



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 11th October 2026 · 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time · Year A

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

This Week

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	5.30-5.50pm
and at call	

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Entrance

644 Alleluia sing to Jesus

Kyrie

516 Kyrie, Kyrie eleison

Gloria

1013 Glory to God

Offertory

806 The Lord's my shepherd

Sanctus

1014 Holy, Holy, Holy

Agnus Dei

1019 Lamb of God

Communion 1

629 I am the bread of life

Communion 2

720 Be still for the presence

Recessional

968 How lovely on the mountains

Please note hymns are subject to last-minute changes.

A hearing loop is in operation in this Church



PARISH NOTICES

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 the 18th October and then 1st November. Everyone is welcome.

Congratulations to Ifeoma Agu and Nnadozie Akarekwe who were married here on Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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. A big thank you to everyone who has recently followed the page. Please help us reach more people by liking and sharing our posts when you can. It really does help us keep our parish community connected.

Exploring the Catholic Faith: Our next session for those thinking of becoming Catholic is on Tuesday 19th of October at 7.30pm in the parish hall. The meeting after this will be on 9th November, due to half term. 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.

Wrap Up: Bolton Rotary Club are running their Wrap Up Coats campaign again this year and we will host one of their collection boxes during October. If you have any unwanted winter coats, hats, scarfs, or gloves, please leave them in the box and they will be distributed to groups supporting local people in need.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND NOTICES

Friday Mass: This week we welcome Year 3 to Mass on Friday 16th 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 26th of November 3:35-5:30pm. Watch this space for further details.

SOCIAL EVENTS

MacMillian Coffee Morning: a huge thank you to everyone who supported our MacMillian Coffee Morning. We're delighted to have reached our £250 target, with £234 in cash donations and £16 online. Thank you to our Coffee Morning Team for organising everything, to our wonderful home bakers and to everyone who donated or came along. It was lovely to see some new faces.

Future Social Events:

Friday 23rd October: Tickets are now on sale for our next big social event: the Sacred Heart of Jesus presents... 3 Towns Choral Society sings 'The Musicals'. An award winning 50 strong choir brings you hits from Broadway and the West End. The event takes place at Sacred Heart Primary School. Tickets are £10 including a hot supper. Bring your own drink. All proceeds will go to Caritas.

Friday 27th November: Family bingo and Beetle Drive.

DIOCESE & WIDER CHURCH

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day! Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents. To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/parishes-thank-you>

Christian Heritage Centre events: The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst has several upcoming residential retreats including 'Be Still and Know that I am God' on 20-23rd November exploring mindfulness, prayer, and Christian spirituality. For further details please see: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/>

Cause for the Beatification of Pedro Ballester: The Diocese of Salford has formally opened the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a young man from Manchester who died in 2018 aged just 21. Pedro was known for his warmth, generosity and strong faith. After being diagnosed with cancer while at university, he faced his illness with remarkable courage, offering his suffering in prayer and trusting deeply in God. As part of this process, the Diocese is inviting anyone who knew Pedro, or who has memories, testimonies or writings relating to him, to come forward to help build a fuller picture of his life and character. For more information or to contribute, please contact the Diocesan Tribunal: Email: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Post: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Homelessness - Write to your MP: As part of their latest campaign to support people in our diocese who are homeless, Caritas Salford has put together information on how you can write to your MP to call for change. They are asking for help from people in our parishes, and would like as many as possible to call for Local Housing Allowance rates to be unfrozen and uplifted in line with local rents. The current rates are a significant driver of homelessness, and a letter to your MP could help bring about change to support local families and adults at risk. Find out more and access the free template letter and more on the Caritas website at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/EndHomelessness

Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly: GMCT invites you to their Annual Assembly on 14th October. Entitled 'The Quiet Revival' there will be a presentation by the Bible Society and Q&A sessions on Engaging with Young People and Engaging with Children. The event will be held at Salford Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP from 6.30PM to 9PM. Parking will be available on site.

Praise Night: St Stephen's Droylsden is holding a special Praise Night on Friday 16th 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>

Collections

The total offertory collection for September, including standing orders and card machine donations, was £3212.35. Thank you for your continued generosity.