

Opening Times of Church

Sunday: 7.30am—6.30pm
Monday to Friday: 7.30am—4.30pm
Saturday: 9.00am—6.30pm

Times of Holy Mass

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.15am, 11.00am & 5.30pm
Monday to Friday: 8.00am & 12.10pm
Saturday: 10.00am & 5.30pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Holy Days of Obligation:

5.30pm (Vigil), 8.00am, 10am (Term time only), 12.10pm and 7.30pm

Times of Confession

Monday to Friday: 11.30am—11.55am
Saturday: 10.30am—11.25am and 4.45pm—5.15pm

Times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday: 11.30am—12.00noon
Saturday: 10.30am—11.30am

Join our live streamed services at
www.salfordcathedral.co.uk

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 22nd December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8.00am	People of the Parish
	9.15am	Hamilton Family
	11.00am	Matthews Family
	2.00pm <i>Eritrean Mass</i>	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm	Fleury Family
	Monday 23rd December <i>Advent weekday</i>	
	8.00am	Pat & Terry Hall
	12.10pm	Karen & Neil Boland
	Tuesday 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	
	8.00am	Pauline
	12.10pm	The Green and Jones Families
	5.30pm <i>Vigil Mass For Christmas</i>	Kerry Anne & Anne-Marie Browne
	10.30pm Mass during the night	Bishop's Intention
Wednesday 25th December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>		
	8.00am	Cath Astin
	9.15am	Maria & Bernard Jones (LD)
	11.00am	Hamilton Family
Thursday 26th December <i>St Stephen</i>		
	12.10pm	Benny Matthews
Friday 27th December <i>St John the Evangelist (Patronal Feast)</i>		
	12.10pm	Clare Muscat (LD)
Saturday 28th December <i>The Holy Innocents</i>		
	10.00am	Hamilton Family
	5.30pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>	John Wilkinson
Sunday 29th December <i>1st Week of Christmas The Holy Family</i>		
	8.00am	Young Shing Ah Song
	9.15am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Philippe Kwok
	2.00pm <i>Mass to launch The Holy Year</i>	Bishop's Intention
	5.30pm	All Holy Souls (In Mem)



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic community, which welcomes everyone. As members of the Family of God, strengthened by the Sacraments, and guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to build a safe and loving Parish.

We nourish our community through the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, by the Word of God and catholic social teaching, following the commission of Our Lord Jesus Christ to "go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News" (Mark 16:15)

The Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage

All enquiries for the sacraments of Baptism and Marriage must be made directly through the parish office.

A minimum of 6 months notice must be given for Marriage and a minimum of 2 months notice must be given for Baptisms.

Please contact the parish secretary via email at enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk or on 0161 817 2210 during office hours: Monday to Friday, from 8.30am-4.30pm.

AT THE TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION.....

'We welcome everyone to share in our Celebration of Mass and invite you, if you are not a Catholic, or if for any reason you are not receiving communion, to come up for a blessing and indicate this by placing your arms across your chest'



Offertory collection

15th December 2024—£ 754.99
Thank you for your continued generosity
Giving by standing order

Regular giving is the financial bedrock of the Cathedral. It also minimises risk and costs the Cathedral parish less to manage, so your money goes further. Standing orders are also an easy option for regular giving – and you will no longer need to worry about having the right cash on a weekly basis. If you have online banking you can set this up online, or you can pick up the Gift aid declaration and standing order forms at the back of the Cathedral or from the Parish office.

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Opening Mass for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee

Pope Francis has invited dioceses across the world to unite in prayer as we begin the 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee. Our diocese will be marking the start of the Jubilee with a Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, on Sunday 29th December at 2pm at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church.

All are welcome to join us as we mark the start of this special year of grace.



Mass intentions received this week

Vincent Morris, Margaret Morris, Sadie Kelly, David Burlsem, Clare Muscat, Finnian Garbutt, Mr & Mrs S Gollins, Sr Cecily, Sr Katherine. Canon Michael Jones & Family.

Please pray for all those who are sick, especially Finnian Garbutt & Eugene Gibbs and for those who have died recently.

Christmas Fayre—Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise this years Christmas Fayre. It was a great success and raised a grand total of £2877.94

Your continued support is very much appreciated



MUSIC DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Throughout December our Cathedral Music Department have been leading the now annual Salford Schools Singing Programme Carol Services with hundreds of school children across the Diocese – from Langley, Collyhurst, Bamber Bridge, Burnley, Blackburn and Colne.

As we look ahead to the **2025 Jubilee 'Pilgrims of Hope'**, we are delighted to share a new video featuring all 24 schools involved in our Salford Schools Singing Programme singing the official 'Pilgrims of Hope' hymn in locations across the Diocese. Scan the QR code to see the video on our YouTube channel.

We have a busy start to the New Year with some exciting events and performances coming up:

Murder Mystery Evening

Saturday 18 January 2025, 7pm
Cathedral House, 250 Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LE

Join us in Cathedral House for an evening of mystery and intrigue over some cheese and wine featuring music from our Cathedral Choir and a mystery to solve - who killed the soloist?

Choral Evensong at Manchester Cathedral

Sunday 19 January 2025, 5.30pm
Manchester Cathedral

We are delighted to be returning to Manchester Cathedral in the New Year for joint Choral Evensong with the Manchester Cathedral Voluntary Choir as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Music to include Vaughan Williams' 'Antiphon' from Five Mystical Songs, Dyson in D, Rose Responses and 'Brother, sister, let me serve you' by our own Alex Patterson.

Palestrina 500 - Choral Workshop Day

Saturday 1 February 2025, 10am - 5pm
Cathedral House, 250 Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LE

Join Salford Cathedral Choir for a choral workshop day exploring the sacred music of Italian composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina - 500 years after his birth.

Led by Director of Music, Alex Patterson, the workshop will be an engaging deep dive into the music of one of the master's of renaissance polyphony, focusing on choral gems such as 'Sicut Cervus', 'Exsultate Deo', and the intricately beautiful 'Missa Papae Marcelli'.

The workshop will run from 10am - 5pm with breaks throughout the day. All sheet music will be provided on the day and available digitally beforehand. Participants will need to have a reasonable sight reading ability in order to get the most out of the day.



CAFOD—The Year of Jubilee 'Pilgrims of Hope'

CAFOD has produced a range of resources to support parishes during the Holy Year.

These can all be found on their [Jubilee webpage](#). They include: an introduction to the Jubilee online session Which takes place on 18th January 2025 from 10.30am—12.00noon.

A copy of the Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of hope reflection guide is available to order or download for free via their Jubilee website page.

There will a reflection day using the guide at the Laudato Si Centre at Wardley Hall on Friday 25th July 2025.

CAFOD have also been working closely with the Bishops' Conference to produce a Jubilee Icon for the Church in England and Wales. Created by an Ethiopian artist, the Icon is based on Luke 4:18-19.

More information can be found on their [Jubilee page](#).

Resources for Schools are also available at Jubilee-schools.org.uk

Legion of Mary—Carols and Rosary

Saturday, 28th December @ 2:00pm
St Ann's Church, St Ann's Square, Manchester, M2 7LF

The Legion of Mary would like to invite you to join them for **Carols and Rosary at the Crib**. We will come together in faith to sing cherished Christmas carols and reflect on the Holy Rosary.

Let's celebrate the birth of our Saviour with joy and public Witness!

Email: legionofmarymanchester@gmail.com

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Christmas Tree Recycling

Our Laudato Si' Centre is once again joining forces with a Christmas Tree recycling project in a bid to care for community and common home. The project raises funds for local charities by collecting used Christmas trees, while chippings from the trees will be repurposed across the Laudato Si' Centre. Find out more: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/christmas-tree-recycling-24>

Crisis support over the Christmas period

If you or anyone in your local community requires support over the Christmas period, Caritas Salford has put together a page on their website which includes information on when their services are open, as well as signposting to other organisations who might also be able to support those in urgent need. You can read more here: www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-christmas-opening-times/

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Heart Speaks to Heart:

Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Due to popular demand, our Department for Formation has ordered more copies of the Heart Speaks to Heart: Reconciliation and Holy Communion resource.

To find out more about the resource and how to buy for your parish, please contact the formation team, please contact the formation team to order by emailing formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2214.

Call to Lead - A Post-Confirmation Programme

A new post-confirmation programme has been developed by Salford Youth Ministry and the Young Christian Workers Movement to bridge the gap between confirmation and adult formation, with the aim of helping young people to grow in faith and become active leaders of the parish community. For more information about the programme, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-call-to-lead>

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Jubilee of Youth - Pilgrimage to Rome

Young adults across the diocese are invited to join our diocesan Youth Ministry Team for a special pilgrimage to Rome next year. Pilgrims will be travelling to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth, announced by Pope Francis at the 2023 World Youth Day. Our pilgrimage will take place between 28 July and 4 August. Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more.

Advice as energy bills continue to rise

If you, anyone you know, or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford has put together some helpful advice on their website. You can find out more by visiting <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fuel-poverty-challenges/> and can also find details on the website page on how to arrange a session with their energy advice service team.

New Pilgrims of Hope book launched

Monsignor John Allen has harnessed his love of the geography and history of our diocese, penning a very special book which is being sold in aid of Caritas Salford. The book, Pilgrims of Hope, has been published in time for the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year which is also focussed on the theme of Pilgrims of Hope, and is available to purchase by visiting the Caritas website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook

OTHER NOTICES

Salford Foodbank Christmas opening times

The opening times for Salford Foodbank centres and Foodbank warehouse are changing over the Christmas break.

To give our staff and volunteer teams a well deserved break, our office and warehouse will close at lunchtime on Christmas Eve and open again on Thursday 2nd January.

Our Church centres **will not** be open over the Christmas week.

St Philips Church Foodbank session will be closed on Christmas Eve.

Clegg's Lane Church Foodbank session will be closed on Christmas Eve but will open instead on Monday 23rd December from 10.30am until 1pm.

Anyone needing a food parcel over the Christmas week, our council centres can be accessed at the following limited times –

This applies to Broughton Hub, Swinton Gateway and Walkden Gateway.

Clients will however, as normal, require a Foodbank Voucher.

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December	08.00am – 4.00pm
Christmas Day Wednesday	Closed
Boxing Day Thursday 26th December	Closed
Friday 27th December	10.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday 28th December	9.00am – 1.00pm
Sunday 29th December	Closed
Monday 30th December	10.00am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 31st December	10.00am – 4.00pm
New Year's Day Wednesday 1st January	Closed

Thursday 2nd January – All centres back to normal opening times

Thank you for all your support this year.

The Staff Team at Salford Foodbank wish you all a Merry and Peaceful Christmas!