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Sunday 29th September 2024
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

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

Numbers 11: 25-29

Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18: 8, 10, 12-14 r.9

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second Reading

James 5: 1-6

Your wealth is all rotting.

Gospel

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

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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 second reading this week is the final reading from the Letter of St James, and it is a denunciation of the selfishness of the rich in the style of the Old Testament prophets, with a wealth of daunting imagery. This strength of expression is somewhat surprising in the early decades of Christianity, for it seems that wealth was not one of the temptations to deflect the early Christians. There do seem to have been rich Christians in the community at Corinth, but, on the whole, the Christians seem to have belonged to the lower classes and slaves. James, the presumed author of the Letter, was the leader of the Jerusalem community. The Church at Jerusalem seems to have been in chronic financial difficulty: Paul was asked to help it out and took a collection from the gentile Churches up to Jerusalem. In the early second century the pagan Celsus denounces Christians as ignorant and ill-educated. However, these warnings are still relevant today. It is still tempting to ease cash flow by postponing payment of bills! The power and immunity given by wealth can still have a corrosive influence that blinds the owners to the needs and susceptibilities of others.

Sacramental Programme Registration

is open! Parents of baptised Catholic children in Year 3 of primary school (or older) who would like their child to prepare for the sacraments of reconciliation and communion are asked to complete the registration form and return it to Fr Christopher at either the Saturday evening Mass (6pm) or Sunday morning Mass (10 am) by 13 October. There are copies of the Parents' Information sheet and registration forms on the tables at the back of Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be this weekend at Sunday's 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. Please register your child as you arrive for Mass.

Funeral Service for Veronica Harrison will take place at Howe Bridge Crematorium on Friday 4 October at 12 noon. Please remember Veronica, and her family and friends in your prayers at this time.

Coffee Mornings – The next coffee morning will be after the Mass with the

sick and housebound next Sunday 6 October.

CAFOD – The Harvest Family Fast Day is on Friday 4th October 2024. Envelopes are available at the back of Church.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne

Discover the fascinating history of our Northern Saints with this one-off pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, Ripon, and Durham in celebration of our 2025 Year of Jubilee. Led by Bishop John, the pilgrimage will take place between 15th-17th May 2025. Find out more about this and all of our pilgrimages during our Jubilee year at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

Young Adults Mass - Young adults across the diocese are once again invited to join our next Diocesan Mass for Young Adults. The Mass will take place at 5.30pm on Sunday 13 October at St Augustine's, Manchester. Mass will be followed by a social and the next instalment of our fascinating series of talks on Catholic apologetics by delving into the world of G K Chesterton's *Orthodoxy*.

Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short

A service to remember those who have died as a result of homicide, whether murder or manslaughter, will be taking place next month. The service is organised by supporters of SAMM (Support after Murder and Manslaughter) and will take place at Manchester Cathedral on Friday 25 October at 7.30pm. If you would like a particular person to be remembered, please contact Revd Canon Steve Williams by emailing st.gab.prest@gmail.com

World Youth Day Rome 2025 - Are you aged 16-35? Are you 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 take place between 28 July and 3 August. To register your interest, visit <https://tinyurl.com/wydrone>

Caritas Salford Exhibition at HOME A special exhibition of poetry written by people from our parishes who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless has opened at HOME in Manchester city centre. The exhibition will run until December, so please do visit if you're able. You can find out more about the exhibition and the project which was run by our diocesan charity Caritas Salford, here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/poe-tryqa/>

Gregorian Chant Workshop for Singers

A popular choral workshop 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 Saturday 26 October 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 stphilipnersingers@yahoo.co.uk

Prayer and Action: A Camino

Challenge - Bolton priest, Fr Chris Gorton has embarked on an incredible 924km running pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago to raise funds for diocesan charity, Caritas Salford.

Inviting each and every one of us to be part of his journey, Fr Chris has shared a range of tools and resources to help us join him in prayer and action over the coming weeks. Find out more about how you can get involved <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-camino-challenge/>

Take Action on Two-Child Benefit Cap

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is inviting you to join other Catholics in taking 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.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) Campaign The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is leading a campaign calling on the government to end the two-child credit cap. To find out more about this campaign and to sign the petition, please visit <https://www.spuc.org.uk/end-benefit-cap>

Permanent Diaconate We are delighted to share with you a new leaflet on the permanent diaconate. Including an introductory message from Bishop John, FAQs, case studies on our deacons, and more, this is a great way to find out more about this remarkable vocation. Read now at <https://tinyurl.com/permanent-diaconate>

Manchester-based charity seeks new trustees

Out There - a Manchester-based charity founded by the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul - is looking for two new recruits for its board of trustees to help guide the charity's mission to offer support to families affected by the imprisonment of a family member. To find out more about the position or the charity, please visit www.outtherecharity.org/volunteer/

Honesty Over Silence - A free event for parents & 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/vjDkh8Eb1M> or scan the QR code:



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

Senior Trust Fundraiser -Appointment

Type: Full-time, Permanent **Working hours:** 35 hours per week, Monday-Friday. **Location:** Cathedral Centre, Salford. **Salary:** £36,338 - £40,289 depending on skills and experience. Closing date: 12 noon 14th October 2024

Communications Team Administrator-Appointment

Type: Permanent **Working hours:** 28 or 35 hours per week, Monday-Friday. Flexible working will be required. **Location:** Cathedral Centre, Salford. **Salary:** £23,407 p.a. Pro rata for part-time depending on skills and experience. Closing date: 12 noon 15th October 2024

Gift Aid - 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. Alternatively you can access the form online here <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/parish-bulletin-social-media/>

Quiz Night Thank you to everyone who supported our recent quiz night. The total raised for parish funds was £393.20