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Sunday 10th November 2024
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6 pm
Sunday	9.30 am
Monday – Thursday	9 am
Friday	10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 – 5.50 pm
and at call

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

1 Kings 17: 10-16

The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145: 7-10 r.2

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9: 24-28

Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

Gospel Acclamation

Apoc 2:10

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

Gospel

Mark 12: 38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all.

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SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter

@outlook.com – Please submit items for inclusion by midday Thursday.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Addressed to Jewish priests who had converted to Christianity, the Letter to the Hebrews which we have been reading as our second reading for the past few weeks, seeks to show them that the sacrifices they had previously valued so much were only a shadow of the reality in Christ. There is no time in heaven! Those sacrifices were of their nature temporary and unsatisfying; Christ's is of its nature eternal and all sufficient. The image of Christ, permanently presenting his sacrifice and his blood before the throne of God, is ultimately reassuring. It signifies the permanent and unbreakable union of humanity to God, welded by the obedience of Jesus on the Cross. Although the language is largely similar, the sacrifices of the Bible are not to be thought of in the same way as pagan and Greek sacrifices. They are not appeasing an angry god, but are celebrating unity with God. They are shared meals, and in the great annual sacrifice of the Day of Reconciliation, blood is sprinkled on people and altar to signify the renewed union with God. Especially reassuring is the mention of Christ's blood, for blood is the symbol of life. Christ's blood, given to us, is the sign and sacrament of the gift of divine life, offered to us, if only we will accept it.

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.

Volunteers needed - 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 earlier this month 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: 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.

Coffee Mornings – Next coffee morning will be after Sunday mass on the 17th November. 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 Lisa Spann (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 after Mass.

DBS Clinic Thank you to all who have taken a volunteer pack to support Children's Liturgy and other volunteer roles within the parish. If you were unable to attend the DBS clinic on Monday 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.

CAFOD and Caritas have both launched their alternative Christmas gift catalogues. If you don't know what to get a loved one, why not make a contribution to the work of these charities?

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/>

Handel's Messiah with Manchester Cathedral Choir - Join Manchester Baroque in partnership with Manchester Cathedral Choir, for their annual performance of Handel's Messiah. Always one of the highlights of the Manchester Baroque season, Messiah is a wonderful way to mark the start of Advent and the Christmas season within the atmospheric surroundings of Manchester Cathedral. For more information, please visit www.manchesterbaroque.co.uk

There is an offer of a **25% discount** on 'red' seats for the performance of Handel Messiah, until 23rd November, using the code '**hallelujah**'. Book through eventbrite using the following link, and entering the code when prompted after adding tickets to the basket <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/949847347987?discount=Hallelujah>

Becoming Pilgrims of Hope: Advent Talks – A series of talks exploring the theme of hope is set to begin this Advent as we embark on the 2025 Year of Jubilee. Join Sr Joan Kerley, FMSJ, and Maria Kidd as they unpick our Advent readings to explore some of the themes that are central to the concept of Jubilee. The talks will take place on 29 November, 6 and 13 December between 10am and

12.30pm at Wardley Hall. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/advent-hope-talk-1>

Soup and Si' - Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team on Friday 15 November for an opportunity to further explore our call to be stewards of creation in a relaxed, informal setting. Enjoy a tour of the Laudato Si' Centre and discover more about how its work links to Pope Francis' Laudato Si' encyclical and Laudate Deum exhortation before enjoying a bowl of homemade, locally sourced soup! Find out more and register for this free event at <https://tinyurl.com/soupandsi>

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.

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

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

Vacancies:

Cleaner - Parish of Corpus Christi (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Part-time, permanent

Working Hours: 4 hours per week, working pattern to be agreed with Parish Priest

Location: St John's Presbytery, The Crescent, Bromley Cross and St Brendan's Church, Harwood.

Salary: £12 per hour.

Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>