Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 25th October 2026 · 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time· Year A

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

This Week		Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturday Vigil	**6pm**	Saturday	**5.30-5.50pm**
Sunday	**10am**	and at call	
Monday - Friday	**9am**		

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Entrance	Kyrie	Gloria
820 Seek ye first	**516 Kyrie, Kyrie eleison**	**1013 Glory to God**
Offertory	**Sanctus**	**Agnus Dei**
899 Lord make me a means of your peace	**1014 Holy, Holy, Holy**	**1019 Lamb of God**
Communion 1	**Communion 2**	**Recessional**
627 This is my Body	**935 O God of earth and altar**	**926 Whatsoever you do**

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 mornings are on the 1st, 15th & 29th of November. Everyone is welcome.

Remembrance Sunday 2026: Remembrance Sunday this year is Sunday 8th November. As in previous years, our Sunday Mass will begin half an hour earlier, at 9.30am to allow any parishioners to attend the Civic Act of Remembrance at Westhoughton Cenotaph at 11am. We have a parish wreath, if anyone would like to volunteer to lay it on behalf of the parish community – please speak to Fr Christopher.

Parish Website: Have you had a look at our new parish website? www.shjwesthoughton.org.uk Many thanks to the small team who have been working to build the site over the last weeks.

CAFOD have sent us their World Gifts catalogue. Please take one. Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Harvest Family Fast Day, final total raised will be available soon.

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 Monday 9th November at 7.30pm in the parish hall. 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 communion at St. Thomas of Canterbury's on Saturday 14th November 10.30am to

3pm (coffee from 10am). If you would like to attend, please let Fr Christopher know by the end of October.

Parish Finance & Property Committee: The emergency procedure documents are currently being updated to reflect the change to our Fire Alarm System. 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 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.*

Feast of All Saints: Next weekend we will celebrate the feast of All Saints.

Grand Christmas Raffle: Tickets will be on sale, and prizes displayed, for our annual Christmas Raffle from next weekend 31st October. Prize donations are still most welcome. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Christmas Fair, in school, on Thursday 26th November.

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.

Visiting Blessed Sacrament: Reminder that if anyone wishes to visit the Blessed Sacrament on weekdays, the doors to the church will remain unlocked. Please speak to Father Christopher for the code to the keypad on the main doors. There are prayer books and books of Christian poetry in the small meeting room and can be accessed when you visit.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND NOTICES

Half Term: Sacred Heart School is now closed for half term, reopens on Monday 9th November.

Stay and Pray: 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: Huge thanks to all those who supported and helped to organise the performance of the 3 Towns Choral Society, on Friday evening. All proceeds will be donated to Caritas, Diocese of Salford.

Friday 27th November: Family Bingo and Beetle Drive. More details to follow, including what a 'Beetle Drive' is!

DIOCESE & WIDER CHURCH

Salford Young Adults Mass: Young adults ages 18 to 35 are warmly invited to our Young Adults Mass at Salford Cathedral on Wednesday 28 October 2026. Mass will start at 7.30PM with the Rosary and Confession from 7PM. There will also be social time following the service. A great chance to pray together and meet other young Catholics across the Diocese.

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.

World Day of the Poor: The Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has produced a resource for parishes, schools and individuals to mark this year's World Day of the Poor, which takes place on 15 November. You can find it by visiting: www.caritassalford.org.uk/CSANWorldDayofthePoor and you can find more information about other ways to support people experiencing poverty locally on the Caritas Salford website at: www.caritassalford.org.uk

Mass for Carers: A Mass is being celebrated for all Carers within our Communities at St Cuthbert's RC Church, Palatine Road, Withington, Manchester. M20 3LH. Mass will start at 12 Noon on Saturday 28 November 2026. Following the service sandwiches and refreshments will be served in the parish hall. Mass will be live-streamed through the parish website - stcuthbertswithington.com - so please attend online if you are unable to attend in person.