



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 1st June 2025
7th Sunday of Easter
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6pm
Sunday	10am
Mon, Wed, Thurs	9am
Tuesday – requiem	10.30am
Friday	10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	5.30 – 5.50 pm
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THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2, 6-7, 9 r.1.9

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation

John 14-18

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Gospel

John 17:20-26

May they become perfectly one.

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SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Last Thursday we celebrated the feast of the Ascension of the Lord when our readings invited us to consider both an ending and a new beginning. The end, was, of course, the completion of Jesus' earthly mission and his return to his rightful place at the Father's right hand. The new beginning is not just for Jesus in his role to intercede for us in his exalted place, but also our new beginning of putting into practice what we have been taught by Jesus and reminded of by the Holy Spirit. Our readings this Sunday prepare us further for the gift of the Spirit which we will celebrate next Sunday with the Feast of Pentecost. We begin, in the first reading by hearing of the martyrdom of St Stephen who, we are told, was full of the Holy Spirit and gazed into heaven where he saw Jesus standing at the Father's right hand. Our gospel reading is Jesus' prayer from the Last Supper where he prays for the unity of all who believe in him – that just as he and the Father are one, so may all who believe and follow the way Jesus has set out may be united. The second reading is the end of the final book of the bible, the book of Revelation, and it closes with the promise the Jesus will return. This is also what the disciples were told by the angels immediately after they had witnessed Jesus' ascension. Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, all times and seasons belong to him.

Sunday Coffee Morning: the next coffee morning will be today after Mass and then Sunday 15 June. All welcome.

Forthcoming Funeral: the Requiem Mass for Linda James will take place here on Tuesday 3 June at 10.30am. Please pray for Linda, and her family and friends at this time.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: the celebration of God's word for young children is celebrated during the 10am Mass each Sunday. If your child is aged 3-8years they are welcome to attend. Please register your child when you arrive.

First Communion 2025-26 the next programme will begin in the autumn for children who will then be in Year 3, or older. Further details will be announced over the summer.

Mission Appeal Each year one of the Missionary Societies is invited to make an appeal to support their work in spreading the Gospel and supporting Christian communities in other parts of the world. This year the Columban Missionaries will make the appeal on 14/15 June.

Church Maintenance Over the next couple of weeks you may see some exterior work being done on the Church. Last year we had a survey completed on the state of repair of the parish properties, and this highlighted some general condition repairs which needed to be done. Now the better weather is here these can take place.

Confirmation Bishop John will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation with young adults from our local high schools in the coming weeks. Students of Thonleigh College will be confirmed on Wednesday 25 June, and students of St. Joseph's High School will be confirmed here at Sacred Heart on Thursday 26 June. Please remember them all in your prayers at this time.

✪ Join Our Sunday Musicians and Choir! ✪

If you've been singing your heart out during Mass or can play an instrument, we'd love to hear from you! We're inviting anyone with a good voice or musical talent to come and join our choir for the either the 6pm Mass on Saturday or 10am Sunday Mass. We

can already hear your lovely voices from the pews — why not bring that joy to the front and help lead our worship alongside our musicians?

St Joseph's High School Last week a member of the parish Newsletter team met with staff at St Joseph's High School, to discuss the most effective way information about events that celebrate the Catholic Life and Mission of the school can be shared with us, via our weekly Newsletter. A way forward has been agreed, which, with effect from September, will ensure we can follow and where appropriate attend some of their events. In the meantime if you wish to see what the students and staff of our Ofsted rated 'Good in all areas' High School get up to, you can follow them on Facebook.

Please help St. Joseph's to support the work of Fort Alice, by joining in with their Fells Walk on Sat 5 July. For further details see <https://fortalice.org.uk/fortalice-fells-walk>

It is exam time please pray for those who are taking GCSE, A-level, university and other exams at this time. Also for their families and others who support them.

Bolton Ironman Please note that next Sunday 8th June there will be some local road closures to allow the Bolton Ironman race to take place. Roads immediately around church will not be affected but you may need to allow extra time for your journey to Church. A list of all roads affected is on the noticeboard.

Upcoming Social Events:

Friday 27th June - Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass followed by social.

Sunday 13th July after 10.00 Mass - Family BBQ

Friday 19th September - Quiz Night

Sunday 5th October afternoon - Mass with the sick.

Friday October 17th - Retronotes 4-piece live band

There will be a short meeting of the social committee during the coffee morning this Sunday

Parish Accessibility If you or someone you know finds it difficult to attend Mass due to any disability-related issue, please get in touch to see how we can help make things easier. Lisa Spann is our Accessibility Representative and is happy to chat and explore ways we might be able to support you.

Diocesan Mass for Young Adults Young adults across the diocese are invited to join our next Mass for Young Adults. The Mass will take place at 5.30pm on Sunday 8 June at St Augustine's, Manchester. Confessions are available between 4.45pm - 5.15pm and please join us after Mass for a short talk exploring more about our Catholic faith.

Mass to Celebrate Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries. Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on Tuesday 3 June at 7pm at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful Sacrament. Friends and family are welcome, and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass. For more information please email: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

We Believe Festival Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From 25th-28th July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, The Southwell Consort, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webeliefestival.com

Laudato Si' Centre Gardening Club The Diocese of Salford's environment hub, The Laudato Si' Centre, is delighted to announce a regular gardening club. Parish groups and volunteers are invited to join the team at the Centre to explore sustainable gardening techniques, top tips, and to come together in shared faith to care for our common home. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more.

Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne. Young pilgrims in Years 7, 8, and 9 are invited to join the Diocese of Salford's Youth Ministry Team for a faith-filled pilgrimage to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John Arnold and will take place between 20-22 June. To find out more, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell The Diocese of Salford's Pilgrimage Office is delighted to announce a prayerful pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell, taking place on Saturday 28th June. Join us as we take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage by visiting this beautiful shrine right on the doorstep of our diocese. For more information and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pilgrimage-2025>

Vacancies:

Cleaner Parish of Our Lady of Hope, Salford. Appointment Type: Part-time/Permanent Working Hours: 6 hours per week (Work pattern to be agreed with Parish Priest) Location: Ss Peter & Paul Church, Park Road, Pendleton, Salford M6 8JR and St Luke's Presbytery, Swinton Park Road, Irlams o' th' Height, Salford M6 7WR Salary: £12.60 per hour, 25 holidays, plus statutory bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days (Pro-rata for part-time)

Parish Administrator - Parish of Our Lady & St Joseph, Heywood

Appointment Type: Part-time/Permanent Working Hours: 10 hours per week (Work pattern to be agreed with Parish Priest) Location: : St. Joseph's Presbytery, Mary Street, Heywood, Lancashire OL10 1EG Salary: £13.23 per hour, 25 holidays, plus statutory bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days (Pro-rata for part-time) Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

After the Ascension...

Christ has no body now on earth except ours. Ours are the eyes that need to see the needy, ours the ears to listen to those in distress, ours the hands to offer assistance. Risen and ascended to the Father, Christ relies on us so that the world may know how much it is loved by God.

