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Sunday 17th November 2024
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6 pm
Sunday	10.00 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

Daniel 12: 1-3

When the times comes your own people will be spared.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15:5. 8-11 r.1

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24: 42.44

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Gospel

Mark 13: 24-32

He will gather his chosen from the four winds.

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SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

We are coming towards the end of the Church's year and our first reading this week looks towards the end of all things. It is a crucial passage, for here, for the first time in the Bible, the Resurrection of the dead is proclaimed. The Book of Daniel was written during a great persecution of the Jews a couple of centuries before Christ. It was then that finally the Resurrection of those who remain true to the Lord was revealed. The earlier Israelites pictured the afterlife as a sort of powerless, shadowy half-existence in Sheol, where the dead could not even praise God. Yet there had been many hints of conviction that God would never desert those who love him: 'I know that my Redeemer lives, and that from my flesh I will look on God', said Job. Only now, under the stress of the death of martyrs in the persecution, is the full truth revealed: at the end of time God will intervene to draw his own to himself in fullness of life. In this reading, 'many will awaken' does not need to mean that some will not awaken; it merely indicates a vast number, the almost limitless multitude of the dead.

Pastoral Letter: Bishop John has written a pastoral letter this weekend ahead of the launch of the new lectionary on the First Sunday of Advent. Copies are available at the back of Church.

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 www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/ I encourage everyone, but especially our parish readers to have a look at these resources.

Assisted Suicide You will have heard that a Bill is to be debated in parliament on 29 November which, if passed into law, would permit assisted suicide. Please write to your MP to encourage him or her to vote against this Bill. If you live in Bolton West constituency our MP is Mr Phil Brickell, House of Commons, London. SW1A 0AA. There are postcards at the back of church which you can complete to express your views. Please act now as the has been very

little time between the publication of the Bill and the date of the debate.

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.

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?

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 today, 17th November. All welcome.

Christmas Fare The joint Parish and School Christmas Fare takes place after school on Thursday 28 November. Please take an eco-carrier bag and return to church or school with donated items: brick-a-brac, fancy goods, toiletries, toys and books. Thank you.,

Christmas Raffle: Tickets are now on sale.

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.

Caritas is buzzing about new launch... Have you seen the special short animation and new campaign for Advent from our diocesan charity Caritas Salford? This year they are asking people to make a real difference this Christmas and not make it all about the tinsel, the parties, and the supermarket queues. Watch the specially created animation, find out more, donate, or take part in the appeal in another way:
www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere

Quarant'ore at St Mary's, the Hidden Gem The parish of St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, invites you to join them at the end of November for a special time of prayer - 40 hours of Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It begins with Holy Mass at 8am on

Friday 22nd November and ends with 12 noon Mass for the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday 24th), followed by a short Blessed Sacrament Procession and Solemn Benediction. Call 0161 834 3547 for more details.

Concert for Mary's Meals Step in from the winter chill for an evening of joyful music to raise funds for a fantastic charity! St Bede's College will be hosting a wonderful concert featuring The Sacred Heart Choir on Saturday 23 November, from 6.30pm. All proceeds will help the charity Mary's Meals serve nutritious school meals to children around the world experiencing poverty. Tickets and info at tinyurl.com/concertmarysmeals

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 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 dioceseofsalford.org.uk/advent-hope-talk-1

Masses for Vocations The Diocese of Salford's Vocation Team will be holding two Masses for Vocations this November. The second Mass takes place on Thursday 21st Nov, 7pm, at

St Thomas of Canterbury in Bolton. All are welcome to join as we pray for the future of vocations in our diocese.

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 info and to register your interest, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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