



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Year B**

## **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**

**Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19**

You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 4: 2, 4, 7, 9**

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

### **Second Reading**

**1 John 2 :1-5**

Jesus is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's.

### **Gospel**

**Luke 24: 35-48**

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

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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**

This reading is the final section of Peter's speech to the people of Jerusalem after Pentecost, when he is explaining to the crowds the significance of the first miracle worked by the apostles in the power of the Spirit. Like all the speeches in Acts, it is not a word-for-word, tape-recorded report, but is a sample of Peter's preaching to the Jews. He lays the blame for Jesus' rejection squarely on them, but shows that it was just as scripture had foretold. All the speeches end with an invitation to repent. This does not mean simply to get all weepy about past sins, 'how dreadful and wicked I have been'. It means that the listeners, and we, must change our ways, adopt God's and the Risen Christ's system of values. To convert means I was going in one direction; now I turn round and go in another. Then the way I look at the world becomes different. I see things from a different angle, God's and Christ's angle.

This sort of conversion does not so much look at the past with regret as look at the future with confidence. It is the new determination that allows God to wipe out our sins.

### **First Holy Communion**

congratulations to the children making their first holy communion at this time. 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.

**Parish Finance and Property Committee** will meet on Wednesday 17 April at 7pm. We will discuss the recently received property condition report a copy of which is available on the noticeboard for anyone to read.

**Sacred Heart Primary School** re-opens for the start of the summer term on Monday morning. 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. 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.

#### **Local Nature Reserve Survey**

As part of the preparation of the Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy, GMCA have launched a survey to engage the public, local community groups and organisations, with the strategy. Everyone can take part in the survey, which can be found by visiting [www.gmconsult.org/environment-team-policy-and-strategy/greater-manchester-s-plan-for-nature/](http://www.gmconsult.org/environment-team-policy-and-strategy/greater-manchester-s-plan-for-nature/)

#### **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-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 8<sup>th</sup> April

**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:** 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.'