



Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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Sunday 4th October 2026 · 27th 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 - Thursday	9am	
Friday	10am	

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Entrance 830 The Church's one foundation	Kyrie 516 Kyrie, Kyrie eleison	Gloria 1013 Glory to God
Offertory 749 From heave you came	Sanctus 1014 Holy, Holy, Holy	Agnus Dei 1019 Lamb of God
Communion 1 772 Lord Jesus Christ	Communion 2 643 Gifts of bread and wine	Recessional 970 Be thou my vision

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 today, and everyone is welcome.

First Communion 2026-27: The information sheet and Registration Form 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. Please ensure completed registration forms are returned by next Sunday, 11th October.

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 bathroom.

Parish Facebook: If you're on Facebook, please make sure you're following our Parish Facebook page, @SHJWP parish. You can find us by searching for 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 6th 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.

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 and November. 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.

Finance & Property Committee: The committee's next quarterly meeting is Wednesday 7th 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

Friday Mass: This week we welcome our Y5 class 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.

SOCIAL EVENTS

MacMillan Coffee Morning: A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan 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 and we hope to see you again on 4th October.

Future Social Events: save the dates:

Sunday 11th October: Mass with the Sick 2pm followed by refreshments; all are welcome.

Friday 23 October: Tickets are now on sale for our next big social event- The Sacred Heart of Jesus presents... 3 Towns Choral Society sing "The Musicals". Award winning 50 strong choir bring you hits from Broadway & The West End. In school at 7pm. £10 inc hot supper. Bring your own drink. App proceeds to Caritas.

Friday 27th November: Family Bingo and Beetle Drive.

DIOCESE & WIDER CHURCH

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 2nd 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/virtualenvelope>

Homelessness - Write to your MP: Caritas Salford is asking parishioners to support its campaign to tackle homelessness by writing to their MP. The campaign calls for Local Housing Allowance rates to be unfrozen and increased in line with local rents, helping families and adults at risk of homelessness. A free template letter and more information are available at www.caritassalford.org.uk/EndHomelessness

Christian Heritage Centre events: The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst has several upcoming residential retreats.

Be Still and Know That I Am God runs 20th-23rd November 2026, exploring mindfulness, prayer and Christian spirituality.

A **Marriage Preparation Weekend** for engaged couples takes place 8th-10th January 2027. Two **Men's Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius** retreats will also be held from 26th February-3rd March and 5th-10th March 2027. Full details and booking: christianheritagecentre.com/events

Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly: GMCT invites you to their Annual Assembly on Wednesday 14 October 2026. 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 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