



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 14th July 2024
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 – 5.50 pm
and at call

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Amos 7: 12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84: 9-14 r.8

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and
give us your saving help.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Before the world was made, God
chose us.

Gospel

Mark 6: 7-13

He began to send them out.

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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

Amos had a tricky task on his hands. He was sent unwillingly by God from the neighbouring kingdom of Judah to tell their bitter rivals in Israel to change their ways, to stop exploiting the poor and the weak, to bring sacrifices which were a real expression of homage to God who champions the needy and the powerless. No surprise that he was booted out of the national shrine and told to shove off home and mind his own business. We don't like prophets who try to shake us out of our comfortable ways, pointing out our inadequacies, challenging us to be true to God's plans for us. In vain, Amos insisted that he was not a professional troublemaker, that all he had wanted was a quiet life looking after his flocks and herds and sycamore trees. And then the Lord had insisted on giving him this special task. The exciting thing about being a Christian is that we never know when we will be called by the Lord to do some special task, great or small—even if it is only welcoming the unexpected and tiresome visitor and remembering that he or she is in the place of Christ.

August during the month of August and the first week of September this year I will be on an extended retreat. Last year I marked the 25th anniversary of my ordination and I decided I would undertake the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola, which is a 30-day retreat spent in silence. I felt this was a good time for me to make this retreat as it affords an opportunity for deep listening to the Lord and to recommit to His will for me. During August Mgr Paul Smith will be with you for the weekends. I know you will make him welcome. Should you need a priest at another time while I am away the other local priests in the area can be contacted as follows: Fr Andrew Pastore at St Vincent's, Over Hulton on 01204 436702; Fr Richard Howarth at St Mary's, Horwich on 01204 468209; Fr Chris Gorton, St Cuthbert's Bolton on 01204 497068 or Fr Morrough O'Brien, the Dean, at Christ the Redeemer on 01204 62316.

Please pray for me while I am on retreat as I will be sure to pray for you all.

Parish finance Committee there will be a meeting of the parish finance and property committee on 17 July at 7pm.

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 - Term ends on Thursday 18th July at 2 pm and school reopens for the new academic year on Wednesday 4th September. Good luck to all pupils and staff leaving school this week. Have a good rest over the summer.

St Joseph's High School. Term ends on Friday 19th July and school reopens on Tuesday 3rd September 2024. 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.

Volunteer hospital chaplains wanted!

Are you interested in visiting Catholic patients at the Royal Bolton Hospital as a volunteer chaplain? The commitment is modest; just half a day a week - morning or afternoon on a day to suit you. Full support and any necessary training will be given and car parking, when on duty, is free. For more information or a chat contact Fr Bob Hayes at the Chaplaincy Office: email robert.hayes@boltonft.nhs.uk or phone 01204 390770.

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!

Salford Lourdes Pre-Departure Mass.

Whether you're travelling to Lourdes or are looking to join in prayer at home, you are welcome to join us on Sunday 21st July as we gather together in prayer for the Pre-Departure Mass of our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Mass is at 5.30pm at St Patrick's church, Collyhurst and will be celebrated by Canon Michael Cooke along with clergy from the diocese, with music from our wonderful Lourdes Choir. There will be refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends after Mass.

Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst – 'Living Catholicism Today' course, 1st – 4th August.

How do we interpret the sources of Christian morality? Why is the Church 'obsessed' about human sexuality? What is the significance of the virtues? Part of the CHC's "Faith & Reason" series, this course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski. Find more information at <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

Caritas Diocese of Salford Summer Appeal Our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, has launched its summer appeal as new research reveals child poverty to be at an all-time high across Greater Manchester

and Lancashire. To find out more about the appeal and how you can support families across our diocese, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/child-poverty

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

Free Webinar - Promoting and supporting integration and wellbeing of refugee children

To mark World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Caritas in partnership with the Caritas Social Action Network, will be hosting a national webinar aimed at equipping communities with the knowledge, skills and resources to effectively support children who are refugees or seeking asylum. The webinar is aimed at teachers, school leaders, school family support workers, social workers, counsellors, therapists and governors. Clergy and others involved in supporting people in their local community would also find the session beneficial. The webinar will take place online on Wednesday 25 September at 4pm. To book your place and find out more, visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/welcoming-classrooms/>

Stay in the know. Want the latest news from parishes and schools across the diocese? Would you like to keep up to speed with upcoming events and key projects and resources from the Diocese of Salford? Head to the Diocese of Salford's website at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk> or find us on Facebook, Instagram, and X!

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/>

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 - Diocese

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 (depending on skills and experience) **Closing Date:** 12 noon, 20th August

Childcare Assistant - Our Lady & St Hubert's Playgroup

Appointment Type: Part-time, 1 year fixed-term contract **Working Hours:** 24 hours per week **Location:** Our Lady & St Hubert's Playgroup, Hallfield Road, Great Harwood, Blackburn, BB6 7SN, Great Harwood, Blackburn **Salary:** £12 per hour. **Closing Date:** 12 noon, 19th July

June Collection: The offertory collection for June, including standing orders and payments made through the card machine totalled £2697.13. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. During June we also received £5923.63 for our 2023/24 Gift Aid claim, so thank you to everyone who is part of that scheme. If you would like to sign up for Gift Aid the parish can claim 25p back for every £1 donated so long as you pay income tax or capital gains tax. Please speak to Fr. Christopher or Jim Maxfield for more information.



Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching