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Sunday 6th October 2024
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6 pm
Sunday	10 am
Mass with Sick and Housebound	2pm
Monday-Thursday	9am
Friday	10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 – 5.50 pm
and at call

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

They become one body.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127

May the Lord bless us all the days of
our life.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

The one who sacrifices, and the ones
who are sanctified, are they of the
same stock.

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16 Or Mark 10:2-12 What
God has united, man must not divide.

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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 Letter to the Hebrews is going to be read for the next seven Sundays, right up until Advent. Its author is completely unknown, but it was clearly written for Hebrew priests, who had become Christians and were missing the traditional rites of their people. It assumes knowledge of the Jewish ritual, and with many allusions to scripture, it circles round two themes. First, it shows that the Jewish sacrificial rituals were a pale shadow, of which the reality and fulfilment comes in the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. Second, it points out that the People of God are still on pilgrimage. God's promise that they would reach a place of rest was not fulfilled by their arrival in the Holy Land; it will be fulfilled only in heaven. In today's reading, we glimpse part of the first theme. Jesus humbled himself to become man, only a little less than the angels (the author is alluding to Psalm 8), in order to become perfect through his suffering. He had to become fully human, so that by being made perfect he might lead all his brothers and sisters to the same perfection.

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 (10am) by 13th 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,

continues on Sunday 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.

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

Pope Francis has called for Monday 7 October, the anniversary of the Hamas attacks on Israel, to be held as a day of prayer and fasting for an enduring peace in the Middle East. Monday is also the Feast of Our Lady

of the Rosary. Why not pray the rosary on Monday for this intention?

Coffee Mornings – No coffee morning after Sunday mass this weekend due to the Mass with the sick and housebound at 2pm, after which there will be light refreshments. Next Sunday Coffee Morning on 20 October.

Mass with Sick and Housebound this Sunday at 2pm, followed by light refreshments. All welcome.

CAFOD – The Harvest Family Fast Day was on Friday 4th October 2024. Donation envelopes can be placed in the offertory collection baskets.

World Mission Sunday On Sunday 20 October, we again join with the Universal Church to celebrate World Mission Sunday. There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the missions.

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/

Parish Finance and Property

Committee the next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 October at 7pm.

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>

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 15-17 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/>

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. For more information and to register your interest, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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.

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

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/poetryqa/>

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>

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 26th 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 stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Caritas Salford's annual Mass of Remembrance, where we remember and pray for anyone who has died from our community, including friends, family, volunteers, staff and supporters, will be taking place on 13 November this year. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 4FA at 4pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

To find out more 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

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

Senior Trust Fundraiser - Diocese of Salford (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Full-time, Permanent

Working Hours: 35 hours per week, Mon-Fri

Location: Cathedral Centre 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary: £36,338 - £40,289 Closing date: 12 noon 14th October 2024

Communications Team Administrator - Diocese of Salford (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Permanent

Working Hours: 28 or 35 hours per week, Mon-Fri. Some evenings and weekends required.

Location: Cathedral Centre 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary: £23,407 per annum (pro rata for part-time employees) Closing date: 12 noon 15th October 2024