Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 18th October 2026 · 29th 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	**Kyrie**	**Gloria**
320 Hail Redeemer	**516 Kyrie, Kyrie eleison**	**1013 Glory to God**
Offertory	**Sanctus**	**Agnus Dei**
600 All that I am	**1014 Holy, Holy, Holy**	**1019 Lamb of God**
Communion 1	**Communion 2**	**Recessional**
883 Christ be our light	**972 Do not be afraid**	**770 Lord the light of your love is shining**

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, third & fifth Sundays of the month. Our next coffee morning is this Sunday and then on the 1st, 15th & 29th of November. Everyone is welcome.

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 accompanied to and from the toilets by an adult.

Exploring the Catholic Faith: Our next session for those thinking of becoming Catholic is on Tuesday 20th of October at 7.30pm in the parish hall. The following meeting will be on 9th November, due to half term. Please speak to Father if you are interested in finding out more about these sessions.

Ministers of Holy Communion: There will be a deanery training and formation session for our parish extraordinary ministers of holy communions at St Thomas of Canterbury's on Saturday 14th November 10.30am to 3 pm (coffee at 10am). If you would like to attend, please let Fr Christopher know by the end of October.

Mass with the Sick: It was lovely to see everyone at the Mass with the Sick last Sunday afternoon. Thank you to the organisers, musicians, those who made sandwiches & baked/brought cakes and most importantly to those who came along.

Parish Finance & Property Committee: At the meeting this week we were pleased to see that the new Fire Alarm system has been successfully installed and we began the process of updating our emergency procedure

documents to reflect the changes. When the documents have been finalised, the new procedures will be explained to everyone. To help us keep the church safe for everyone 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. Thank you.

Parish Noticeboard: Our parish noticeboard has undergone a revamp – stop and have a look at what is going on in the parish.

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. *They are particularly in need of children's items this year.*

SCHOOL EVENTS AND NOTICES

Friday Mass: This week we welcome the whole school to Mass on Friday 23rd October at 10am. 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 are welcome. This Thursdays will be the last until after half term, they will begin again on Thursday, 12th November

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

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. More details to follow, including what a 'Beetle Drive' is!

DIOCESE & WIDER CHURCH

World Mission Day 2026: A reminder that World Mission Day 2026, falls on 18 October. Pope Leo says, 'Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Sunday, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. I renew my heartfelt gratitude for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world.' Envelopes are available on the tables at the back of church and can be returned through the offertory baskets.

Deanery Holy Hour: As we near the end of October, the month of the Holy Rosary, all are invited for a special Deanery Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church Eastbourne Grove Bolton BL1 5TR on Friday 30th October at 7.00 p.m. Come spend a quiet hour before the Blessed Sacrament as we entrust the needs of our families and communities to the intercession of Our Lady.

Call for research participants: Caritas Salford is carrying out new research into how the cost of living and financial difficulties impact people in, and connected to, our parishes and schools. The research will help to better understand people's experiences, and to inform and shape their campaigning work too. If anyone in your parish would be willing to be interviewed sensitively about their own experiences, please contact Annabeth Taylor at a.taylor@caritassalford.org.uk for more information. All information shared will be treated confidentially and used anonymously.

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/

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

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