



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 20th September 2026 · 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time · Year A

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

This Week

Saturday Vigil	6pm
Sunday	10am
Monday – Wednesday	9am
Thursday - Requiem	2pm
Friday	10 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	5.30-5.50pm
and at call	

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Entrance

954 Blest be the Lord

Kyrie

516 Kyrie, Kyrie eleison

Gloria

1013 Glory to God

Offertory

609 In bread we bring you Lord

Sanctus

1014 Holy, Holy, Holy

Agnus Dei

1019 Lamb of God

Communion 1

785 Through the mountains

Communion 2

910 Christ be beside me

Recessional

956 I watch the sunrise

Please note hymns are subject to last-minute changes.

A hearing loop is in operation in this Church



PARISH NOTICES

Forthcoming Funerals: The Requiem Mass for Christina Gradwell will take place at Sacred Heart on Thursday 24th September at 2pm. Please remember Christina, 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 morning is today, and everyone is welcome.

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. Anyone looking to bake for the event, please speak to a member of the coffee morning team. Those making homemade goods should provide a list of the ingredients they have

used to ensure information about possible allergens is accurate.

Sick and Retired Clergy next weekend there will be a second collection to support our sick and retired clergy. There is a flyer on the tables at the back of church.

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, 25 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. Please register your child as you arrive for Mass.

Safeguarding: Please ensure that all children are escorted to and from the toilets.

Children's Mass Bags: Children's Mass Bags: Nine bags are available on the coat stand in the foyer to help younger children engage with the Mass. Each contains a Bible or Bible story book, other faith-based books, a colouring book and pencils, and a Bible character. Some are aimed at very young children, so please swap bags if another is more suitable. Please take one bag per family, use it quietly during Mass, and return it afterwards with all its contents. Children's newsletters are also available.

Exploring the Catholic Faith: Our next session for those thinking of becoming Catholic is on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Please speak to Father if you are interested in finding out more about these sessions.

Piety Stall: Our Piety Stall offers a lovely selection of religious gifts and items for the home, perfect for marking special occasions or as thoughtful gifts for family and friends. Open before and after Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

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.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND NOTICES

Friday Mass: This week we welcome our new Reception classes to Mass on Friday at 10am. All parents and carers are welcome.

Stay and Pray: Thursday mornings from 8:40am in the Croi. An opportunity for a few moments' prayer and reflection. All parents and parishioners welcome.

Sacred Heart Joint School and Parish Christmas Fair will take place on Thursday 26 November 3.35-5.30pm. Watch this space for further details.

St Joseph's RC High School, Horwich: Open Evening on Tuesday, 22nd September from 5-7 pm. Pupils, parents and carers of pupils currently in Years 6+5 are invited to look around the school and meet the school family.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Parish Quiz night: Our next social event is the Parish Quiz on Friday 25th September at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale at £6 each, which includes a hot supper. This annual event is always a fun night, form your own team or join another. All proceeds go to parish funds. You are welcome to bring your own drinks.

Future Social Events: save the dates: Mass with the Sick 2pm Sunday 11 October, followed by refreshments; 23 October - Songs from the Musicals, Three Towns Choir; 27 November - Family Bingo and Beetle Drive.

DIOCESE & WIDER CHURCH

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham: Bishop John will celebrate Mass in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham at 7pm on Thursday 24 September 2026 at St. John's Cathedral, Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LE. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Big Sleep Out: Caritas Salford invite you to join people from across our diocese in 'The Big Sleep Out' to raise funds for people in our area experiencing homelessness. Dust off your sleeping bag, wrap up warm and spend the night outdoors for a great cause. For more information and to register, visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/BSO.

St Winefride's Well (Holywell): A talk on St Winefride's Well (Holywell) will be given by Professor Kathryn Hurlock on Saturday 26 September, 10am-12md at St Ann's Parish Centre, Stretford. M32 8LF. Suggested donation is £5.

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 12-14 October and a Marriage Preparation Course from 8-10 January 2027. For further details please see: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/>

Bolton Catholic Deanery Dinner Dance: There will be a three-course meal and entertainment, in support of Bolton Hospice, on Friday 16 October at Regent Park, Chorley New Road, BL6 4AF. Booking and payment (£37.50p.p) by 30/09/2026 Contacts: agnes.lloydholt@gmail.com 07840112756 or gemma4@gmail.com 07717 686358

Praise Night: St Stephen's Droylsden is holding a special Praise Night on Friday 16 October 7-8.30pm followed by a meal. For more information and to reserve a place click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-stephens-praise-night-tickets-1995684815004?aff=oddtcreator>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pantasaph Monastery: Our diocesan pilgrimage to Pantasaph monastery in North Wales on the 17 October costs £35pp. for more information please contact: 0161081702209 or email walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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. For more information, email diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Vacancies Within the Diocese: Cathedral Receptionist and Administrator; Cathedral Business Manager; Choral Director: Schools Singing Programme. For more information please visit: website: dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies