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Sunday 16th February 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6pm
Sunday	10am
Monday - Friday	9am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	5.30 – 5.50 pm
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THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Cursed is the man who trusts in man;
blessed is the man who trusts in the
Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4. 6 r. Ps 39:5

Blessed the man who has placed his
trust in the LORD.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ has not been raised, your
faith is futile

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6: 23

Rejoice and leap for joy, says the
Lord, for behold, your reward is great
in heaven.

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to
you who are rich.

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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

As he nears the end of his great letter to the Corinthians, which we have been reading for five Sundays, Paul teaches about the Resurrection, the bedrock of Christian faith. Last Sunday he was rehearsing the most primitive proclamation, that Christ had truly risen from the dead and had encountered a host of witnesses. Now Paul comes on to the Resurrection of Christians, of which Christ's Resurrection is the first fruits and the model. The importance of Christ's Resurrection is not only that it places him in glory at his Father's right hand, but also that it is the forerunner of our own Resurrection. We can know little about the transformation that will take place in us at the Resurrection. We will be physical, but physical in a quite different way. The glorified body is a body, but not like any body that we know. The traditional Christian picture of clouds and harps is not to be taken too seriously. The only important thing is that we will be wrapped or wrapt in the joy of the presence of God, enveloped in utter contentment. Nothing else will matter but the enjoyment of the most lovable of all beings.

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

Coffee Mornings the next coffee morning will be after Sunday Mass this weekend and on 2nd & 16th March. All welcome.

Do you knit or crochet? Pupils at Sacred Heart school would like your help in providing 'fiddle muffs' for people suffering with dementia. If you are interested in finding out more please leave your details with one of the stewards.

Caritas are appealing for supplies to support their parent and baby service. Donations of store cupboard items, tins, squash, dishwasher tablets, anything to help parents develop skills in cooking, baby clothes and toiletries may be left in the trolley in the entrance foyer.

Safeguarding our children - A gentle reminder to parents that all children should be accompanied when they use the toilets. This is to ensure our children are safe at all times when they are attending church.

CAFOD @ Sacred Heart - Catholic Agency for Overseas Development is an international development and

relief charity born when volunteers, mainly women, organised the first Family Fast Day in 1960. It is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, and is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee. Its aim is to tackle poverty and social injustice globally. The team here at Sacred Heart are very keen to support CAFOD, however it depends on people like us, and parishes like ours, to do our bit. We are a very small team looking to expand, as we would like to engage in more fund raising activities. Please consider joining us at our next meeting on Thursday 27th February 7p.m. in the parish meeting room. All thoughts and ideas welcome.

Social Group - The 1st event of the year is Friday 28th February at 7.30pm. We will be entertained by a wonderful local artist David Glynn-Whitehead. You can look forward to an evening of Swing classics, Broadway hits and acoustic guitar covers from the 60s to the present day. Tickets available after mass priced at £7 including hot supper.

Music Groups - We are very blessed to have had musicians & singers leading our Music Liturgy here at Sacred Heart since this church

building opened in 1995. Some of those who joined at that time are still involved. We are very grateful to all our musicians & singers for leading us in our acts of worship. Anyone who plays any kind of musical instrument is always welcome to join either the Saturday or Sunday group. If you enjoy singing you are welcome to sit in the first couple of rows near the music groups, to boost voices. If you are interested, please introduce yourself to a member of one of the groups & have a chat.

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.

Our Schools - Both our schools close for half term this Friday 14th February and reopen on Monday 24th February.

Racial Justice Sunday This weekend, we mark Racial Justice Sunday with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice." The theme celebrates both the Jubilee Year and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday, inviting the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice - past, present, and future. For prayers and resources, head to <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

Mercy Brothers - Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band, The Mercy Brothers. The concert will raise funds for our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team. The concert will take place on Friday 21 February at Hough End Centre, Chorlton. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £20 (free for under 16s) and includes a hot supper. Book now: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraisin g or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

Silent Retreat Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team for a peaceful day of prayer this February. This one-day Silent Retreat invites you to spend time with the Lord in silent prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, attend

outdoor Mass, and explore the beautiful grounds of the Centre. Find out more and register your attendance at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/silent-retreat>

Jubilee Book Signing Event A special book signing and reading event is due to take place to celebrate the launch of two new books about our diocese by Mgr John Allen - 'A popular history of the Diocese of Salford' and 'Pilgrims of Hope: Out and About in Salford Diocese'. It will be held on Monday 3 March at 5pm at St Patrick's Church, in Collyhurst. You can book your free place now at www.caritassalford.org.uk/booksigning g. All proceeds from book sales go to Caritas Salford.

Pilgrims of Hope: Lenten Talks - The Diocese of Salford is holding a series of talks this Lent that explores themes of journeying and pilgrimage through the lens of the Jubilee. Each week, the talks will focus on a different person from the Bible to help us better understand how the journey we are called to make this Holy Week year is rooted in scripture. The weekly talks begin on Tuesday 4th March 11am at Wardley Hall. Contact Sr Joan Kerley on joabkfms@gmail.com or call 0161 971 7842 to find out more.

Understanding our Everyday Beliefs' Retreat - A three-day Lenten retreat is taking place at the Loreto Spirituality Centre In Llandudno in March to help people reflect on our relationship with God and to gain a deeper understanding of our faith. The course explores three core topics: Scripture, the Sacraments, and the Church and will take place between Wednesday 12 March and Saturday 15 March 2025. More info www.loretocentre.org.uk

Are you aged between 18 and 35 or know someone who is? - Our diocesan charity Caritas Diocese of Salford is looking for young adult volunteers to join their governance committee as co-opted members to help shape the charity in the coming months and years. Find out more about how you can help tackle poverty, homelessness, disadvantage, and displacement in our parish communities at www.caritassalford.org.uk/youngadultboard

Pilgrim's Passport - Create new family traditions this Jubilee year by picking

up our family-friendly guide to Jubilee churches in the Diocese of Salford. With fast facts, thought-provoking questions, and different activities, our Pilgrim's Passport is the ideal companion to help families pray and journey together this Jubilee Year. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/pilgrims-passport/> or visit one of our Designated Churches to begin.

Jubilee for Communications - In celebration of the Holy Year, we are having a Jubilee of Jubilees to shine a light on a number of different themes represented in our diocese. We begin with our Jubilee for Communications, in which we explore this month's Gospels to reflect on how we can share the Good News in our world today. Access the resources now at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

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>

Retreats at the Christian Heritage Centre - There are 2 upcoming retreats: The Search for Truth: Edith Stein, 14 – 16 March 20 For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

Men's Spiritual Exercises - 30 March - 4 April 2025. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

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

January Collection: the total offertory collection for January, including standing orders and monies received via the card machine totalled £2546.44. In addition the Christmas Crib offerings totalled £80.80 and the collection for Caritas was £421.21. Thank you for your continued generosity.