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<b>Newsletter – 12 February 2023</b>
<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Sunday</b> – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
<b>Monday</b> Weekday No Mass today
<b>Tuesday</b> – Ss Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe (Feast) Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> – Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b> – Weekday Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b> – Weekday or The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Requiem Mass for Teresa McCulloch at SL 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> – Weekday or Our Lady on Saturday Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation: 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
<b>Sunday</b> – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
<b>Live-stream:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/">www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/</a>

<b>Prayers Requested</b>
<b>Sick:</b> All those who are sick at this time
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Kobel Higgins, Angela Black, Kevin Brunkard, Andrew Anderson, Josie Barron, Teresa McCulloch
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Rene Tyldesley, Nuala Corridan, Peter King, Norman McKenzie
<b>Masses Received:</b> Josie Barron (LD), Robin Smith, Rene Tyldesley (A), Nuala Corridan (A), Peter King (A), Mark Ford (BM), Mavis Roberts (BM), Norman & Joan McKenzie, Brenda Reid (Special Intention)
<b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> We pray for the people of the parish of St John XXIII, Rochdale and Littleborough, with Father Robert Lasia, their parish priest, their parish primary schools, the chaplaincies to the Rochdale Royal Infirmary and His Majesty's Prison Buckley Hall and the Daughters of Divine Charity. May they live by the wisdom that comes from God.  We pray for all victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey

<b>Website Redesign: Help Required</b>
Paul Ashton, who looks after our parish communications, is redesigning the parish website and he would welcome some help from a parishioner with experience in WordPress website building. Could you help? If so, please contact Paul at: <a href="mailto:communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk">communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk</a>

<b>Reflections for This Week</b>
<b>“You have learnt how it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you.”</b>
Back in the 60s some groups “adopted” Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturning authority and tearing up the rule book – possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today’s Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Jesus does not throw out the rulebook – or as the first reading says, He does not command us to be godless! He challenges us in this Gospel to see how far our keeping God’s Law will go: will it just be about the letter of the Law (“I have never killed anyone”), or will it look deeper (“Have I ever been angry? Have I been violent in my thoughts?”). The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behaviour conforms to the requirements of God’s Law.
<b>Marriage Matters:</b> Making the right choices: Choices! How difficult sometimes to make the right choices. What to eat today, how to save money, what clothes to wear, what we or our children need. For Christians, prayer and a set of Christian values influence the choices we make. Why not ask the Lord’s help to decide what issue is uppermost for us today and dialogue about it?
<b>Think Vocation:</b> “Man has life and death before him.” We are faced with making choices every day of our lives and sometimes we make wrong choices, and we sin. One of the greatest gifts our Lord gives to the Church through the sacred priesthood is the power to forgive sins. May we grow in our appreciation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and pray that all our priests who are channels of the Lord’s mercy will celebrate the gift of forgiveness with compassion and love.

<b>Financially Supporting Our Parish</b>
<b>Contactless:</b> The Dona machines enable you to make donations with your card or mobile phone and to gift-aid them
<b>Bank Details (for Standing Orders or BACS):</b> TSDT Our Lady of Hope 50317403 20 55 34
<b>Cheques:</b> Payable to Our Lady of Hope
<b>Gift Aid:</b> If you are a taxpayer and complete a declaration, the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate
<i>Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037</i>
<b>Next Week’s Newsletter: Margaret Haydock</b> Please send notices before Wednesday Email: <a href="mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk">newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk</a>

### Parish Notices

**Funeral:** There is a Requiem Mass for Teresa McCulloch on Friday at St Luke's at 9.30am. May she rest in peace.

**Donation:** Thank you for the very generous donation of £1000 towards the new heating system for St Luke's church.

**500 Club:** Thank you to those who have requested membership and to those who have renewed their membership.

**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.

**Monton Voices Concert:** Friday 24 February at SS P&P. Entrance will be free with a bucket collection as you leave. All welcome!

**St Patrick's Celebration:** with Cracked Flag on Saturday 18 March at St Luke's Parish Centre. Tickets (£10 including refreshments) are available now from both churches. Always popular so get your tickets asap!

**Parish Mission:** There is to be a Parish Mission at Holy Cross and St Mary's Churches Eccles from Feb 25th-March 3rd to which all are welcome. Details on our parish notice boards in the porch at both of our Churches.

### Diocesan Notices

**Women Saints and Spirituality:** Our next session takes place on Friday 17 February (10am-12.30pm) at Wardley Hall and has a special focus on St Brigid, patron saint of Ireland. Contact Sister Joan Kerley at [joankfmsj@gmail.com](mailto:joankfmsj@gmail.com) or 07934 816 796 to reserve a place. Find out more at: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/women-saints-and-spirituality/>

**Young Adults Day Trip to York:** Join Salford Youth Ministry and Manchester Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy on a fascinating journey of faith history as we travel to the historic city of York to explore more about how it has shaped the religious fabric of our nation, and to find out more about inspirational religious figures, such as St Margaret Clitherow. Saturday 18 March, 8am - 5pm, costing £20. Pick up points at Manchester University Chaplaincy and Salford Cathedral. For more information and to register, contact [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Young Adults Mass:** Salford Youth Ministry is delighted to welcome Bishop John to celebrate the next Young Adults Mass on Sunday 12 February at 5.30pm at St Augustine's, Manchester. Bishop John will also be joining the team for our social after Mass for a special Q&A session. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available between 4.45pm and 5.15pm before Mass. All are welcome.

**Awareness Training:** Caritas will be running a free training session on Saturday 18 February from 9.30am to 12.30pm at Caritas House, 4 Nobby Stiles Drive, Collyhurst, M4 4FA. The training will look at understanding what disability is, how confident you are talking about disability, whether you think you operate in a way that is accessible to all people, and whether you understand your responsibilities towards accessibility too. It will cover models of disability, adjustments and sustainability, barriers and accessibility and mindsets. To book your place, or find out more, email Minna on [m.moffat-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.moffat-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk)

**Lourdes Mass:** Join us for our annual Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Mass, which will take place on Sunday 19 February at 5.30pm at Salford Cathedral. The Mass will officially open the 2023 pilgrimage. Bishop John will celebrate Mass and the wonderful Lourdes choir will provide music. All are welcome!

### CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

### Monthly Financial Summary – January 2023

Income	
Offertory – Envelopes & Gift-Aid Cheques	239.50
Offertory – Standing Orders	2044.00
Offertory – Online or Bank Transfer*	320.00
Offertory – Loose Money & Cheques	4305.39
Church Boxes (Piety/Votives/Almanacs)	311.80
Ministry (Baptism/Marriage/Funeral)	623.00
Fundraising (500 Club)	1270.00
Other Income (Donations/Rents/Refunds)	576.00
Interest (Current & Deposit Accounts)*	0.00
<b>Total Monthly Income</b>	<b>9689.69</b>
Expenditure	
Churches	1360.85
Presbyteries	2649.69
Parish Centre (Insurance)	87.11
Clergy	829.35
Fundraising (500 Club Prizes)	284.00
Diocesan Levy	1362.82
Charges (Bank & for Web Donations)*	3.60
<b>Total Monthly Expenditure</b>	<b>6577.42</b>
Balances [Excluding Restricted Funds]	
Opening Balance (Current & Deposit)	81251.95
Balance of Income/Expenditure	3112.27
Closing Balance	84364.22
Balances [Restricted Funds]	
Helping Hand Fund	2030.02
Youth Pilgrimage Fund	3030.00
Poor Box	45.12
Mass Intentions	350.00
Other items not paid over yet	1404.97
<b>Total Restricted Funds Held</b>	<b>6860.11</b>
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim (Estimated)	650.88

\*Some unavailable January figures will be added in February

