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Newsletter – 22 January 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Monday – Weekday No Mass today
Tuesday – St Francis de Sales Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – The Conversion of St Paul (Feast) - <i>End of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – Ss Timothy and Titus Requiem Mass for Harry Scarsbrook at SL 11.30am Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Weekday or St Angela Merici – <i>Holocaust Memorial Day</i> Requiem Mass for Margaret Kenny at SL 10.15am
Saturday – St Thomas Aquinas Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation: 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Caritas Sunday - Special Collection for Caritas</i> 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 Lately Dead: Brian MacDonald, Harold Adeg Barker, Dr Rebecca Brooke, Rita Tapp, Marie Wardle, Neil Trueman, Harry Scarsbrook, June Rust, Mr Harrison, Daniel Breen, Eveline White, Mary Airey, Mary Richmond, Margaret Kenny Anniversaries: Tony Devine, Sean & Julia Lynch, Michael Henry Kehoe, Therese Lyons, Norman McKenzie, Deborah Barratt, Andrew McKay. Masses Received: Gabrielle Jones (S), Anthony Horton (BM), Tony Devine (A), Mary Richmond (LD), Sean & Julia Lynch (A & BM for both), Michael Henry Kehoe (A), Eveline & James Edwards, Therese Lyons (15th A), Joan McKenzie (BM) & Norman McKenzie (A), Eric Burke (BM), James (BM) & Winifred Bowers, Harry Scarsbrook (LD), Deborah Barratt (A), Andrew McKay (A) Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Gabriel and the Angels and St John the Baptist, Castleton and Rochdale, with Father Michael Jonhonnott, their parish priest, their parish primary schools and the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph. May their life and mission be rooted in listening to the Word of God.

Ecumenical Service
This Sunday afternoon, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Churches Together on the Height are holding a special service of prayer at St John's Church, Bolton Road at 3pm. All are welcome.

Holocaust Memorial Day
HMD is marked on 27 January each year and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed.

Reflections for This Week
<i>He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.</i>
We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel (like the others) has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. "Zebulun and Naphthali" was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus "settles" and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.
Marriage Matters: God has a stake in our marriage: Today, we see two aspects of God's plan for our marriage: '... (I will make) their joy increase' (Isaiah) and 'I will make you fishers of men' (Matthew). God wants us to make our love for each other as close to Jesus' love for us as possible, that all whose lives we touch might experience how much God loves them.
Think Vocation: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Perhaps Jesus chose a number of fishermen as his disciples because fishermen need to be strong, trusting and courageous. Despite their weaknesses they all proved themselves to be up to the task eventually. The Lord continues to call men to be his priests today: they also need to be tough and resilient. Let us pray that the priests of our Diocese have the courage and strength they need to lead the Church and preach the Gospel.

Contactless Giving	
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 <i>(for Standing Orders or BACS):</i> TSDT Our Lady of Hope 50317403 20 55 34 Cheques: Payable to Our Lady of Hope
<i>Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037</i>	
Next Week's Newsletter: Liz Connolly Please send notices before Wednesday Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk	

Parish Notices

Funerals: There are two Requiem Masses this week. One for Harry Scarsbrook on Thursday at St Luke at 11.30am and one for Margaret Kenny on Friday at St Luke at 10.15am. May they rest in peace.

White Flower Appeal: Thank you for your generous response to the special collection last weekend which raised £518.33 for SPUC.

Caritas Sunday: Next weekend we pray for and have a special collection for Caritas Diocese of Salford, our principal diocesan charity working with those experiencing poverty, isolation, homelessness and disadvantage in our Diocese. To find out more about their work, please visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk

500 Club: A reminder to current members who pay by cash or cheque, whether annually or monthly, that January is the start of the new year for your subscriptions. Please put these in an envelope with your name and a note of the 500 Club number(s) the payment(s) relate to and hand this in at church or through the letter box at St Luke's. This is also the ideal time for any new members to join the 500 Club. To do so, please put your name, address and telephone number in an envelope and also indicate how you wish to pay: Annual Direct Debit, Cash or Cheque (£60) or Monthly Direct Debit, Cash or Cheque (£5). Mark the envelope "New 500 Club Member" and either put it in the collection basket at church or post it through the letter box at St Luke's. You will then be contacted and a number issued to you.

Retreat for Year 7s: As part of our work with young people in the deanery, we are again offering a retreat for pupils in Year 7. This retreat will be run by NET ministries Scotland. NET is a peer to peer youth ministry that puts into action the Church's mission to evangelise young people. The retreat will take place at St Patrick's high school (56 New Ln, Eccles, Manchester M30 7JJ) on Saturday 11 February 2023. The retreat will start at 10am and ends with Holy Mass at 4pm. Children should bring with them a packed lunch and sufficient drinks for the day. There are limited places available, and places will be offered on a first come first served basis. To register for the retreat, please ask the priests for a consent form. Completed forms can be sent to Sr Anna by email to anna.yeo@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or by post to St Patrick's Presbytery, 2 Watts Street, Rochdale, OL12 0HE. The final day for registration is Monday 30 January 2023.

Website Design - We are redesigning the parish website and would welcome any help from a parishioner with experience in WordPress website building. Please contact Paul Ashton: communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Parish Social and Community Group - There is a meeting of the Parish Social and Community Group on Monday 23rd at 7.30 at Ss Peter and Paul, all welcome to come along!

Funeral: The funeral for Frank Crompton will be at Holy Cross, Patricroft, on Friday January 27th at 12 noon. All welcome!

Diocesan and National Notices

World Youth Day - Last few places remaining! There are still a few places left to join us for World Youth Day 2023. Join our Salford Youth Ministry team between 31 July and 7 August as they make their way to Lisbon to join other young Catholics from around the world in a joyous celebration of faith, culminating in an unforgettable Mass with Pope Francis himself! Find out more and register online at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wyd-2023>

Great Manchester Run - Free places with Caritas Diocese of Salford Team: Thinking of taking on a new challenge for 2023? Would you please consider running the Great Manchester Run in aid of Caritas Salford? The team has secured a limited number of free charity places for the 10km run on Sunday 21 May. To find out more or secure your place, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/every-step-you-take-helps-local-people-take-a-step-towards-transforming-their-lives or email fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

Help Your Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023,

- Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, or
- Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com, or
- Visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/sharing-the-hope-day-1-bolton-salford-and-bury-rochdale-deaneries/>

CAFOD: are seeking three committed individuals to join CAFOD's Board of Trustees and to help contribute to our mission and agenda for change. The volunteer vacancies available are for two Trustees and one Treasurer Designate. More details can be found at: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Trustee-vacancies>

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023: Saturday 20 May. You can now register your interest to join our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham this May. The cost for a day pilgrim is expected to be between £35 and £45. Our overnight option has been well received and is now nearly full. The cost of this is expected to be between £130 - £150 (includes evening meal, breakfast, and packed lunch.) Due to increased transport costs, we may look to reduce the number of coaches this year, so we would be grateful if you could please register your interest by emailing walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2214. Further information and booking forms will be made available soon.

A Thank You Message from Paul Chisnall



Dear parishioners of Our Lady of Hope,
I am writing to thank you for my placement. When I arrived in September, I had no idea what to expect. What I discovered was a vibrant and active parish, with a zeal for worship, service, and community.

The seminary environment has many advantages, but like all things, it has its limitations. One major limitation is its inability to expose men in formation to the experience of day-to-day parish life. Therefore, all seminarians are required to have a parish placement each January, which lasts about three weeks. When a seminarian reaches his fourth year of formation, he is required to have an extended placement of several months. My extended placement in your parish lasted for 19 weeks. This was a daunting prospect when I thought about it beforehand, but the time in your parish has proven to be very enjoyable, and living and working here has not been difficult.

Thank you for allowing me to put my formation to the test, and to discern whether God is truly calling me to the priesthood. The call to priesthood is now stronger than when I arrived. If I am ordained – God and the Bishop willing – my experience in your parish will serve me well. Finally, thank you for the kindness and generosity you have shown me. Where there is love, there is God, and there is love in this parish. Please keep searching for God because He is searching for you. Never stop falling more in love with Him every day.

God bless you all. I will pray for you. Please pray for me.

Yours sincerely, Paul.