



## Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026 · 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time · Year A

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

#### This Week

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| Saturday Vigil    | 6pm  |
| Sunday            | 10am |
| Monday - Thursday | 9am  |
| Friday            | 10am |

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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| Saturday    | 5.30-5.50pm |
| and at call |             |

### THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

#### Entrance

820 Seek ye first

#### Kyrie

516 Kyrie, Kyrie eleison

#### Gloria

1013 Glory to God

#### Offertory

865 I, the Lord of sea and sky

#### Sanctus

1014 Holy, Holy, Holy

#### Agnus Dei

1019 Lamb of God

#### Communion 1

832 One bread, one body

#### Communion 2

761 He is Lord

#### Recessional

846 Amazing grace

Please note hymns are subject to last-minute changes.

A hearing loop is in operation in this Church



### PARISH NOTICES

**Sick and Retired Clergy Appeal:** At our Masses this weekend there will be a second collection to support our sick and retired priests. In our diocese we currently have 68 priests who are in this position and their housing, pension nursing and care home fees cost over £1.5m each year. Please take a leaflet from the back of Church, and thank you for your support.

**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 the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of October, and everyone is welcome.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** After 10 am Mass on Sunday there will be a coffee morning to support Macmillan's annual fundraising appeal. 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 whilst raising funds for a fantastic cause. Those making homemade goods should provide a list of the ingredients they have used to ensure information about possible allergens is accurate.

**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.

**First Communion 2026-27:** Registration is now open! Information sheets and registration forms are available at the back of Church. Please ensure completed registration forms are handed to Father Christopher after Mass before registration closes on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

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

**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 6<sup>th</sup> of October 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.

**Finance & Property Committee:** The committee's next quarterly meeting is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the small meeting room. This quarter's Premises Check was completed last weekend. If you see any faults or items that need repairing, please report them to the committee using the Repairs Reporting Sheet that is pinned to the noticeboard.

## SCHOOL EVENTS AND NOTICES

**Families applying for a Reception place for September 2027:** There will be an open afternoon on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October with tours of the school at 1.15pm until 2.15pm & 2.15pm until 3.15 pm. To book please call 01942 634681 or email office@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk

**Friday Mass:** This week we welcome Year 4 to Mass on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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<sup>th</sup> of November 3:35-5:30pm. Watch this space for further details.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**Quiz night:** Thank you to all who attended an enjoyable quiz night.

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

## DIOCESE & WIDER CHURCH

**CAFOD Family Fast Day:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, this harvest season, put your faith into action by supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day and helping people around the world who do not have enough food or clean water. Donation envelopes will be available in church, or you can give using the card machine. You can also donate online via: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/virtual-envelope>

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

**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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/BSO).

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

**Praise Night:** St Stephen's Droylsden is holding a special Praise Night on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> October costs £35pp. for more information please contact: 0161081702209 or email [walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Could you be called to server 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 [diacontant@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:diacontant@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

