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Sunday 30th June 2024
Saints Peter and Paul
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6 pm
Sunday	10 am
Monday – Requiem	10 am
Tuesday – Requiem	9.30 am
Wednesday - Thursday	9 am
Friday	10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 – 5.50 pm
and at call

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Acts 12: 1-11

'Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33: 2-9

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

All is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel

Matthew 16: 13-19

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

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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 early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles show the earliest Church at Jerusalem being led by Peter. The later chapters recount the mission of Paul to the gentiles. This story tells of a near disaster, averted by divine intervention. Had Peter, as well as James, been martyred at this early stage, the Church might have been left without leaders and could hardly have survived. It is one of the many accounts of divine intervention to free the apostles from the prisons to which their fearless witness to Christ brought them. Several times the whole group of apostles had been imprisoned by the Jewish authorities for their witness and miraculously released. This full account is paralleled by the release of Paul from prison in Thessalonika through an earthquake; the stories of Peter and Paul are parallel in many ways. The lesson is that the Holy Spirit was guiding the Church at every stage, and was looking after its members as they proclaimed the gospel. The story is superbly told, with the amusing picture of Peter, still half-asleep, being guided at every step by the angel, like a sleepy child, woken up in the middle of the night.

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, on Monday 8 July the funeral service for Amanda Hesketh will take place in Church at 1pm and on Wednesday 10 July the funeral service for Maria Midgley will take place at Overdale Crematorium at 2pm. Please remember Teresa, Jean, Amanda 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 – I'm still marking the entries! 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 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 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Friday 5 July at 1.30pm.

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.

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/>

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.

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/>

Young Adults Mass: The Diocese of Salford's Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester on Sunday, 14th July. Fr Mark Paver will lead the Mass at 5.30pm which will be followed by a relaxed social. Join other young adults from across the diocese this July as we gather together for our final Young Adults Mass before the summer break. All are welcome to attend!

Mass for Vocations: Join us for our Monthly Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood at 7.00pm on Thursday 11th July at St Mary Magdalene's RC Church, Burnley. 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.

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.

Can you help bring back a child's smile this summer?

Over 330,000 children in our diocese are now living in poverty. Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has found demand for its services to support them and their families has grown significantly recently, with hardworking families significantly affected and experiencing acute crisis. This is unacceptable in 2024 - can you help? Find out simple ways you can take action, or make a donation to help children in your area now here: www.caritassalford.org.uk/childpoverty

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

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/>

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