



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 26th May
The Most Holy Trinity
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6 pm
Sunday	10am
Monday – Bank holiday	10am
Tuesday – Thursday	9 am
Friday	10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 – 5.50 pm
and at call

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

The Lord is God indeed: he and no other

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:4-6. 9. 18-20.22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen
as his own

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

The Spirit himself and our spirit bear
united witness that we are children of
God

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Go and make disciples of all nations

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future editions of the newsletter
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SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter
@outlook.com**

**Please submit items for inclusion by
midday on Thursday.**

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Why a reading from Deuteronomy on the feast of the Trinity? Because the Book of Deuteronomy is primarily about the love of God, the revelation of God's awesome, forgiving love to his people. Love is the nature of God. We can never understand God, or what we mean by three Persons in one nature. Rather than the Church giving us a reading that might get us a tiny step nearer understanding what we might mean by that, the Church gives us the heart of the revelation to Jews and Christians that God is love. Other religions feel their way towards this staggering and daunting truth, but to us it has been revealed. The revelation of God as love is a personal revelation, inviting us to a response in love, inviting us into a personal relationship with God as love. All the instructions that God gives us are simply meant to show us what that love means and how we can respond to it and stay close to God as own God's people. In the beginning man and woman were made in the image of God, and if I am to remain close to God I must shape my desires, my activities, my relationships to be like those of God.

Mass times this week Monday is a bank holiday and Mass will be at 10am. Since this week is half term, Mass on Friday will be at 9am.

Feast of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

this year is Friday 7 June. Mass to celebrate the feast of our Parish dedication will be at 7pm followed by refreshments. If anyone has some garden games please bring them along in the hope of some fine weather.

Euro '24 Football Predictor Game

Please take a game sheet from the tables at the back of Church. For each game in the group stages, predict the final score. 3 points if you get it exactly right, 1 point if you guess the result (game winner or draw). £2 per entry, and prizes for first, second and third places. Please invite family and friends to take part. Proceeds to parish funds.

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.

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) Thursday 30 May 7-8.30pm and 2) 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 session.

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 on Friday 14 June at 3pm – class 1P. 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.

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians face. The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

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 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 Sat. 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!

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

Day Retreat: Jonah and the Whale The Diocese of Salford's Day Retreat Programme returns in June to explore this remarkable Old Testament story from the Book of Jonah. The retreat takes place on Thur 6 June between 11.30am and 3pm at Our Lady's and St Gerard Majella's in Lostock Hall. £20 to attend and booking by calling 01772 335387, or emailing office@saintgerards.org.uk

Update on our Diocesan Synod On Saturday 18 May, hundreds of Synod Members from across the diocese gathered for the latest update in our diocesan synod journey. The day

focussed around the four principal themes that emerged from the Big Listen stage of the process, which took place between October 2023 and January 2024. The four themes are: Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow's World, Building Connections, Enabling Access, and Fostering Christ-like Care. To find out more about the latest updates, what's next for our diocesan synod, or how you can get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synod-gathering-1/>

Young Adults Mass Our diocesan Mass for Young Adults returns on Sunday 9th June to St Augustine's Church in Manchester. Mass begins at 5.30pm with opportunity for confession between 4.45pm and 5.15pm. Join us after Mass for a catch up with other young Catholics over a bite to eat and a short, personal talk about one man's remarkable journey to faith. All are welcome to attend!

Get Social Are you aged 18-35? Are you looking to celebrate your faith with other young Catholic adults across the diocese? Give the Diocese of Salford Young Adults Ministry a follow on Instagram! For the latest on upcoming events, opportunities to connect and get involved, as well as regular content and resources to nurture your faith life on the go, simply search @salfordyouth on Instagram.

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/>