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Newsletter – 1 January 2023	
Mary, Holy Mother of God	
Sunday – Mary, Holy Mother of God (Solemnity) <i>New Year's Day</i> Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am	
Monday – Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen No Mass today	
Tuesday – Christmas Weekday or The Most Holy Name of Jesus Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm	
Wednesday – Christmas Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am	
Thursday – Christmas Weekday Rosary at SsPP 6pm First Mass of the Epiphany at SsPP 6.30pm	
Friday – The Epiphany of the Lord	<i>No Abstinence</i>
(Solemnity & Holyday of Obligation) Mass at SL 9.30am (School attending) – not live-streamed	
Saturday – Christmas Weekday or St Raymond of Penyafort Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation: 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL	
Sunday – The Baptism of the Lord (Feast) Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am	
Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/	


Prayers Requested
Sick: All those who are sick at this time, especially Kevin Walker and Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI.
Lately Dead: Roy Bateson, Michael Cawdrey Snr, Ida Mulholland, Carol Groves, Pawel Klasoawicz, Pat Fox, Frank Crompton
Anniversaries: Herbert Gooden, Maureen Gordon, Eric Bickley
Masses Received: Gabrielle Jones (S), Josephine Warburton, Deceased Members of the Warburton & O'Donnell families, Pat Fox (LD), Herbert Gooden (A), Maureen Gordon (A), Eric Bickley (A), Maria Connor, Julie Martin, Frances McKee, Paul Dermody, Nogie McEveny
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Mary and St Philip Neri, Radcliffe, for Fr Philip Brady, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May they be channels of God's peace in this coming year.

**A Happy and Blessed New Year
to all parishioners,
their families and friends**

Epiphany
We celebrate this Christmas Feast on Friday. It is a Holyday of Obligation – an important feast when we should come together as a community. We will have two Masses for this feast:

- Thursday Evening 6.30pm at Ss Peter and Paul
- Friday Morning 9.30am at St Luke (not live-streamed)

Reflections for This Week
"When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus" In one sense we cram a lot of things together in today's solemnity: whether we succeed or not is open to debate! Today is New Year's Day, a time to pray for the year to come and hope for God's blessing. It is the Octave Day of Christmas, when we continue to reflect on the meaning of the child in the manger. It is the day of Jesus' circumcision, according to the Law of Moses, and the day on which he was given the name that the angel had announced to Mary. And the name of this day tells us that it is given to Mary, mother of Jesus, God-made-man, not in any other aspect of her life (such as the Annunciation, the Assumption or the Immaculate Conception), but celebrated simply as Mother of the Redeemer. Perhaps it is the person of Mary the Mother who can unite all these themes: she who trusted in God's promises received blessings from the Lord; as mother she invites us to look over her shoulder with the shepherds and recognise her child, not just as a wonderful new life, but as the one who (in fulfilment of the Scriptures) is proclaimed as Jesus, a name which means "God saves".
Marriage Matters: A new title: On our wedding day we received a new and special title of 'Husband' and 'Wife'. These titles announce to our family and friends our unique and special place in God's plan for us, His Church, and the world. In celebrating this Feast Day let us remember who we are and, like Mary, 'treasure and ponder it in our hearts'.
Think Vocation: Like Mary we need not fear responding positively to the Lord's invitation to serve him in whatever way that may be. May the Mother of God lead us closer to Christ, as we celebrate the Feast of his Incarnation. By her prayers and intercession may Our Lady urge us to always trust in God's power and goodness.

Contactless Giving	
Thank you to those who tried out our new contactless machines over the Christmas days. These machines enable you to make donations with your card or mobile phone and to gift-aid donations. The money comes into the parish account a few days later (rather than having to wait a month with the website/QR donations). Currently we have the basic screen at start-up. In the new year we will add to this so that you will be able to select different funds to donate to before selecting an amount.	
Donate by QR Code  <small>Our Lady of Hope, Salford</small>	Bank Details (for Standing Orders or BACS): TSDT Our Lady of Hope 50317403 20 55 34 Cheques: Payable to Our Lady of Hope
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