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Sunday 23rd February 2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

The Lord gave you into my hand today,
and I would not put out my hand
against the Lord's anointed

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The LORD is compassionate and
gracious.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Just as we have borne the image of the
man of dust, we shall also bear the
image of the man of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

A new commandment I give to you,
says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I
have loved you.

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Be compassionate as your Father is
compassionate.

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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

This is the third of the four Sundays on which St Paul, in our second reading, is explaining the meaning of the Resurrection to the Christians of Corinth. The Resurrection of Christians follows the model of Jesus' own Resurrection. As the firstborn from the dead, Christ is the founder of the new humanity, just as Adam is the founder of fallen humanity. 'Adam' means 'man', and the story of the Fall in the Book of Genesis is not so much a story of an event long ago as the story of every human temptation and sin. However, the obedience of Christ, the Second Adam, undoes the disobedience of the First Adam. Just before this passage, Paul has explained that in the Resurrection we will all be changed, and transformed into the heavenly sphere, in the image of the Risen Christ. What was weak will be strong with the strength of God, what was corruptible will be incorruptible with the incorruptibility of God, what was contemptible will be glorious with the glory of God. He refuses to say what sort of bodies we will have, but he sums up the other changes by saying that whereas the life principle was the soul, in the Resurrection it will be the Spirit of God.

Piety Stall - The piety stall has copies of the Sunday Missal back in stock. £20 each.

Coffee Mornings the next coffee mornings will be on 2 & 16 March.

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

Caritas appeal for parent and baby service: Caritas parent and baby service are in need of items for babies from birth to one year, e.g. baby vests, baby grows, baby wipes and anything to make up new mother starter packs. Toiletries for residents in the home, including shampoo, deodorants, shower gel. Please place items in the Caritas Trolley by 9 March when a collection will be made by Caritas. Thank you in advance.

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, 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. Tickets available after mass priced at £7 including hot supper.
Please note that this is a bring your

own drinks and glasses event

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 reopen after the half term holidays on Monday 24 February.

World Day of Prayer. This year the ecumenical prayer service has been prepared by Christians of the Cook Islands. All are welcome to join us at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 7 March at 1pm. Refreshments afterwards.

Diocesan Synod We are now approaching the last phase of our Diocesan Synod. Next weekend we will be holding our Diocesan Voting Day, to vote on recommendations that will form the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. The following day there is a Thanksgiving Service, which will officially close the Diocesan Synod and is open to all to attend.

When: Sunday 2nd March 2025

Venue: St Patricks RC Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester. M4 5HF **Time:** 15:00 to 17:00

Parking: Available in Caritas House car park at the end of Nobby Stiles Drive and various car parks within easy walking around the Church.

Primary ECT Pool 2025 Are you looking for a career in teaching? Do you know someone who is training for a career in primary education? ECT (Early Career Teachers) due to gain Qualified Teacher Status in Summer 2025 are being invited to apply for recommendation for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for September 2025. Email millie.burton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and apply or call 0161 817 220.

Annual St Joseph's Technical High School Reunion Mass Former pupils and staff of St Joseph's RC Technical High School (Laindon Road, Manchester) are invited to this year's reunion with their families to celebrate the school's history. The reunion will take place on Saturday 22 March 2025 at St Bernard's RC Church, Burnage. Mass begins at 12 noon, with opportunity for confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

from 11am. Please arrive by 11.30am to sign in. Refreshments will be available in the parish hall after Mass.

Jubilee for Interfaith and Ecumenism

This February marks the Jubilee for Interfaith and Ecumenism. To mark this month's celebrations, our Episcopal Vicar for Dialogue has written a number of reflections encouraging us to consider how we are called to walk with pilgrims of other faiths in peace and harmony. Read more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the

Jubilee Year You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Perhaps journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> and help to change people's lives. Or call Simon Holleron on 077 100 944 54 for more information.

Jubilee Book Signing Event A special book signing and reading event is due to take place to launch 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. 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. The weekly talks begin on Tuesday 4 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. The course explores 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 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> **Parish Administrator - St Mary's Presbytery, Oswaldtwistle.** Appointment Type: Part-time, permanent Working Hours: 5 hours per week. Working pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Location: St Mary's Presbytery, Catlow Hall Street, Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3EZ Salary: £13.23 per hour. Closing Date: 12 noon Monday 24th February 2025. Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>