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Sunday 23rd June 2024
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 – 5.50 pm
and at call

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Job 38: 1, 8-11

Here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 106: 23-26. 28-31 r1

O give thanks to the Lord, for his love
endures forever.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

Now the new creation is here.

Gospel

Mark 4: 35-41

Who can this be? Even the wind and
the sea obey him.

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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

In the second reading today from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Paul is explaining that the Resurrection of Christ has radically changed everything. In this new creation, all our standards, hopes and expectations have undergone a transformation. He is perhaps already tilting at people who prided themselves on having known Jesus during his earthly life, and pitted their authority against Paul's own. Certainly, later in the letter, he sets out to dispute the claims of some people of Jewish background who considered themselves 'super-apostles'. Salvation is not achieved by this knowledge of the earthly Jesus. The message of the gospel makes sense only in the light of the Resurrection. The Risen Christ is the firstborn from the dead, and his Resurrection is the model for ours. This is the ultimate answer to Job's question which we hear expressed in our first reading: whatever sorrows earthly life may bring, if we are baptized into Christ's death, we will also share his Resurrection. We already share Christ's life and are being transformed into him. The life we are experiencing now is only a preparation for its fulfilment in Christ's Resurrection.

Forthcoming Funerals: On Monday 1 July the requiem Mass for Teresa Liles will take place at 10 am, on Tuesday 2 July the requiem Mass for Jean Atherton takes place at 9.30 am, and on Wednesday 10 July the funeral service for Maria Midgley will take place at Overdale Crematorium at 2pm. Please remember Teresa, Jean, and Maria, their family and friends, in your prayers at this time.

Euro '24 Football Predictor Game

Good luck to everyone who has taken part. First prize will be £25, second prize £15 and third prize £10. 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

continues this Sunday, 23rd June at the 10 am Mass. This is an opportunity for children from 3-8 years and who have not yet 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. Please register your child as you arrive for Mass.

Sacred Heart School Class led assemblies continue next on Friday 28th June at 3pm-class RB. All welcome.

St Joseph's High School. You're the one that we want! The Performing Arts department at St Joseph's would like to invite you to our production of Grease the musical. The event will take place in our school hall on the evenings of 9th, 10th and 11th of July at 7pm. Our fantastic pupils have been working super hard and it's going to be something you won't want to miss. Tickets are available via the EventBrite link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/venueplan/RdiEJKhzXNnT> or by using your phone to scan the QR code on the poster in the church entrance. Get ready to hand jive your way back to the 1970s!

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.

Refugee Week 2024 Bishop John has shared a message for this year's Refugee Week, taking place 17-23 June. In his message, Bishop John asks us to pray for the 130 million people who are forcibly displaced in our world today, calling us to be "instruments of peace and wellbeing" as we work to ensure dignity and justice for all. Visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/refugee-week-2024/> for Bishop John's full message.

Information and Guidance on Upcoming Elections In light of the upcoming general elections on July 4, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has shared very useful resources that offer information and guidance on key topics of interest to Catholic voters. The resources can be viewed online at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Discernment Workshops on 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

Diocesan Day Retreat: The Fire & The Well & The Cloak As part of our Day Retreat Programme, another session is taking place on Saturday 6th July at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella Catholic Church, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall, PR5 5AA. The theme for this session is "The Fire and The Well and The Cloak". It will explore the spirituality of the wonderful Saint Brigid and her compelling symbolism. It will start at 11.30am and will finish at 3pm and costs £20. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-july-2024/>

Madonna Del Rosario procession The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession, organised by the Manchester Italian Association, will take place on Sunday 7 July 2024. The procession will begin at 1.15pm from St Michael's (former church), George Leigh Street, in Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter's Square. All are welcome to join this wonderful celebration.

Invocation at Adoremus We're delighted to announce the return of Invocation at Adoremus this

September! Taking place at St Mary's College, Oscott, on 15 September, this beautiful day is designed specifically for adults discerning a particular vocation or direction; providing them with an opportunity to pray, to talk about their journey, and to find support and resources to help them along the way.

Find out more and register online at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/invocation-adoremus-2024/> or email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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.

Fancy a run? If the recent Great Manchester Run inspired you to get moving, or if you're looking for a new challenge, then join the Caritas Salford race team to help alleviate family poverty and homelessness in our diocese. Whether you're looking for a marathon, half marathon or a 10k place for yourself, or you're part of a group at work or in the community and want to join team Caritas, they'd love to hear from you as they make charity plans for 2025. They also have limited places available for this October's Manchester Half Marathon. Read all about it and register for your place here: www.caritassalford.org.uk/take-part-in-a-caritas-fundraising-event-or-activity/

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/>

Four Key Themes Announced from Diocesan Synod The Diocese of Salford has recently shared the four key themes to have emerged from the Big Listen stage of our diocesan synod, which drew to a close in January. The four themes are:

- Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow's World
- Building Connections
- Enabling Access
- 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/>

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.

August Please note that there will be one newsletter for the whole month of August. Please ensure all notices, even for the first week of September, are submitted before the end of July for inclusion.

Job Vacancies Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Grant and Bid Writer - Diocese of Salford (replacement role)
Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent
Working Hours: 35 hours per week to be worked Monday to Friday
Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP
Salary: £36,338 – £40,289 per annum
Closing Date: Friday 28th June 12 noon

Education Administrator-
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 (FTE)
Closing Date: 1st July 12 noon

