Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Westhoughton

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

This Week		Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturday Vigil	**6pm**	Saturday	**5.30-5.50pm**
Sunday	**10am**	and at call	
Monday - Friday	**No Mass**		

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Entrance **708 Holy God we praise thy name or 371 For all the saints**	**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 **964 You shall cross the barren desert**	**Communion 2** **910 Christ be beside me**	**Recessional** **816 The kingdom of heaven**

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 this morning, 15th & 29th of November. Everyone is welcome.

November List: Please place the names of deceased family and friends in the basket next to the ambo. Envelopes are available on at the back of church.

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.

Exploring the Catholic Faith: Our next session for those thinking of becoming Catholic is on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Please speak to Father if you are interested in finding out more about these sessions.

Fr Christopher will be away from Sunday afternoon to Saturday. There will be no weekday Mass this week.

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.

Our Parish Groups: We hope you've had a chance to view the noticeboard display. With 21 volunteer groups and more than 50 parishioners already involved, there is much to celebrate in our parish community. Our first focus area is Site Maintenance. We are looking for experienced plumbers, electricians and joiners who

would be willing to join a list of trusted contractors for minor building repairs. We would also like to welcome more volunteers to our Winter Site Team, which helps keep the church and grounds safe and welcoming during the winter months. If you can help in either of these ways, please speak to Father Christopher or contact the Communications Team at shjwesthoughtonnewsletter@outlook.com. Thank you.

Wrap Up: Thank you to all that donated generously during this period. All items were greatly received.

Grand Christmas Raffle: Tickets are on sale now, and prizes are on display, for our annual Christmas Raffle. 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.

Three Towns Choir: Many Thanks to all who supported and helped in any way with our recent Three Towns Choir concert. It was a fabulous night and raised a much appreciated £500 for Caritas Salford.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND NOTICES

Half Term: 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 27th November: Family Bingo and Beetle Drive. A Beetle Drive is a classic party game in which one draws a beetle in parts by rolling a die and matching the number to the body part of the Beetle. The first player to complete their beetle shouts out "Beetle!" stopping the play of all the groups. The winner of each group will move around a circle of tables clockwise, and the loser will move either anticlockwise, or sit still. The ultimate winner is the one who has drawn the most complete beetles, or the one who has drawn the most parts in total.



DIOCESE & WIDER CHURCH

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day and putting your faith into action. A total of £265 was donated and has been sent to CAFOD.

COP31: Caring for Our Common Home COP31, the United Nations Climate Change Conference, takes place in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9-20 November 2026. It brings together nations from around the world to discuss practical ways of addressing climate change and protecting our planet for future generations. As Christians, we are reminded of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation and to care for our common home. Please keep the success of the conference in your prayers.

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 15th 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

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella: To mark the 300th anniversary of St Gerard Majella's birth his relics will be coming to Our Lady of Grace Church Prestwich (M25 1AS) on Monday 23 November from 5:30pm. Mass at 6:30pm with time for personal blessing with the relic after mass.

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 on Saturday 28 November 2026 at 12 noon. 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.