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Sunday 15th June 2025

The Holy Trinity

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6pm
Sunday	10am
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday - Thursday	9am
Friday	10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	5.30 – 5.50 pm
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THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Prov 8:22-31

Before the earth came into being,
Wisdom was born.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth.

Second Reading

Rom 5:1-5

To God, through Christ, in the love
poured out by the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Apoc 1:8

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is,
who was, and who is to come.

Gospel

John 16:12-15

Everything the Father has is mine: all the
Spirit tells you will be taken from what is
mine.

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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

When St Paul wrote his letter to the Romans, the theology of the Trinity was still waiting to be worked out. The interrelationship between the three Persons did not begin to be elaborated by theologians for a couple of centuries yet, or what is meant by calling them three 'Persons'. Paul calls the Risen Christ 'Lord', using the sacred name that may be used only of God. However, already Paul shows an awareness that three different modes are involved in human salvation, the divine action that brings human beings back to God. He often has a triple formula like the one in this reading, using different language of God, Christ and the Spirit. *Through our Lord Jesus Christ* we are brought into *peace with God*, and the love of God is poured into our hearts *by the Holy Spirit*. Human language is so totally inadequate to express truths about God that it will be long before any satisfying formula is found.

Mission Appeal: Welcome Fr Pat! 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 weekend we welcome Fr Pat O'Beirne from the Columban Missionaries who will present the appeal. The Columban Missionaries focus their work on the Far East, and Fr Pat has spent time in Taiwan and teaching in a seminary in Beijing, China. There is a button on the parish card payment machine for today's 'Mission Appeal'. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday Coffee Morning: The next coffee morning will be on after Sunday Mass today and then on 6th July and 20th July. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: The celebration of God's word for young children takes place 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.

Forthcoming Funerals: the funeral service for Grace Birch will take place at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 25 June at 11am, and the funeral service for Kevin O'Reilly will take place at Howe Bridge Crematorium on Friday 27 June at 1pm.

Please remember Grace and Kevin, with their families and friends in your prayers.

Parish Social: Our next parish social will be following the celebration of Mass of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 27th June at 7.00 pm. Please come along for a glass of wine, nibbles and a chance to chat and meet new friends.

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.

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 most 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.

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?

Upcoming Social Events:

Friday July 18th - Social Evening including 'Church Hierarchy' Presentation/Q&A with Fr. Christopher

Wednesday August 13th (tbc)
- Afternoon Tea

Friday September 19th - Quiz Night

Sunday October 5th afternoon - Mass for the Sick

Friday October 17th - Retronotes 4-piece live band

School Mass: Children from Sacred Heart Primary School will attend Mass at Church on the following dates. All are welcome to attend.

Friday 20th June – Year 3

Friday 4th July – Year 5

Friday 11th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass – families are encouraged to attend.

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.

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.

Refugee Week: Runs from 16th- 22nd June. Caritas Diocese of Salford offers resources to help support people in our communities. Learn more at www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/refugees/

Quarant'ore - 40 hours with the Lord: Salford Cathedral invites you to join a special period of prayer - 40 Hours of Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us from 25th -28th June in our temporary church as we pray for a particular intention before the Blessed Sacrament each day. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/quarant-ore-cathedral-25/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell:

Spaces are fast filling up for the diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Ladyewell shrine in Lancashire. Register now to join us on Saturday 28th June, where we will celebrate the Holy Year with Mass, a Rosary Walk, opportunities for confession, and time for private prayer at the shrine. Find out more and register at <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, 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.

WeBelieve 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 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 & more. Early Bird Tickets available at www.webeliefefestival.com

Laudato Si' Centre: Discover more about the Diocese of Salford's environment hub - the Laudato Si' Centre - by following us on social media. Get the latest on upcoming events, discover top tips, prayer and reflection resources, and catch a glimpse of our beautiful grounds changing from season to season! Simply search "Laudato Si' Centre" on Facebook and Instagram to follow!

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>

The words of today's gospel are an echo of the promises fulfilled last week at Pentecost. Only in the power of the Holy Spirit can we begin to approach the mystery which is the Trinity. Even then, we approach it not so that we can ever understand it, but so that we may stand in awe as we worship Father, Son and Holy Spirit.