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**The Most Holy Body
& Blood of the Lord
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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6pm
Sunday	10am
Monday – Thursday	9am
Friday – Feast of the Sacred Heart	10am in School 7pm in Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	5.30 – 5.50 pm
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THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Genesis 14:18-20

He offered bread and wine.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 109:1-4 r4

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the Lord's death.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

I am the living bread that has come down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

All ate and were satisfied.

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SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter

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THE WORD THIS WEEK

From several points of view, this is one of the most precious passages of the New Testament. To begin with, the terms 'received' and 'passed on' are technical terms of the rabbinic process of oral tradition; they show that what Paul is about to say is part of the tradition conserved in the Christian community. Second, it shows us that the repetition of this rite was seen to bring to the participants participation in the death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus—worthily or unworthily. And Paul's purpose is to rebuke the Corinthians for taking part in the Eucharistic supper without due seriousness. Third, it shows some of the most precious aspects of the Eucharistic meal: it is the sealing of the new covenant in the cup of Christ's blood, that covenant that brings to each individual the union with the Father wrought by Christ's death. Fourth, as Paul's chief rebuke to the Corinthians is that they are disunited and selfish at their Eucharist, treating it just like an ordinary dinner, neglecting one another's needs, it is a reminder to us that the Eucharist is a celebration of the Body of Christ, in which we are all united in love, and in which we all depend on one another. Is this really our impression of the Sunday Mass?

Feast of the Sacred Heart – our parish feast – is this Friday, 27 June. There will be Mass in school at 10am and in the Church at 7pm after which there will be a social evening with a glass of wine and nibbles. All welcome.

Mission Appeal: Thank you for your warm welcome to Fr Pat last weekend and your generosity to the Columban Missionary appeal, which raised £507.

Forthcoming Funerals: the funeral service for Grace Birch will take place at Sacred Heart this 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. Please also remember Joe Delafield who died this week, but whose funeral arrangements are still to be finalised.

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.

Sunday Coffee Morning: The next coffee mornings will be after Sunday Mass on 6 July and 20 July. They will continue over August and will be on 3 & 17. All welcome.

Reading with St Joseph's High School students: *Do you have a passion for reading? Would you be interested in sharing your love of reading with the young people of St Joseph's?* Our young people need to build their enjoyment of reading again. We are looking for people who can bring a book to life and who are willing to give up an hour a week to read with some of our young readers. We can work the sessions around the volunteers so that the arrangement works well for both parties but the sessions will need to be between 8.45 and 2.45 and a DBS check will be required. We will provide the reading materials - we just need someone full of enthusiasm and patience. If you are interested, please email your name & contact details to

office@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk marking it for the attention of Mrs H Howe, Literacy Lead.

School Masses: Children from Sacred Heart Primary School will attend Mass at Church on the following dates. Everyone welcome. **Friday 4 July** – Year 5, **Friday 11 July** – Year 6 Leavers' Mass – families are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

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 18** - Social Evening including 'Church Hierarchy' Presentation/Q&A with Fr. Christopher. **Wednesday August 13** (tbc) - Afternoon Tea; **Friday September 19** - Quiz Night; **Sunday October 5 afternoon** - Mass with the Sick. **Friday October 17** - Retronotes 4-piece live band

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.

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.

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 25 -28 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/>

The next courses at The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst are Unveiled Faces: Healing & Transformation with the Saints, 27 – 29 June 2025. A weekend led by Fr Emmanuel Mansford, CFR contemplating the healing and transformational work of grace in the ordinary and imperfect lives of the saints. In the light of their example, the retreat will offer an opportunity to reflect on and to seek healing for the wounds in our own lives. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/unveiled-faces/>

What is God? Philosophical, Christian and Islamic Approaches, 22 – 25 August 2025. Our annual course in partnership with CEPHAS will look at the nature and knowledge of God from a pre-religious, philosophical understanding, before comparing the Islamic concept of God with the Christian, leaning on St Thomas Aquinas' elaboration of the Trinity and the Incarnation. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/what-is-god/>

Madonna Del Rosario Procession: The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession

will take place on the 6 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

Rosa Mystica Devotions: Sat 12 July at St Mary's Standishgate, Wigan WN1 1XL. Mass 12 noon Devotions, Procession and Benediction 3pm. Bring packed lunch.

Salford Lourdes Pre-Departure Mass at St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, Sunday 27th July at 5.30 pm. Whether you're travelling with us to Lourdes or are looking to accompany us in prayer at home, join us as we gather together in prayer for our Pre-Departure Mass for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John, along with clergy from the diocese, with music from our wonderful Lourdes Choir.

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: Choral Director – closing date 30 June Cathedral Site Officer – closing date 4 July. For more details see <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>