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Sunday 20th October 2024
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 – 5.50 pm
and at call

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, what the Lord wishes will be done.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:4-5,18-20,22

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Our high priest is the one who has been tempted in every way that we are.

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

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Please submit items for inclusion by midday on Thursday.

THE WORD THIS WEEK.

The Letter to the Hebrews contrasts the supreme High Priest with the transient high priests of Judaism. In order to bring humanity to perfection, Jesus had to share completely in our humanity. He was 'tempted in every way that we are', sexual temptations, temptations to anger, to intolerance, to cut people down to size. He was 'capable of feeling our weaknesses', fear, frustration, laziness, boredom. In the gospels, few of these are mentioned: his exhaustion at the well in Samaria, his grief at the death of his friend Lazarus. But, as he had a very human personality, he must have suffered the fears and incomprehension of childhood, the frustrations of adolescence, as well as the more complex troubles and sorrows of adulthood, not to mention the unremitting opposition of those who rejected him—all under the overarching passion for his Father and his Kingship. All this would have enriched his personality still further, until he offered the whole of his humanity in obedience to his Father's designs. Just as martyrdom is the crown of a life of Christian fidelity, so Jesus' final sacrifice was the crown of a life of love, obedience and generosity.

Funeral of Pauline Woods will take place at Howe Bridge Crematorium on Thursday 24 October at 11am. Please remember Pauline, and her family and friends in your prayers

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday Mass. This is an opportunity for children 3-8 yrs old and who have not yet made their first holy communion to celebrate the Sunday's scripture readings in an age-appropriate way. Please register your child as you arrive for Mass.

Volunteers we are truly delighted at the number of children taking part in the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, but it does mean we have to be careful to keep the correct ratio of adult volunteers to children. Would you be willing to join the team? Please speak with Fr Christopher, Julie or Cathy. This role will require a DBS check.

Winter Ready at the Parish Finance and Property meeting this week we discussed ensuring our paths and car parks remained safe during the winter period. Are there any able-bodied parishioners who would volunteer to help apply salt and clear snow should

the weather turn icy? Please speak with Fr Christopher if you can help.

Altar Servers: New altar servers are always welcome. Please speak with Fr Christopher.

Coffee Mornings – The next Coffee Morning is this Sunday 20 Oct. after 10am Mass. Lisa Spann will be there as the new parish representative for accessibility. If anyone has challenges that they face or know of anyone who would like to attend Mass but struggles for any reason, please have a chat with her. We are open to discuss any obstacles and although cannot guarantee fixes, will listen and try our very best where possible.

Wrap up Bolton is a campaign coordinated by local Rotary Clubs to distribute thick warm overcoats to local people who need them. If you have one good enough to wear yourself to donate, please bring it to the Wrap Up Box here at Sacred Heart until the end of October: Warm A Heart, Give A Coat.

Christmas raffle We are starting to gather prizes for the Christmas raffle. Please speak to any of the Social Committee for more details.

All Souls' Day this year falls on a Saturday. There will be Mass at 10am on 2 November for this special day.

Honesty Over Silence A free event for parents and carers of Bolton Schools. 22nd October 7pm, St Joseph's RC High School. *It's okay not to be okay sometimes. We shouldn't have to pretend we are okay when we are not but equally it is not okay to 'not to be okay all the time!'* In challenging times Patrick Regan shares his own personal journey and how to find beauty through brokenness. Order your free tickets here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/vjDkh8Eb1>

World Mission Sunday This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can, to help bring God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. There will be a retiring collection after Mass. You can also call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Caritas Homelessness report Caritas Salford, is running a campaign in the coming weeks to shine a spotlight on issues around the increasing number of individuals and families who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming so. There are lots of really simple ways you can help in your area. Please take a look at their website and help if you can:
www.caritassalford.org.uk/endhomelessness

Remembering our loved ones - A Moment of Prayer The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones in a special way this Nov. Names will be written down and hung in the centre's willow dome, where visitors will be asked to pray for those people and their families during the month of Nov. They will also be remembered in a special prayer service on 29th Nov. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered in this way, or would like to join the prayer service, email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 Our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 31st July and 6th August 2025. You can register your interest now by visiting www.salfordlourdes.co.uk or calling 0161 817 2209.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne This one-off pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, Ripon, and Durham is in celebration of our 2025 Year of Jubilee. Led by Bishop John, it will take place between 15-17 May 2025. Find out more about this and all our pilgrimages during our Jubilee year at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

A Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short as a result of homicide, whether murder or manslaughter, will take place at Manchester Cathedral on Friday 25 Oct at 7.30pm. The service is organised by supporters of SAMM (Support after Murder Manslaughter) If you would like a particular person to be remembered, please contact Revd Canon Steve Williams by emailing st.gab.prest@gmail.com

Annual Masses of Remembrance Caritas Salford's annual Mass where we remember and pray for anyone who has died from our community, including friends, family, volunteers, staff and supporters, will take place on 13th Nov this year. The Mass will be at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 4FA at 4pm and will be followed by light refreshments. For information Visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/remembrance-mass/> and to RSVP to confirm your place please contact Lucie on 0161 817 2250 or by emailing fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

The Manchester Foundation Trust Hospitals, and The Christie. Annual memorial Mass for all who have died in these hospitals Date: Wednesday 13th November, 6 pm Holy Rosary, 7 pm Holy Mass. Refreshments to follow Holy Mass. To be held at: Holy Name of Jesus, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PG

All are welcome to come and remember the dead and pray for their eternal rest.

Take Action on Two-Child Benefit Cap The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is inviting you to take action on the government's two-child policy on Universal Credit payments for

vulnerable, larger families. All you need to do is complete a short e-Action form that automatically contacts your MP to outline your opposition to the cap. Head to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-mp-two-child-cap/> to find out more and complete the form.

Take Action to Oppose Assisted Suicide Catholics across England and Wales are being called to unite in prayer and compassionate action in opposition to a new Bill on assisted suicide. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has pulled together a range of resources with more information, a pastoral letter from Cardinal Nichols, and a link to an online tool to contact your MP to voice your opposition to the bill. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide>

World Youth Day Rome 2025 Are you aged 16-35 and looking for an unforgettable opportunity to share your faith with other young Catholics? Pope Francis has announced a special World Youth Day in Rome next summer to celebrate the Church's Year of Jubilee and our diocesan Youth Ministry team invites you to be part of this once-in-a-25-year event! The pilgrimage will be between 28 July and 3 August. For more information and to register your interest, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Caritas Salford Exhibition at HOME An exhibition of poetry written by people from our parishes who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless has opened at HOME in Manchester city centre. It will run until December. You can find out more about the exhibition and the project, run by our diocesan charity Caritas Salford, here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/poetryqa/>

Gregorian Chant Workshop for Singers is returning to St Augustine's in Manchester with a particular focus on Our Lady. The event, led by Manchester University lecturer Dr Rosemarie Darby, will take place on Sat 26th Oct between 11.30am and 4pm at St Augustine's church, Manchester. It is of particular interest to parish choirs who wish to expand their repertoire of Marian music. No prior experience is required but registration is essential by emailing stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk