THIS SUNDAY'S MASS**

### **First Reading**

**Acts 4: 32-35**

United, heart and soul

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 r.1**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

### **Second Reading**

**1 John 5:106**

Anyone who has been begotten by  
God has already overcome the world.

### **Gospel**

**John 20: 19-31**

Eight days later, Jesus came.

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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 second readings for the Sundays of Eastertide this year are all from the first Letter of John. The main topic is Christian love. It is quite significant that this Sunday's passage is out of sequence (it is taken from the final chapter of the letter). It centres on two overarching aspects of Christian love, which are vital for any genuine manifestation of that love. The first aspect is that this love, which conquers the world, is built on faith in Jesus as Son of God. 'The world' here stands for all the evil and godless attitudes standing in opposition to Christian values. By raising Jesus from the dead God has shown the vanity of these attitudes, and has made the victory of Christian love over them sure. These are the true values that in the end will prevail. The second aspect is that by Christian love we are raised to be sons of God, co-heirs with Christ and able to cry 'Abba, Father' truly to God. To the Hebrew mind to be a 'son of' is wider than mere physical generation. It involves respect, devotion, obedience, keeping an eye on, careful conformity in desire, ability and behaviour. It is much like being 'in the image of', but closer, stronger, more heartfelt and more intimate.

**Requiem Mass** for Kay Rushton on  
Friday 12 April at 10.30 am. Please  
remember Kay, and her family and  
friends in your prayers at this time.

### **First Holy Communion**

congratulations to the children  
making their first holy communion  
this week and over the next two  
Sundays. Please continue to pray for  
them. The piety stall has a selection  
of cards and gifts.

**Newsletter:** The Newsletter group  
are looking for a couple of new  
members to continue to support  
Father with the publishing of the  
weekly newsletter. Familiarity with  
Microsoft Outlook/One Drive/Word is  
useful but not essential. If you are  
interested please speak to Father  
after Mass this weekend. We are  
planning to have a meeting to discuss  
any issues/improvements we can  
make.

**Parish CAFOD Group:** There will be a  
meeting to re launch the parish  
CAFOD group on Thursday 25 April at  
7pm. All welcome.

**Sacred Heart Primary School:** Class  
led assemblies continue at 3pm on

Friday April 26 - Class 4C. All  
welcome.

**St Joseph's High School.** St Joseph's  
are continuing with their work in the  
local community with regular visits to  
Swallowfield Gardens residential  
home.

**Talks on the Four Constitutions of  
Vatican II** In response to Pope Francis'  
invitation to revisit the Four  
Constitutions of the Second Vatican  
Council, the Diocese of Salford is  
holding a series of four evening talks  
after Easter. The first talk takes place  
on Wednesday 10 April at 7pm when  
Bishop John will explore a little more  
about *Lumen Gentium*. Cathedral  
Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3  
6DP. Find out more about the series  
and register your interest at  
<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/constitutions-talks/>

**Young Adults Mass.** The Diocese of  
Salford's Mass for Young Adults  
returns to St Augustine's in  
Manchester on Sunday 14th April.  
Mass begins at 5.30pm, with  
opportunity for the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation from 4.45pm. Join the  
team after for a catch up and a bite to

eat before we hear from the diocesan communications team for a short talk about faith and the media. All are welcome to attend!

#### **Launch Mass for Lourdes Pilgrimage**

St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 5HF Tuesday 16 April 2024 7pm. Whether you are planning to join us in Lourdes for our centenary pilgrimage or pray along at home, we would be delighted to welcome you to our Launch Mass. The Mass takes place at 7pm on Tuesday 16th April at St Patrick's RC Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M4 5HF.

#### **Caritas Diocese of Salford Appeal for Volunteers**

Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford is looking for people who may be willing to volunteer their time to help advocate for positive accessibility solutions, identifying unmet needs and encouraging change. The team is also looking for Caritas Parish Reps who might be able to help support their work in our parishes. Find out more about these and other volunteering roles with Caritas Salford now: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer)

#### **Bishop John's message for Caritas Salford campaign - Why Every Step Matters.**

Bishop John Arnold has recorded a special video message about Caritas Salford's 2024 campaign, which is asking us to do something this year that pushes us out of our comfort zone. You can watch the video and find out more about how you can take on a challenge to support people in your local community here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/bishop-john-every-step/>

#### **Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to**

Walsingham Salford Youth and Young Adults Ministry is delighted to once again offer a dedicated youth pilgrimage to Walsingham, aimed for students in Years 7,8 and 9. This pilgrimage runs alongside the main diocesan pilgrimage and will leave on Friday 3 May and return on Saturday 4 May 2024. For further details please contact: [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

#### **Diocesan Day Retreat: The Cloud of Unknowing.**

Our diocesan day retreat programme continues in May with a closer look at the mystical text, The Cloud of Unknowing. Dating back to the 14th century, this profound work

offers a spiritual guide to contemplative prayer. The retreat runs 11.30am - 3pm on Monday 13th May at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall, and costs £20 to attend. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-at-may-2024/>

#### **Manchester and Salford Ecumenical**

**Whit Walk** The annual Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk is set to return for another year of prayerful celebration. Taking place on Mon 27 May, the walk will begin at 10am from Manchester Cathedral Gardens, and the group will process to St Peter's Square for an Act of Worship. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome to attend!

**Cemetery Mass.** A special outdoor Mass will take place at St Joseph's RC Cemetery, Moston, on Monday 27th May. The Mass, led by Canon Paul Daly, will begin at 11am. An additional Mass is also due to take place at the cemetery on Monday 26th August, 11am. In the event of wet weather, Mass will take place at St Dunstan's church.

**Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025** Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee – an event that happens every 25 years. The theme for the upcoming Jubilee is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. To find out more about the Jubilee and this preparatory Year of Prayer, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/>

#### **Advertisement for new Trustees of**

**CaTEW** The Catholic Trust for England and Wales is sharing an opportunity to join its committed board of trustees. CaTEW provides, through the Conference Secretariat, a centre of knowledge and capability for assisting the Bishops and Dioceses in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and supporting the communities of faith in England and Wales. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/CaTEW-new-trustees.pdf> or email [HR@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:HR@cbcew.org.uk)

**Job Vacancies.** Find out more and apply at

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

**Parish Finance Business Partner - The Diocese of Salford (replacement role).** **Appointment Type:** Full time, permanent

**Working Hours:** 35 hours per week (Mon - Fri) **Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP **Salary:** £45,423 - £55,836 per annum. **Closing Date:** Monday 8th April

#### **Chef - Salford Cathedral House (replacement role)**

**Appointment Type:** Part time, permanent. **Working Hours:** 12 hours per week over 3 days (Fri - Sun) **Location:** Cathedral House, 250 Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE **Salary:** £21,840 - £24,343 FTE (subject to pro rata) Closing date 8th April 12 noon.

#### **Education Administrator - The Diocese of Salford (replacement role)**

**Appointment Type:** Full time, permanent (term time only will be considered) **Working Hours:** 35 hours per week, Mon-Fri **Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP **Salary:** £24,983 - £28,668 per annum. Closing date 12th April 12 noon

#### **Head of Human Resources - The Diocese of Salford (replacement role)**

**Appointment Type:** Full time, permanent. **Working Hours:** 35 hours per week, Mon - Fri. **Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP **Salary:** £51,101 - £58,639 per annum. **Closing date:** 15th April 12 noon

#### **Bar Supervisor – St Kentigern's Social**

**Club.** **Appointment Type:** Zero Hours Contract. **Working hours:** Flexible as and when required (primarily to be worked Fri-Sun). **Location:** St Kentigern's Social Club, Hart Rd, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 7BB. Some flexibility will be required to work across other SDC sites on occasions. **Salary:** £13.25 per hr. **Closing Date:** 15th April 12 noon.

