



**Our Lady of Hope
Salford**

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Newsletter – 25 December 2022	
The Nativity of the Lord	
Sunday – The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)	
Christmas Mass at SL and Live-streamed 5pm (Saturday)	
Christmas Mass at SsPP 7pm (Saturday)	
Christmas Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am (Sunday)	
Christmas Mass at SsPP 11am (Sunday)	
Monday – St Stephen (Feast)	
No Mass today	
Tuesday – St John the Evangelist (Feast) – <i>Secondary Patron of the Diocese</i>	
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm	
Wednesday – The Holy Innocents (Feast) <i>Please note change of Mass time today</i>	
Mass at SL & live-streamed 12noon	
Thursday – St Thomas of Canterbury (Feast)	
Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm	
Friday The Holy Family (Feast) <i>No Abstinence</i>	
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am	
Saturday – Seventh Day within the Octave or St Sylvester I	
Mass at SsPP 12noon	
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	
Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/	

Prayers Requested
Sick: All those who are sick at this time.
Lately Dead: Terry Payne, Roy Bateson, Michael Cawdrey Snr, Ida Mulholland, Carol Groves, Pawel Klasoawicz
Anniversaries: John Cousil, Christopher Sloyan, Frances McGrath
Masses Received: Michael Cawdrey Snr (LD), Gabrielle Jones (S), Sheila Mary Hazeldine (BM), Jean Deery, Alma Youd, Elena Fallon, Philip Jordan, Pawel Klasoawicz (LD), John Cousil (A), Christopher Sloyan (A), Frances McGrath (A), Theresiamma Mathew, Rita & Betty Mills, Carol Groves (LD)
Christmas Mass Intentions: Christmas Mass Bouquet, Alan Roberts, Jack & Bridget Sloyan, Madge, Marion & John James Roberts, Kitty & Lou Basha, Gravin & McMannimon family, Murphy, Byrne & McLoughlin family, Special Intention, Sadie, John & family, Patsy, David & family, Ann, Keith & family, Pat Williams & family, Rita Brodie, Fr John Williams, Jim McCormick & family, Dolly Clooney, Robert Clooney, Rachel Evans, Special Intention, The McGrath & Sloyan families, Gabrielle Ward, Cath & Terry McDermott, Sheelagh & Nick Byrne, Beat, Roy & Tom Ravenscroft, Tony Whitaker
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich, for Fr Philip Caldwell, their parish priest, Mgr John Allen, for their parish primary school, for the chaplaincy to Prestwich Hospital, and the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion. May the Child of Mary pour out his grace on the parish and on all whom they serve.

O Come let us adore him

**A Happy and Holy Christmas
and a Blessed New Year
to all parishioners,
their families and friends
from Fathers Michael, Mark and Frank
and from our seminarian, Paul**

Thank You Messages
100 Years of Faith: Thanks to everyone who supplied memorabilia for this special occasion in the life of the Church. Be assured that it will be returned to you all as soon as the holiday season is over. Thank you again to all who helped with the preparations for this special event and those who came to join in the celebration.
Carol Service: Thank you to all those who prepared, helped with, or supported this service last Sunday at St Luke's Church, including the Eccles Borough Brass Band.
Advent Talks: Thank you to our seminarian, Paul, for preparing and presenting this series of talks on the theme "How still we see thee lie". Thanks also to all who attended, brewed up and supplied the cakes!
Christmas: Thank you to all who have helped prepare our churches for the Christmas Season or helped in any way with our Christmas Masses. Thank you also for all your cards, presents and good wishes at this time.

O Little Town of Bethlehem: How still we see thee lie
 "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight"
 "While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 their watch of wondering love"
 "Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in"
 "The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
 and Christmas comes once more"

Reflections for This Week

"Today a Saviour has been born to you."

We welcome the new-born Jesus, the child of Bethlehem, the Son of God and the Son of David. He is the Light of the World and our Saviour. He is the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God-with-us. The Church gives us the various feasts of the Christmas Season (Christmas Day itself, Mary the Holy Mother of God, The Holy Family, The Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord) to help us explore in different ways the significance of this historical event and the wonder of the gift that is given. Let us make full use of the season, to pray about and reflect upon the mystery of the Incarnation.

Marriage Matters (Christmas Day): Excitement and joy: Mary knew the excitement and joy of this special day; Joseph too. He and Mary were 'together' beginning a new journey, and no doubt believed all was going to be well. We, too, like Mary and Joseph, need to be open to the joy and excitements of new beginnings 'together', especially when they involve experiences that are totally new.

Marriage Matters (Holy Family): Be kind and gentle when we are making decisions: The readings today challenge us to listen sensitively to each other; to be prepared to let go of our own desires and to be deeply aware of each other's thoughts and feelings as we make decisions together. For this we need to ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to the gifts of compassion and understanding, courage and hopefulness.

Marriage Matters (New Year's Day): 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 (Christmas Day): God chooses the lowly shepherds of Bethlehem to be the first witnesses of the Incarnation. As Mary says in her Magnificat "he raises the lowly". The Lord Jesus will eventually choose to call himself the Good Shepherd. The Lord continues to call others to humbly serve in the sacred priesthood as shepherds of his flock, the People of God.

Think Vocation (Holy Family): Mary and Joseph provided a safe environment in which Jesus could grow to maturity and prepare himself for the task his Father had given to him. As we reflect on the life of the Holy Family, let us pray for our own families that they may be places where our young people can safely explore what God might be calling them to do with their lives and be encouraged to respond generously.

Think Vocation (New Year's Day): 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.

St Luke's Church Heating (or lack of!)

Over the past two weekends we invited those who attend the 6.30pm and 9.30am Masses at St Luke's to express their preference on the options that are available regarding the celebration of these Masses whilst we have no heating.

Saturday 6.30pm: There were 30 voting slips returned and 19 of these (63%) were in favour of keeping the Mass in church and wrapping up warm. Only 9 (30%) wanted to move the Mass to SsPP and 2 (7%) did not express a preference. So that is quite conclusive and this Mass will remain in SL Church.

Sunday 9.30am: There were 56 voting slips returned and of these:

- 35 (63%) were in favour of keeping the Mass in church and wrapping up warm as their first preference. A further 9 (16%) put this as their second or third preference. That gives a total of 79% of those who voted being in some way content to stay put, with 12 (21%) not expressing this as a preference at all
- Only 6 (11%) put moving the Mass to SsPP as their first preference. Another 6 (11%) put this as their second preference and 21 (37%) put it as their third preference. That gives a total of 59%, with 23 (41%) not putting this at all
- Only 11 (20%) put moving the Mass into SL Centre as their first preference. Another 22 (39%) put this as their second preference and 6 (11%) put it as their third preference. That gives a total of 70%, with 17 (30%) not putting this at all

So, whether we consider just first preferences (63%; 11%; 20%) or the combined scores (79%; 59%; 70%), they indicate that the majority of those who voted would prefer option one and so this Mass will remain in SL Church.

Those who attend the weekday Masses at SL have also been consulted on alternative arrangements but seem content to remain with things as they are. The school did indicate its willingness to accommodate the Wednesday morning Mass, so that remains an option if needed in the future.

Contactless Giving

We now have a contactless machine in the porch of both of our churches, with some guidance on how to use the machine. These will enable you to make donations to various collections with your card or mobile phone and most donations can be gift-aided.

Donate by QR Code



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Next Week's Newsletter:

Please send notices before Wednesday
Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

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B	D	E	L	B	A	T	S	L	A	A	E	S	DECORATIONS	CAROLS
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A	S	R	E	J	O	S	A	S	T	E	R	E	REINDEER	CRIB
N	G	G	C	N	O	H	O	S	P	E	T	C	TINSEL	HOLY
T	N	Y	O	M	T	S	A	H	G	I	J	N	MANGER	NOEL
A	I	B	R	L	Y	M	E	N	T	E	R	I	BABY	MARY
C	K	A	A	S	T	R	A	P	S	A	C	K	JOSEPH	BALTHAZAR
L	A	B	T	S	D	M	R	U	H	T	O	N	JESUS	MELCHIOR
A	B	R	I	G	H	O	S	H	O	L	Y	A	SHEPHERD	CASPARI
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C	R	I	S	D	S	Y	R	A	M	I	N	G	STABLE	MYRRH
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M	H	P	E	S	O	J	E	R	L	ISRAEL	ARCHELAUS	JUDEA
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