



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 12th May
7th Sunday of Easter
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 – 5.50 pm
and at call

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102:1-2,11-12,19-20 r9

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Second Reading

1 John 4:11-16

Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel

John 17:11-19

That they may be one like us!

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Suggested items for inclusion in future editions of the newsletter may be emailed to SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter@outlook.com

Please submit items for inclusion by midday on Thursday.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The priestly prayer of Christ that concludes St. John's Last Supper discourse, and which we hear in our gospel this week, hovers over us as the Spirit hovers over us at Pentecost. The prayer's function in the gospel mirrors its function in liturgical calendar; it is a summation of what had preceded and it prepares for what follows. As a summation, Jesus reports in prayer to his Father all that he has done on behalf of his disciples: he has drawn them into the same unity that Jesus enjoys with the Father; he has protected and guarded them; he has given them God's word. As a preparation for what follows, Jesus prays that God will 'keep them from the evil one' and 'consecrate them in the truth'. These blessings already received formed the foundation of the Church's missionary activity about to begin.

Children's Liturgy of the Word I am delighted to announce that the Children's Liturgy of the Word will recommence from Sunday 9 June at the 10 am Mass. This is an opportunity for children from 3-8 years and who have not made their first holy communion to celebrate the Sunday's scripture readings in an age-appropriate way. I am grateful to the volunteer catechists who have made this possible.

DBS Clinic There are some further opportunities for parish volunteers whose role requires a DBS check to complete the necessary forms and ID checks. These will be 1) Saturday 18 May 11am - 12.30pm, 2) Thursday 30 May 7-8.30pm and 3) Wednesday 12 June 7pm - 8.30pm. Cathy, our Parish Safeguarding rep will have made you aware if you need to make or renew your DBS check. Please do your very best to attend one of these sessions.

First Holy Communion Celebration All the children who received Holy Communion for the first time this year are invited to the 10 am Mass next Sunday, 19 May to celebrate together.

Feast of the Sacred Heart this year falls on Friday 7 June. Does anyone have a suggestion how we might keep our parish Feast Day?

'Hail Queen of Heaven' Concert Here at Sacred Heart Church on Wed 22nd May at 7pm. Salford Cathedral Choir and Choirs from our own Sacred Heart Primary School will perform one hour of concert music in honour of Our Blessed Lady including well known hymns for all to sing. Free admission, with a retiring collection towards Salford Cathedral Music Foundation. All welcome.

Thank you to Martin Purtill who after many years has retired from looking after the church grounds.

Sacred Heart School Class led assemblies continue at 3pm on Friday 24th May – Class 1K. All welcome.

St Joseph's High School. We ask for your prayers as we seek to embed our trauma informed approach and are assessed for the inclusion Quality Mark.

Students from St Joseph's had a wonderful weekend in Walsingham..

Advanced notice - Confirmation of students from St Joseph's will take place on Thursday 26 September 2024 at Sacred Heart, Westhoughton. Bishop John will be in attendance to celebrate this sacrament with our young people.

St Joseph's are continuing with their work in the local community with

regular visits to Swallowfield Gardens residential home.

HCPT Fun Quiz Night Thank you to everyone who supported this event which raised £549.

Red Box 2023: Thank You! In 2023, Sacred Heart Parish raised £1433 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Our missionary community here at Sacred Heart Parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.

Caritas Diocese of Salford Appeal for Volunteers. Caritas Salford is looking for people willing to volunteer their time to help advocate for positive accessibility solutions, identifying unmet needs and encouraging change. They are also looking for Caritas Parish Reps to help support their work in our parishes. Find out more at www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

Thank you to everyone who has supported Caritas Salford in recent months. Demand for their services has continued to increase as the cost-of-living crisis deepens. All your prayers, kindness and generosity make a huge difference to the lives of people in our community. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk to find out more about their work.

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 13 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/>

CAFOD'S Sudan Crisis Appeal - Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now

face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan crisis appeal in church on 18/19 May or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10

Northern Dioceses' Environment Group. Parishes and individuals are invited to a workshop to find out more about how our food supply system links to our faith. The event, titled "Faith in Food - Thinking and acting both locally and globally about our food system" takes place on Saturday 18 May between 11am and 3:30pm at St Wilfrid's Church, Preston, PR1 8BU. Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-in-food-tickets-879396337117>

Rosary around the Campfire Please join us for a peaceful hour of prayer and reflection as we host a special praying of The Rosary at our Laudato Si' Centre on Monday 20 May at 1pm. All are welcome to join as we settle on our tree trunks around the campfire to share in an ecological reflection on the Sorrowful Mysteries. Please register your interest at <https://tinyurl.com/rosaryLSC> and feel free to bring your own chair or blanket for additional comfort.

Laudato Si' Awards The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for its inaugural Laudato Si' awards aimed at recognising and rewarding school children who have demonstrated exceptional care for the environment. Schools are invited to send in nominations of any student who has gone above and beyond for the Laudato Si' message. Find out more and send in your nominations at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lsc-awards-2024/>. Deadline for submissions is 24 May.

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Raby Street, Moss Side, Manchester, M16 7JQ. Thursday 23 May 2024 7.30pm. Each month, our vocations team will travel to a different deanery in our diocese to invite people to pray for

the future of the priesthood in our diocese. Whether you would like to explore more about a vocation to the priesthood, or simply pray for the future of the priesthood in our diocese, you are more than welcome to attend. The June Mass for vocations will be at St. Charles Borromeo, Moorside Rd. Swinton M27 9PD on Saturday 22 June at 12pm.

Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk The annual Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk is set to return for another year of prayerful celebration 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 27 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 26 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. To find out more about the Jubilee and this preparatory Year of Prayer, please visit: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/>

Job Vacancies

Social Worker - Caritas Diocese of Salford Schools' Service Appointment Type: 12 Months, fixed term contract (Maternity Cover) Working Hours: 5 days per week, term time only. Location: Based across schools in Burnley and Salford. Salary: £30,529 - £36,072 (pro rata for term time) Actual £26,091 - £30,828. Find out more and apply at <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/about/careers/>

Collections: In April the total of Sunday collections and standing orders was £3133.76. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.