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Sunday 3rd November 2024
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6 pm
Sunday	10 am
Monday-Thursday	9am
Friday	10am
Sunday 10 Nov	9.30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	5.30 – 5.50 pm
and at call	

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17:2-4.47.51. R.2

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

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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.

Our first reading today is very special: it is the command that rules Israel's life, and the life of every true Christian. The faithful Jew recites this passage morning, noon and night, and in prayer carries the text literally before the eyes, on the hands and on the doorposts of the house, so that one is always aware of the most important loyalty in life. This is a symbol that love of God must dominate all our actions and thoughts; it must be always in our minds and thoughts, and must be the guide of all our deeds and motivations. God is a God of love and warmth of the heart, not a God of threats or compulsion. To serve God is a joy and happiness, bringing light and colour into our lives. If God is not in our lives and thoughts, we are the poorer for it, and lack not only truth but also the warmth of an unspeakable, personal friendship. The only difference the New Testament brings, as St Paul explains, is that for Christians there is not merely one Lord God. For us there is one God, the Father, from whom all things come, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things come.

Sunday 10 November is Remembrance Sunday. Mass will start at the earlier time of 9.30 to allow Fr Christopher and any parishioners who would like to participate in the Service of Remembrance at Westhoughton's Memorial.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 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.

Altar Servers: Our new altar servers are doing really well, if anyone who is in year 6 or attending secondary school/college would like to support our younger parishioners in this role, they would be very welcome. Please speak with Fr Christopher.

Parish CAFOD group meeting this Thursday, 7 November at 7pm. All welcome.

Coffee Mornings –continue after mass this Sunday and on the 17th November. Thanks to those who spoke to Lisa Spann, our 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 (contact through Father Christopher). We are open to discuss any obstacles and although cannot guarantee fixes, will listen and try our very best where possible.

Christmas raffle. Raffle tickets are now on sale. Please speak to any of the Social Committee for more details.

DBS Clinic Thank you to all who have taken a volunteer pack to support Children's Liturgy and other volunteer roles within the parish. Cathy will run a DBS clinic on Monday 4th November between 7 and 8.30pm at church to complete your ID verification. If you are unable to attend on the 4th November a further clinic will be held on Wednesday 27th November between 7 and 8.30pm. Please ensure you have your completed pack, with your identification and your references from your referees before you attend. Once this has been completed, your applications will then be taken to the safeguarding office for the diocese to complete the process.

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of

background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755. If anyone would like to have their mission boxes emptied, please leave them in the sacristy, labelled and in a bag. The box will be returned to the table in the entrance as soon as it is emptied so that it can be picked up.

New Lectionary Resources With the new edition of the Lectionary for Mass coming into use on the First Sunday of Advent, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has signposted us to some useful resources introducing the new edition, what changes have been made, and why. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>

Masses for Vocations The Diocese of Salford's Vocation Team will be holding two Masses for Vocations this November. The first Mass takes place on Wednesday 13 November, 7pm, at Our Lady of the Assumption in Langley. The second will take place on Thursday 21st November, 7pm, at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, in Bolton. All are welcome to join as we pray for the future of vocations in our diocese.

Synod Theme Gathering for Young Adults Young adults across the Diocese of Salford are invited to join us to take part in the next important stage of our Diocesan Synod. This November, our Young Adults Synod Members will be leading a special theme gathering to further discern and discuss the themes to have emerged from last year's Big Listen Exercise and to submit proposals for each of the themes. The meeting will take place after our next monthly Mass for Young Adults, which begins at 5.30pm on Sunday 10th November at St Augustine's Church, Manchester. All are very welcome to attend!

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

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.

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: cafod.org.uk/give

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

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.

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: www.caritassalford.org.uk/poetryqa/

Vocations Newsletter Our diocesan Office for Vocations is pleased to share with you its latest newsletter, featuring news and updates on vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate, as well as insights into different aspects of ministry. To read the latest copy, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/vocations-2> or scan the QR code below.



Thank you from Caritas Salford As we head towards the end of the year, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford would like to share a message of thanks to everyone who has supported their work so far this year. To find out more about how your generosity has impacted those in our diocesan community, head to www.caritassalford.org.uk/your-stories/

Collections The total offertory collection, standing orders and card machine donations to the parish for the month of October was £2851.23. The CAFOD Family Fast Day collection was £420.00, and the collection for Missio, on World Mission Sunday was £162.57. Thank you for your continued generosity.