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Sunday 8th June 2025
Pentecost Sunday
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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
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THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103: 1. 24. 29-31. 34 r. 30

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14-18

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel

John 14:14-16, 23b-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

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SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter

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

THE WORD THIS WEEK

In Jesus' final speech to his disciples after the Last Supper, preparing them for life after the Resurrection and his return to the Father at the Ascension, he several times mentions a mysterious figure, the Paraclete. 'Paraclete' is Greek for 'advocate', someone called to your side to help, to guide you through a tricky patch. In Hebrew mythology about the Last Judgment, there would be an Accuser and an Advocate on either side. Jesus will send—or in other passages the Father will send—this Advocate to his followers as his own presence when he is no longer there, to guide the Church into all truth. That is the inspiring situation: the Church and each of its individuals will continue to deepen our understanding of the mysteries of God, over the centuries and over the years of our life. Before the Spirit was given, even the disciples who had been with Jesus throughout his ministry failed to understand his real significance, and certainly lacked courage to proclaim it. The coming of the Paraclete was the booster rocket that set off the Church on its course and keeps it on course. Now it is the duty and privilege of each of the members of the Church to fulfil the prophetic office of the Church, understanding more deeply and declaring more clearly the truth about Christ in the world.

Sunday Coffee Morning: The next coffee mornings will be on Sunday 15th June and 6th July. All welcome.

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 3-8 years 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 next weekend when we will welcome Fr Pat O'Beirne. I will take the opportunity of Fr Pat's visit for a couple of days away.

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 Thornleigh College will be confirmed on Wednesday 25 June. The following students from St Joseph's High School will be confirmed here at Sacred Heart on Thursday 26th June. Xander A, Thomas G, Lola K, Isabel P, Francesca T, Maria B, Patrick P, Samuel H, Divine N, Isla C, Cora G, Isabella D, Matthew Mac, Charlotte L. Please pray for them all as they receive the Holy Spirit and their journey concludes as they become full, conscious and active participants in the life of their parishes.

Sacred Heart School Pentecost Party will take place on Monday at 2pm, or Wednesday if Monday is wet. All welcome.

Altar Servers: if anyone – especially any children who have just made their first communion this year – would like to join

our team of altar servers, please have a word with Fr Christopher. New servers always welcome.

Safeguarding in the Parish: We are very grateful to all those who volunteer in any way in our parish. Please be aware that the majority of roles require at least the completion of an Application Form, and some requiring additional safeguarding procedures, are subject to a Disclosure & Barring Services Check (DBS). We always welcome new volunteers, but please do not be offended when you are asked to fill in some paperwork. If you would like more information about Safeguarding in the Parish please contact Cathy Ward, Safeguarding Representative on 07746296095.

Pilgrimage talks to St Joseph's High School students: Further to the meeting between staff at St Joseph's and a member of the Newsletter team we are looking at ways in which we can work more closely together to support the Catholic Life of the school so.....*Have you any experience of pilgrimages, including to Lourdes, Rome, Jerusalem and Walsingham? Would you be willing to talk to classes of Year 10 students at St Joseph's High School, about your experiences to support their learning in GCSE Religious Studies?* If the answer to both those questions is yes, please email your name & contact details to shjwesthoughtonnewsletter@outlook.com. In September when the school's curriculum plan is in place your details will be passed to the RE staff and they will contact you to arrange a date & time for you to visit school to talk to students.

Upcoming Social Events:

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

Sunday July 13th after 10.00 Mass - Family BBQ

Friday 19th September - Quiz Night

Sunday 5th October afternoon - Mass for the sick.

Friday October 17th - Retronotes 4-piece live band

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.

✂ Join Our Musicians! ✂

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 who enjoys singing or has a musical talent to come and join our musicians for the Vigil Mass at 6 pm 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?

Assisted Suicide Bill is expected to be debated again on either 13 or 20 June. There is still time to write to your MP and ask him or her to vote against. There are some postcards for this purpose on the table at the back of Church.

Refugee Week: This year's Refugee Week takes place between 16th and 22nd June and our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, has prepared lots of information and resources to help you find out more about how to support people in our communities. Find out more at www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/refugees/

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>

Madonna Del Rosario Procession: The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession will take place on the 6th July. The procession will begin at 1.15pm from The Halle St Michael's, George Leigh Street, in Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter's Square, where Mgr Anthony Kay will lead a short service. All are welcome to join this wonderful celebration.

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.webeliefefestival.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.

Hope for our Common Home

Pilgrimage: The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with the Columban Missionaries in Britain for a special pilgrimage opportunity to celebrate the Season of Creation in this Holy Year of Jubilee. Taking place on 25/11/2025. This prayerful experience offers opportunities for everyone, whether taking on our nine-mile pilgrimage walk, joining us for our liturgies throughout the day, or receiving our virtual pilgrimage pack to explore in your own time. To find out more please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hope-for-our-common-home/>

Vacancies:

Bar Supervisor (SDC Trading Ltd) – St Herbert's Parish Centre

Bar Supervisor (SDC Trading Ltd) – St Kentigern's Parish Hall

For more information please check out <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

Collections The offertory collection for May, including standing orders and donations made on the card machine totalled £3224.23. The Ecclesiastical Education Fund collection raised £299.28. Thank you for your generosity.