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Sunday 19th January 2025
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30 – 5.50 pm

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Isaiah 62: 1-5

The Lord delights in you

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95: 1-3, 7-10. r 3

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
among all the peoples.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

The one and the same Spirit, who
apportions to each one individually as
he wills.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6: 63. 68

God called us through the gospel,
so that we may obtain the glory of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 2: 1-11

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at
Cana in Galilee

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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 Thursday.**

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Year C is the year of Luke's gospel, but we start with this reading from John, the symbolic beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is full of riches. After the first reading from Isaiah, it is impossible not to see this 'sign' (as John calls it) as a sign of that final wedding feast of God and his people. Furthermore, in Jewish thought water represents the law: in an arid land water is the sign of life and is precious—just so the Law of God is precious and gives life. Jesus transforms this water of the Law into the wine of the New Covenant—and in such generous quantities, over 100 gallons of wine! Then there is Mary's part: Jesus says his hour has not yet come (and the reader knows that the Hour of Jesus will be the moment of his exaltation at the Cross and Resurrection), but Mary's confident plea is a reminder to us of the power of her intercession. She will be mentioned no more in John's gospel until she is present at the Cross, sharing the Passion of her Son and joined to the Beloved Disciple to form the first Christian community.

Refrain to Sung Gloria

Glory to God. Glory to God.

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth, peace on earth, peace to
people of good will.

Coffee Mornings will be after Sunday
Mass this weekend and on 2nd and
16th of February. All welcome.

Piety Stall The piety stall have copies
of the Sunday Missal with the new
translation of the Scripture readings
back in stock. £20 each.

Parish Finance & Buildings

Committee will meet this Wednesday
at 7 pm at church.

Adoration Chapel users of the
Adoration Chapel will now find a
selection of spiritual reading and
books of prayers in various traditions,
with more to come. Please feel free
to use them in the chapel.

Parish Groups/Representatives/Role

As 2025 begins we thought it would
be a good idea to list all the
groups/representatives/roles
volunteers undertake in the parish.
New volunteers are always welcome
to join the Ministry & Charity Groups,
Newsletter Team, Site Winter Team,
musicians & Social Groups. If you
would like more information about a

particular group/team please email
the Newsletter Team and we will
forward your enquiry to the correct
person. Some roles require volunteers
to undertake a DBS check.

Ministry Groups – Sacristans,
Readers, Musicians/Singers,
Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar
Servers (children in year 6 or
attending secondary school/college
would be very welcome to support
our younger servers), Children's
Liturgy Team & Cleaning and
Maintenance Teams.

Charity Groups/Representatives –
Missio (Red Boxes), Caritas, Cafod.

Parish Administration – Finance &
Buildings Committee, Safeguarding
Representative, Accessibility
Representative, Newsletter Team &
Site Winter Team.

Social Groups - Coffee Morning Team
& Social Committee.

If we have missed any please let us
know by email so we can add your
group/role to the list.

Children's Liturgy of the Word
continues to welcome children aged
between 3 and 8 years old, and who
have not yet made their first holy
communion, to celebrate the

Sunday's scripture readings in an age-appropriate way at Sunday Mass. Please remember to register your child each week as you arrive for Mass

Winter weather. The snowy and icy weather conditions over the past few weeks have been a reminder to us all that we should take care when out and about. This also applies to everyone accessing the church site. Everyone should be mindful of their own health and safety at all times and make stewards aware of any accidents or near misses that occur on church property.

St Joseph's has lots of exciting enhancement opportunities going on in January including Showcases of Dance and Performing Arts, Swimming Gala, Year 11 Aspiration Interviews, English/MFL/History educational visits and sports matches. The Confirmation programme for those interested in discovering more about their faith begins on 22nd January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
This year, we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity between 18th and 25th January. The theme this year is "Do you believe this?", based on Martha's confession of faith in Jesus, as told in John 11:17-27. For prayers and resources to help you celebrate this week, please visit <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>

Caritas Sunday Did you know that on Sunday 26 January, we will be marking Caritas Sunday? This annual occasion is a great opportunity to celebrate work of our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford. To find out more about the work of Caritas Salford and how you can get involved, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/caritas-sunday/>. We invite you to keep our diocesan charity in your prayers over this coming week.

Accessible Prayer Walk The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with diocesan charity Caritas Salford to host an accessible prayer walk. The session offers an opportunity to explore the beautiful, accessible grounds of the Laudato Si' Centre along with a peaceful prayer reflection, taking place between 10 and 11.30am on Friday 31 January. Find out more and register by

emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Marriage Course. The Parish of Our Lady's in Moss Side is set to hold a Marriage Course, taking place next month. The course will last four weeks, taking place on the four Sundays of February, beginning at 3pm. To find out more or register, please call the parish on 0161 226 1730.

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee in our Diocese Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years and offers the faithful an opportunity to renew their relationship with God, each other, and all of creation. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to observe this special year of grace in our own diocese. To find out more and how to get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/>

Jubilee Resources. Want to learn more about our Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee? Want to find out how we're observing the Holy Year in our diocese? The Diocese of Salford's website has a range of information to accompany you this Jubilee Year, with information on our Designated Churches, upcoming pilgrimages, and a range of different resources. Explore more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2025 Our diocesan pilgrimage office is now taking bookings for its next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. Next year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 3 May 2025, with an option to extend your visit by staying overnight on Friday 2 May. For more information, prices, and details on how to book, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2025> or call 0161 817 2209.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bookings are now being taken for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year's pilgrimage will take place between 31st July and 6th August. For more information on how to book as a pilgrim or register as a volunteer, please visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk>

Young Adults Pilgrimage to Rome
Young adults across the diocese are invited to join our Diocesan Youth Ministry Team for a rare pilgrimage to Rome this summer between 28 July and 4 August. Pope Francis has announced a special Jubilee for Youth in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee, which also coincides with the canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. To find out more about this remarkable opportunity and to register your interest, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/jubilee-of-youth-rome/> or Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

A Call to Lead - A Post-Confirmation Programme A new post-confirmation programme has been developed by Salford Youth Ministry and the Young Christian Workers Movement to bridge the gap between confirmation and adult formation, with the aim of helping young people to grow in faith and become active leaders of the parish community. For more information about the programme, please visit: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-call-to-lead>

Advice as energy bills continue to rise: If you, anyone you know, or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford has put together some helpful advice on their website. You can find out more by visiting <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fuel-poverty-challenges/> and can also find details on the website page on how to arrange a session with their energy advice service team.

Vacancies:
Parish Administrator Appointment
Type: Part-time, permanent. **Working hours:** 9 hours per week, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am- 12:30pm
Location: St Mary's Presbytery, Duke Street, Denton, M34 2AN **Closing date:** 12 noon on Monday 20 January 2025

For all vacancies at Salford Diocese find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

Collections The total offertory collection for December, including standing orders and card machine payments totalled £4158.11. Thank you for your generosity.