



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 6th September 2026 · 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time · Year A

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

This Week

Saturday Vigil	6pm
Sunday	10am
Monday – Thursday	9 am
Friday	10 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	5.30-5.50pm
and at call	

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Entrance

920: A New Commandment

Kyrie

516 Kyrie, Kyrie eleison

Gloria

1013 Glory to God

Preparation of the Gifts

898: Make me a channel of your peace or 899 Lord make me a means of your peace

Sanctus

1014 Holy, Holy, Holy

Agnus Dei

1019 Lamb of God

Communion 1

883: Christ be our light

Communion 2

922: Bind us together

Recessional

934 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Please note hymns are subject to last-minute changes.

A hearing loop is in operation in this Church



PARISH NOTICES

Forthcoming Funeral: The Requiem Mass for Mary Caffrey will take place at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 17th September at 11am. Please remember Mary and her family and friends at this time.

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 today, 20th September and 27th September. Everyone is welcome.

First Communion 2026-27: The information sheet for parents and carers for our next preparation programme is available at the back of church. The programme is open to baptised Catholic children living in our parish who will be in Year 3 in September, or older. We are holding a

Parent's Information Session on Friday, 25th September at 3 pm in school.

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. Children will start Mass with their families. Just before the First Reading Father will invite those children who wish to take part in the Children's Liturgy of the Word to come forward. He presents them with the Children's Lectionary and they will then go in procession to the parish hall where a worship space has been prepared for them. The children continue to follow the same structure of the Mass until after the intercessions when the group processes back into church as part of the Offertory Procession, returning the Children's Lectionary to Father

and then returning to their families. Please register your child as you arrive for Mass.

Exploring the Catholic Faith: Our next session for those thinking of becoming Catholic is on Tuesday, 8th September at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Please speak to Father if you are interested in finding out more about these sessions.

CAFOD Meeting: On Tuesday, 15th September at 7.00 pm the parish CAFOD Team are hosting a meeting for volunteers from other parishes to meet with Simon Holleron, the Diocesan CAFOD Support Coordinator who will be talk to us about the work of CAFOD and how we can fulfil the call to tackle poverty and social injustice globally through future fundraising events. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: On Sunday, 27th September after 10 am Mass there will be an extra coffee morning to support Macmillan's annual fundraising appeal. Please put the date in your diaries, if you've not been to one of our coffee mornings before this is your chance to come along for a chat and a brew and meet other parishioners whilst raising funds for a fantastic cause. There are currently more than 3.5 million people living with cancer in the UK. This is the QR code to the Parishes JustGiving page if you wish to donate online.



Parish Facebook: If you are on Facebook please make sure you are following The Parish Facebook Page @SHJWParish, you can find us by searching Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Westhoughton. There are regular posts including - changes to the weekday Mass times, the weekly newsletter, social events including our coffee mornings and other parish activities e.g. Exploring the Catholic Faith sessions. Once you are following us, please make sure you 'Like' the posts. Any comments on posts will be replied to within a couple of days. If you have any suggestions about the Facebook page, please message us.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND NOTICES

Friday Mass: This week we welcome Year 6 to Mass on Friday at 10am. All parents and carers are welcome.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Parish Quiz night: Our next social event is the Parish Quiz on Friday 25th September at 7 pm. Tickets on sale this weekend at £6 each, which includes a hot supper. This annual event is always a great night, all proceeds go to parish funds. You are welcome to bring your own drinks.

Future Social Events: save the dates: 23rd October - Songs from the Musicals, Three Towns Choir; 27th November - Family Bingo and Beetle Drive.

DIOCESE & WIDER CHURCH

Could you be called to serve the church as a Permanent Deacon:

If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Salford, please come along to the next 'Come and See' event. There will be opportunities to talk to some of our deacons and find out more about their journey and the ministry without committing to anything further. For more information, please email diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Caritas Fundraising Concert: On 18th September at 7pm the Mercy Brothers Concert with string Quartet for Caritas will be playing at St Ambrose Barlow High School Swinton M27 6QP. For tickets please visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/fr-gorton-silver/

Christian Heritage Centre events: in the coming months the centre is running several in person and online events including an Ancient Byzantine Iconography course from 12-14th October and a Marriage Preparation Course from 8-10th January 2027. For further details please see: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pantasaph Monastery: Our diocesan pilgrimage to the Pantasaph Monastery in North Wales for the Year of St Francis of Assisi takes place on 17th October. The cost of the trip is £35pp. For more information and to book your place, please contact the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209 or by email at walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Bolton Catholic Deanery Dinner Dance: Raise a glass in support of Bolton Hospice. There will be a three-course meal, followed by tea/coffee and entertainment. The event will take place at Regent Park, Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL6 4AF. Booking and payment (£37.50 p.p.) by 30/09/2026 Contacts: Agnes agnes.lloydholt@gmail.com 07840 112756 or Gemma pendleburygemma4@gmail.com 07717 686358

Latest Vacancies Within the Diocese:

- Cathedral Business Manager
- Choral Director: Schools Singing Programme

Please find more information please visit: website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

Collections

The total offertory collection for August, including standing orders and card machine donations, was £2933.80. Thank you for your continued generosity.