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Sunday 19th May
Pentecost
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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

Genesis 11:1-9

The tower of Babel

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-2,24,27-30,35

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and
renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit himself expresses our plea
in a way that could never be put into
words

Gospel

John 7:37-39

'If any man is thirsty, let him come to
me!'

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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 ministry of Jesus starts with the coming of the Spirit at his Baptism, and so the ministry of the Church begins with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. There can be no witness to Jesus or to his message, no spreading of the Kingship of God, without the Spirit of Jesus. Another lesson from this parallelism is that the task of the Church and the life of the Church are the same as those of Jesus himself: to bring God's kingship to its fulfilment by bringing healing and reconciliation, love and joy through the message of the Risen Christ. The rushing wind and the tongues of fire are an allusion to the coming of God's Spirit in the Old Testament upon Moses and the elders. So the new message is the fulfilment of the Old Testament, breaking out beyond the borders of Judaism to include all peoples of the world. The union of all these peoples, all understanding one language in their own way, is a deliberate contrast to the scene at the Tower of Babel, when all the peoples of the world were split up by their inability to understand one another's languages. The list of unpronounceable peoples is itself a witness to the universality of the Church!

Altar Servers: I would like to recruit some new or returning altar servers who will help with our celebration of Sunday Mass. If you are interested please see Fr Christopher.

'Hail Queen of Heaven' Concert Here at Sacred Heart Church on Wed 22 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, light refreshments after.

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! Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.

Sacred Heart School
CONGRATULATIONS to everyone at Sacred Heart School on the recent OUTSTANDING assessment from Ofsted. The full report is available on the school website, on Ofsted's

website and there are a few copies on the table at the back of Church.

Class led assemblies continue at 3pm on Friday 24 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.

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.

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. Find out more at www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

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 this weekend or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10

Laudato Si' Week This week (19-26 May), we mark Laudato Si' Week - an annual campaign celebrating the anniversary of Pope Francis' environmental encyclical. This year's theme is "Seeds of Hope", which calls us to be those seeds of hope in our lives and in our world, rooted in faith and love. To find out more about the campaign and how you can celebrate it in your parish, school, or at home, please visit <https://laudatosiweek.org>

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 24th May.

Caritas Parish Representatives Caritas Salford is inviting parishes who do not currently have a Caritas Parish Rep as part of their social action/justice provision to get in touch to find out more about how they can help their community put love and faith into action. For more information, please email m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Raby Street, Moss Side, Manchester, M16 7JQ. Thursday 23rd 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 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. To find out more about the Jubilee and this preparatory Year of Prayer, please visit: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/>

Quarant'ore at Salford Cathedral temporary church (5-8 June 2024) During this Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Year of Jubilee, you are invited to join us at Salford Cathedral's temporary church for a special time of prayer - 40 Hours of Adoration of Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We will pray for a special intention each day. The times of Holy Mass, Confessions and Exposition during Quarant'ore can be found at <https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/>. All are welcome to join us!

Mental Health and Well-being Day 'Directions for Men', a mental health charity, in conjunction with St Anne's Parish, Fairfield, is offering a free

Mental Health and Well-being Day on Tuesday 21 May from 1.00 to 4.00 pm in St Anne's Parish Hall, Ashton Old Road, Manchester, M11 1GR. Everyone is very welcome to drop in during the afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

Discernment Workshops 28 May 11 June 25 June A series of online workshops looking at the principles and practice of Ignatian Discernment. Open to young adults (20s and 30s). To register and for further information please email: FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s) Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life Dates: 24 - 26 May 2024 Location: Liverpool The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day.

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. Closing date: 03/06/24. Find out more and apply at <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/about/careers/>

Education Administrator - Diocese of Salford Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent (Term time only will be considered) Working Hours: 35 hours per week to be worked Monday to Friday Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP Salary: £24,983 – £28,668 per annum Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

