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Sunday 24th November 2024
Christ The King
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

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 7: 13-14

His sovereignty is an eternal
sovereignty.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92: 1-2. 5 r.1

The Lord is king, with majesty
enrobed.

Second Reading

Revelation 1: 5-8

Rulers of the kings of the earth....he
made us a line of kings, priests to
serve his God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11: 9.10

Blessings on him who comes in the
name of the Lord! Blessings on the
coming kingdom of our father David!

Gospel

John 18: 33-37

It is you who say that I am king.

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future editions of the newsletter
may be emailed to**

SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

The prophecy of Daniel was written in the dark days of the Syrian persecution of Judaism a couple of centuries before Christ. First, the evil empires that persecuted Judaism are described under the imagery of ravening beasts, tearing their prey to pieces. Then comes the altogether different image, which we read in our first reading today, of a noble human being on whom God confers all power and sovereignty on earth. In the original vision, this human figure is the personification of the Jews, 'the holy ones of the Most High', who will be freed from this persecution and exalted to glory. In the New Testament, this prophecy is applied to Jesus. He uses the mysterious expression 'Son of Man' to describe his authority on earth to forgive sins and to prescribe rules for Sabbath observance. He uses it also to soften the prophecy of the suffering and death by which he will achieve his final Resurrection. In the final commission of the Risen Christ to his disciples in Matthew, he goes even further: to him has been given all authority both in heaven and on earth, and in this power he sends out his apostles, promising that he will be with them always.

Gloria! The words to the refrain for the Gloria we are learning at the 6pm Mass is 'Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.'

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.

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.

Coffee Mornings – our next coffee mornings will be after Sunday Mass on Sundays, 1st & 15th December. All welcome.

Change of date for DBS clinic

Cathy has had to change the date of the next DBS clinic to **Tuesday 26th November 2024. The time will still be the same, 7pm until 8:30pm.** Please contact Cathy if you are unable to attend. Her contact details are on the parish noticeboard. This is a change of date from that previously published. 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.

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.

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?

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

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

Handel's Messiah with Manchester Cathedral Choir - Join Manchester Baroque in partnership with Manchester Cathedral Choir, for their annual performance of Handel's Messiah on Saturday 30th November. 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

Laudato Si' Centre - Advent Wreath Workshop Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team on Friday 6 December for the return of its Advent Wreath Workshop, where you will have the opportunity to learn how to create your own wreath from natural materials under the guidance of our skilled team. Find out more and book at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/wreath-workshop>

Diocesan Mass for Young Adults Our Diocesan Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester next month with a festive feel! Join us at 5.30pm on Sunday 8 December as we gather together for Mass before enjoying some seasonal treats and the return of our series of talks exploring the Catholic faith. All are welcome!

Advent Retreat (Age 15 to Young Adults) at Castlerigg Manor Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at

Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. Sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up.

Carol Services. The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its Salford Schools Singing Programme (SSP) Carol Services, which will take place in churches across the diocese this December. For a full list of dates and locations for our services, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ssp-carol-services-24/>

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

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

Vacancies:

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

Project Administrator - Diocese of Salford Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent, part-time considered
Working Hours: 28 hours per week or 35 hours per week
Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP
Salary: £24,983.
Closing date: 12 noon, 29th November