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Newsletter – 12 March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday – Third Sunday of Lent Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Monday – Lent Weekday – <i>Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis</i> No Mass today
Tuesday – Lent Weekday Requiem Mass for Deirdre Pendleton at SL 10.15am Stations of the Cross at SL 6.10pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Lent Weekday Requiem Mass for James Parkinson at SL 9.30am
Thursday – Lent Weekday Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday - St Patrick, Patron of Ireland (Feast) Stations of the Cross at SL 9.10am Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Lent Weekday or St Cyril of Jerusalem Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation: 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent - <i>Laetare Sunday - Mothers' 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: Francis Walsh, Brenda Reid, Larry Dilger, Eric Ball, Wilfred Curly, Richard Mason, Rowland Agius, Paul Rabbitte, Joan Wray, Sean Meade, Deirdre (Dee) Pendleton, James Parkinson, Marina Agnes Tandy
Anniversaries: Sarah, Samuel & Anthony Horton, Roman Lyzniak, Lucy (Pat) Barlow, Connie & Frederick Owen Moss, Pauline & Brian Halpin
Masses Received: Sarah, Samuel & Anthony Horton (A), Special Intention, Baby Braden (S), Brenda Reid (LD), Paul Rabbitte (LD), Joan Wray (LD), Sean Meade (LD), Dee Pendleton (LD), Roman Lyzniak (A), Lucy (Pat) Barlow (A), Connie & Frederick Owen Moss (A), Pauline & Brian Halpin (A), Gabrielle Jones (S), Mary Reid (BM)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with St John Bosco, Blackley, for the Vincentian Fathers, Fr Clement and Fr Emmanuel, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion and for the parish primary schools. May they know the love of God poured into their hearts.
We also pray for Pope Francis as on Monday he celebrates the tenth anniversary of his election as Successor of St Peter. May he guide the Church in joyful witness to the Gospel, as stewards of God's mercy, and in the care of God's creation.

Reflections for This Week
<i>A spring of water welling up to eternal life</i>
The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This reading forms part of the catechesis given before Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into the water are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. Even if your Church does not have any candidates preparing for Baptism, we will all renew our baptismal promises at Easter: we should take this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.
Marriage Matters: <i>Find our 'living water'</i>: Jesus' message to the woman at the well reminds us of His first miracle at Cana where He changed water into wine. Today, He promises us "living water where we will never be thirsty again...a spring inside...welling up to eternal life", When His grace is poured into us, into our marriage, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others.
Think Vocation: Our Lord kindly reveals himself to the Samaritan woman as she routinely fetches water. There are many people who search for direction and meaning in their lives. May we always imitate Our Lord in his eagerness and patience with those who want to know more about our faith and our Church.

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick
If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister for the sick and housebound please get in touch with the priests. There is a growing list of sick and housebound who would like to receive Holy Communion at home and a limited number of people supporting this ministry. Training will be provided.

Financially Supporting Our Parish
Contactless: The Dona machines enable you to make donations with your card or mobile phone and to gift-aid them
Bank Details (for Standing Orders or BACS): TSDT Our Lady of Hope 50317403 20 55 34
Cheques: Payable to Our Lady of Hope
Gift Aid: 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>
Next Week's Newsletter: Margaret Haydock Please send notices before Wednesday Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Parish Notices

Funerals: There are two Requiem Masses this week - one for Deirdre Pendleton on Tuesday at St Luke at 10.15am and one for James Parkinson at St Luke on Wednesday at 9.30am. There is also a Funeral Service for Marina Tandy on Friday at Peel Green Crematorium at 2.20pm. May they rest in peace.

CAFOD: Thank you for your generous support of CAFOD with our collection last weekend which raised £1212.34 and a further £57.50 of Gift Aid.

Concert for CAFOD: The Brixi Singers, a Bolton choral group, are giving a Spring concert in Christ the King church, Walkden on Sunday, 12 March at 7pm to raise funds for CAFOD. Tickets cost £10. If you would like to support this event, please contact Delia Keville on 0161 789 5719 or (mobile) 07941 592113.

Fairtrade Easter Sale: There will be a Fairtrade sale in the parish on the next two weekends. 11/12 March in St Luke's and 19 March in Ss. Peter and Paul's. Please support. Thank you.

St Patrick's Celebration: with Cracked Flag on Saturday 18 March at St Luke's Parish Centre. Tickets (£10 including refreshments) are available from both churches.

Mikron Theatre Company: Presents 'Twitchers' at St Luke's Parish Centre (Swinton Park Rd, Irlams o' th' Height, M6 7WR) on Wednesday 19 April at 7.30pm. Tickets £12. To book your seat contact Tel 07793 206251 Email rita@mcnassociates.org.uk or buy on line www.mikron.org.uk. The proceeds from this event will raise money for Salford Loaves & Fishes.

Pilgrimage to Knock: The last date to secure a place for the Knock Pilgrimage is 30 March. Parishioners who wish to go are asked to put their name and telephone number on the form at the back of the church. Further information and booking forms can be obtained from Kathleen. Telephone number 07910 050514 or email k18ucm@gmail.com

St Luke's Red Mission Box Collection: St Luke's agents will be available after Mass on the weekends of 25/26th March and 1/2nd April to collect your Red Box Monies. Please bring your contributions in a bag/envelope or Red Box. Ensure your name is on the box or bag. There are Red Boxes available for you to collect in the porch. If you are unable to attend church please ring your local agent or Phillipa 07747 410908 to arrange for us to collect from your home.

Our Lady of Hope 500 Club

Congratulations to our **February winners:** Steph McDonough (22) £142; Patrick Keville (65) £71; Marie Loughed (292) £71. *Please note that, for those who pay by standing order, prize money will be paid into your bank account.*

Apologies to anyone who has recently asked about joining the 500 Club and has not yet had a response. The administration is being handed over at the moment and new numbers will be assigned shortly. If you enclosed payment with your application, that money has been banked but your subscription will only start from the month when your number is assigned.

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.

Lent 2023

The Future of Our Parish (Lent Course): Fr Michael and Fr Mark are leading a series of evenings on the Tuesdays of Lent (7.30-8.30pm) in the Lounge of the Parish Centre. We will use these sessions to look at how our new parish of Our Lady of Hope is developing, alongside various Church initiatives (such as Hope in the Future, The Synod and the forthcoming Jubilee Year).

Deanery Station Masses: This week's Station Mass is at St Teresa's (Liverpool Road/Astley Road, Irlam M44 6AB). The others are St Mary, Eccles (22nd) and Ss Peter & Paul (29th and celebrated by Bishop John).

Ecumenical Lent Course & Lunch: Organised by the Churches on the Height, these will take place on the Thursdays of Lent (12.30-2pm) using a resource from Christian Aid entitled Talking Climate Justice. The next one is 16 March at Elim with the Vine (off Lancaster Road, near the Rugby Club).

Lenten School of Prayer: A series of talks/discussions on "Praying with Laudato Si" (Coming to know and love God through his creation). These will take place on the Fridays of Lent (10am-12.30pm) at Wardley Hall, led by Mgr Paul Smith, Sr Joan Kerley, Jenny Bond and Maria Kidd. The one on 17 March is entitled "Sharing the Fruits of Creation in Care of the Poor - the example of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary" Please contact Sr Joan Kerley (joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816796) to reserve a place.

Diocesan Notices

Young Adults Mass: Join other young adults from across the diocese on Sunday 12 March for our next diocesan Young Adults Mass at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester. This month, the team is delighted to welcome Fr Chris Gorton as our main celebrant. Fr Chris will also be joining us for our social after Mass when he will share a short catechesis on the relationship between faith and science. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available between 4.45pm and 5.15pm before Mass at 5.30pm. All are very welcome to attend.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Travel and accommodation booking is now available for this Summer's pilgrimage to Lourdes (28 July to 3 Aug), led by Bishop John Arnold. Full details are available on the pilgrimage website: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk. All bookings and enquiries can be made via Joe Walsh Tours, (ATOL 11313) on 0808 189 0468, or by email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk

Mass for LGBTQ+ Catholics: The Diocese of Salford is delighted to share the date of its next diocesan Mass for LGBTQ+ Catholics and their friends and families. The Mass will take place at 3pm on Saturday 25 March at St Augustine's RC Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester M15 6BW. All are welcome to attend.

National Novena to St Joseph: The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 11 - 19 March 2023 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all who support their work. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are on Saturday (11th and 18th) at 10am; Sunday (12th - 19th) at 11:00am, Monday - Friday (13th - 17th) at 7:30pm. If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home, Masses from St Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom, via the website www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ, telephone 01628 673178 or email novenamhm@gmail.com