



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 14th June 2026
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday Vigil	6pm
Sunday	10am
Monday - Thursday	9am
Friday (Y3)	10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	5.30-5.50pm and at call
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THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

First Reading

Exodus 19: 2-6a

'You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99: 1-2. 3. 5. R.3c

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading

Romans 5: 6-11

'If we were reconciled by the death of the son, much more shall we be saved by his life.'

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1: 15

'The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'

Gospel

Matthew 9: 36-10: 8

'Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.'

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SHJWesthoughtonNewsletter

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



THE WORD THIS WEEK

The first reading this week records the special moment when God chose Israel to be his own possession, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation, formed of 12 tribes, just as in the gospel reading Jesus will chose Twelve to be the nucleus of his holy Kingdom. God had led them out of slavery in Egypt with a purpose: they were to be gradually formed and enlightened to bring God's Good News to the whole of creation. First, they were given the Law (the Ten Commandments come just after this passage), which would teach them how the people of God must live out their vocation. 'Be holy as I am holy', acting in the image of God, completing God's work of creation. It was not going to be a smooth path. They rebelled already in the desert, hankering after the 'leeks and onions' of Egypt, and the history of Israel was to be a constant series of rebellion, recall and forgiveness—just like our relationship with God, full of failure and return. Formation always involves a fair amount of buffeting and correction, spiritual growing pains as well as physical. Like ours, their learning process was slow and full of mistakes, but, in the end, they brought salvation into the world in the person of Jesus.

Sunday Coffee Mornings: Join us for a warm welcome, a brew and a chat after Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month. Our next coffee mornings are 14th, 21st June & 5th July. Everyone is welcome.

Altar Servers: New altar servers are always welcome, especially any recruits from this year's First Holy Communion class. There will be a short training meeting after the Sunday Mass on Sunday 14th June.

St John's Cathedral, Salford: the restoration work is almost finished and the Cathedral will reopen on 16th July, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the principal patron of our diocese. On this occasion Bishop John will dedicate the new altar, so this is an important occasion for the whole diocese. Our parish has been given two tickets for the Mass at 12 noon. If you would like to represent our parish at this event, please speak with Fr Christopher.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children aged from 3 until they have made their first holy communion are invited to celebrate God's word together during our Sunday Mass. Please register your child as you arrive for Mass.

Heart to Heart Walk Sunday 12th July:

For those participating in the walk, please pick up a Walkers' Guide from the back of church. There is still time to sign up on the sheet on the notice board. Families and individuals welcome to have a sociable walk and enjoy the hospitality at Sacred Heart Hindley Green. Hot & cold drinks will be provided. Bring your own picnic.

Thank you from CAFOD A sincere "thank you" from CAFOD for donating to this Lent's Family Fast Day appeal. Your donations and prayers are supporting communities like those using floating gardens. These have enabled them to become self-sufficient with quality food, in the face of the impacts of climate change. Thank you for providing them with hope. To find out more about our work visit cafod.org.uk.

Exploring the Catholic Faith: our next session for those thinking of becoming Catholic is on Tuesday 16th June at 7.30pm when we will look at the papacy and church structure. All welcome.

Finance and Property Committee: We are making good progress with maintenance work to keep the site safe and looking tidy. We have reset the

coping stones atop the front perimeter wall as some had become loose and posed a danger. We have also started to repaint the picket fence. (Any volunteers to help?) If you notice any faults or items that need repair, there are forms on the parish notice board to make a report.

Children's Mass Bags: We hope you are finding the resources are helping to quietly support child/ren to learn more about Jesus and engage with the Mass. The resources are aimed at children up until they begin preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The books in a couple of the bags are aimed at very young children, however, the other books are suitable for mixed ages. If the contents of the first bag you pick up are a bit 'young' or 'old' please feel free to swap the bag for another one. Each week there are also two children's newsletters that help children to focus on and learn more about the Mass.

An event not to be missed ! Our next social event is Fri 19th June at 7.30 pm. This will be a superb evening of music, stories and comedy featuring the outstanding talent of Jim Berry who is a member of the Houghton Weavers. Tickets on sale priced at £8 including hot supper. Demand is expected to be strong so don't delay. All proceeds will go towards church and parish funds.

Future Social Events: save the dates! Aug 12th Afternoon Tea; Sept 25th Parish Quiz Night; Oct 23rd Songs from the Musicals, Three Towns Choir; Nov 27th Bingo and Beetle Drive.

St Mary's RC Cemetery Bank Holiday Mass This annual Mass will take place on Monday 31st August at 11AM at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley. It will be held outside the Chapel and there will be limited seating.

Prayers and resources for Refugee Week and World Day of Migrants & Refugees Caritas Salford has a range of prayers and other resources to help as you mark Refugee Week this month. You can find these and other materials at www.caritassalford.org.uk/resources To read more about the week, click www.caritassalford.org.uk/refugees

New Volunteering Role at Caritas Salford Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford has a team of almost 200 amazing volunteers, all of whom support people in our parishes who are experiencing poverty, homelessness and discrimination. The team is looking for

suitable volunteers who would be interested in giving a little time to work alongside families at their young parent accommodation in Blackburn - supporting and facilitating activities with the babies and their parents. All roles will be subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring check. To find out more about this or other volunteering opportunities with the charity visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer or m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding Audit Report: The CSSA have published their findings on their website and graded the diocese as 'Exceeding expectations,' a grading that describes safeguarding practice as 'consistently strong and often goes above minimum requirements. There is evidence of positive outcomes, proactive risk management, and well embedded systems. Leadership demonstrates a strong commitment to safeguarding, and practice is robust and forward-looking.' The full report can be found on the CSSA website: catholicsafeguarding.org.uk and the diocesan website, dioceseofsalford.org.uk Thank you to everyone who works to establish and maintain our parish as a safe and welcoming environment for all. If you have any concerns or suggestions please speak to Father Christopher or our parish safeguarding rep, Cathy Ward.

Heart to Heart women's retreat, 19th – 22nd June 2026: A fantastic opportunity for Catholic women: three days of guided prayer, discernment and silence in beautiful surroundings, led by Fr Bernard Murphy, CFR and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. The retreat will offer space for attentiveness to the Lord based on principles of Ignatian spirituality. For further information see: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/heart-to-heart-retreat/>

Free Will & Grace retreat, 28th - 31st August 2026: Join us for a theological and philosophical deep dive on one of the great themes of the Christian Faith: human freedom and Divine grace. With lectures and workshops building on St Thomas Aquinas' writings, the course will also explore questions of conscience and the problem of evil. This year's guest speaker will be Rev. Dr Simon Gaine, OP. For further information see: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/>

Fancy a walk? Caritas Salford is organising a 6-mile scenic, circular sponsored hike in Lancashire, along the

delightful Downham Trail. Taking place on 5th September, the walk is an undulating route with the potential for expansive views from the summit of Beacon Fell. To register, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/LancsWalk

Giving Made Simple: If you currently give in cash, thank you - your support is truly valued and makes a real difference to our parish. We are gently encouraging those who are able, to consider giving by standing order instead, as even small regular amounts help reduce the amount of cash we hold and need to bank each week. Standing order forms are available at the back of church, or you can set this up easily online if you prefer. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support.

Donate in memory this Father's Day: Donating to our diocesan charity Caritas Salford in someone's name is a special way to honour their memory while supporting people experiencing poverty, homelessness or isolation in our parishes. This Father's Day, if you'd like to make an 'in memory' donation, please visit the special space on the Caritas Salford website for remembering a loved one. This also includes setting up a funeral collection in lieu of flowers and creating a personalised tribute memory page to save photos and messages. Please visit caritassalford.org.uk/InMemory to access the relevant links or contact Kirstie Davidson for more information on 0161 817 2281.

HYMNBOARD

Entrance: 864 God's Spirit is in my heart

Kyrie: 502

Gloria: 1013

Offertory: 873 Come Lord Jesus, come

Holy Holy: 1014

Communion: 883 Christ be our light, 772 Lord Jesus Christ

Lamb of God: 1019

Recessional: 866 I will be with you

Please note hymns are subject to last minute changes!