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Newsletter – 29 January 2023
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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
Monday – Weekday No Mass today
Tuesday – St John Bosco Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – The Presentation of the Lord - <i>Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life - Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop John Arnold</i> Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Weekday or St Ansgar or St Blaise Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Weekday or Our Lady on Saturday Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation: 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Racial Justice Sunday</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: Marie Wardle, Neil Trueman, Harry Scarsbrook, June Rust, Mr Harrison, Daniel Breen, Eveline White, Mary Airey, Mary Richmond, Margaret Kenny, Kobel Higgins, Angela Black
Anniversaries: Eric Burke, John Laffan, Alan Roberts
Masses Received: Gabrielle Jones (S), Frank Crompton (LD), Eric Burke (A), Harry Scarsbrook (LD), Kobel Higgins (LD), Frank Walsh (S), John Laffan (A), Angela Black (LD), Alan Roberts (A), Sloyan & Roberts families
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: On this Caritas Sunday we pray for the work of Caritas Diocese of Salford which seeks to support the needy and vulnerable across our Diocese. May our prayers and support help them express the Beatitudes in their service of others.

Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *[Note: We will no longer recite this prayer in church, so please retain this copy if you want to use it at home]*

Reflections for This Week
<i>How happy are the poor in spirit</i>
Last week we heard Saint Matthew describing the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. This week Saint Matthew begins the most important summary of the proclamation of the kingdom of God - what we refer to as the 'Sermon on the Mount.' This great collection of Jesus' teachings begins with the Beatitudes - the Charter of the Kingdom. It is essential to understand these, if we are to understand what we will read in Saint Matthew during the rest of this year: the key, as underlined by the First Reading, is that the values of this world are not the values of the Kingdom of God - the Kingdom will see things turned upside down: happiness and blessing belong to those whom this world would ignore or mistreat. If we truly wish to live out the Gospel, we would do well to reflect on the virtues laid out in this familiar passage.
Marriage Matters: <i>Being human - we are human be-ings, not do-ings:</i> With the ever-increasing pace of life, when do we get a chance 'to be'? Today, the Word of God is intended to relate more to the deeper aspects of our humanity and the inner essence of our being, and the qualities of our personhood. It's about the ways we relate to each other in our marriages, our families, our communities.
Think Vocation: "Happy are the pure in heart – they shall see God." The Lord can work with people who are genuine and full of integrity. Young people can see through what is false and superficial: as Catholics, we need to be genuine and sincere in everything we do and this will draw young people to want to serve as priests and religious in the Church.

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).	
For this weekend, the start-up screen enables you to make donations to the special collection (Caritas) as well as to the parish (General) 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: Please send notices before Wednesday Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk	

Parish Notices

Caritas Sunday: This weekend we are celebrating Caritas Sunday. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on the social action work which has taken place in our local communities over the last year. It's a way to find out more about the work of Caritas Salford across our diocese, and to hold a collection or donate in support of our diocesan charity's work locally. More people than ever are experiencing poverty, isolation, homelessness and disadvantage in our Diocese, so thank you in advance for your kindness and support. To find out more about their work, please visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk. Please do support Caritas if you can as donations mean they are able to support even more local people to help them transform their lives with dignity. Thank you for your continued support.

500 Club: Congratulations to our **January winners:** Barbara Bancroft (194) £142; Dr Quesnell (221) £71; Stephen Garratt (138) £71. *Please note that, for those who pay by standing order, prize money will be paid into your bank account.*

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.

Flower Arranging at SSP&P: Our first meeting of the new year is on Wednesday 1 Feb (1pm to 3pm) at Ss Peter & Paul. If you have not been before, new members are very welcome. Veronica will do a demonstration first.

Our Lady of Hope Parish Pilgrimage to Knock, Ireland: Tuesday 20 June until Friday 23 June (4 days). Return flights from Liverpool, 3 Nights, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full Pilgrimage Programme - Cost per person: £475.00. Information at the back of the church. Enquiries to: Kathleen Playfair 07910 050514

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

Social and Community Group: Two dates for the diary. A Monton Voices Concert at SS P&P on Friday 24 February and a celebration of St Patrick with Cracked Flag on Saturday 18 March. Tickets available shortly.

Votive Candles: Three weeks ago, we mentioned that we would be taking advantage of a free trial offer for a new system of votive candles at both our churches. This trial period will begin with the arrival of the new votive candle stands this week.

Called St Killian's, it claims to be the cleanest, safest, and most environmentally friendly votive candle burning system in the world. The candle holders are made from recycled glass and, as the candles fit directly into them, there is no plastic or aluminium waste. As the candles burn, the final bit of wax drops through into a water bath (increasing safety) and this waste wax is collected for recycling.

The manufacturers of this system recommend a price of 50p per candle but (as always) you will be free to give whatever donation you can afford. Any money collected during the trial period will be retained by the parish (so it is a free trial). If we decide to keep the system, then there is a one-off payment for each candle stand and then we would need to buy the candles directly from them (though they will give us quite a lot of free candles at the start).

Diocesan 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

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.

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