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<b>Newsletter – 15 January 2023</b> <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Sunday</b> – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Peace Sunday</i> - <i>Special Collection for SPUC (White Flower Appeal)</i> 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> – <b>Feast Day of Our Lady of Hope</b> (displacing St Anthony) Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> – Weekday – <i>Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b> – Weekday or St Wulstan Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b> – Weekday or St Fabian or St Sebastian Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> – St Agnes Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation: 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
<b>Sunday</b> – Third 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>Hymn to our Lady of Hope (9.30 Mass)</b> Refrain Our Lady of Hope, whose name we revere Mother of all children, we know you are near. (x2)

<b>Prayers Requested</b>
<b>Sick:</b> All those who are sick at this time <b>Lately Dead:</b> Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pat Fox, Frank Crompton, 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 <b>Anniversaries:</b> Luke Nguyen, Maureen Brennan, Margaret Gough <b>Masses Received:</b> Special Intention, Marie Wardle (LD), Neil Trueman (LD), Harry Scarsbrook (LD), Luke Nguyen (A), June Rust (LD), Maureen Brannan (A), Mr Harrison (LD), Frank Crompton (LD), Margaret Gough (A), Daniel Breen (LD), Eveline White (LD), SsPP UCM Members, Gabrielle Jones (S), Mary Airey (LD) <b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> We pray for the people of the parish of St Margaret Clitherow, Rochdale, for Father Simon Firth, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools, St Cuthbert's High School, and for Springhill Hospice. May they bring to others the light of the nations.

<b>Paul Chisnall</b>
Our seminarian, Paul, has been with us on placement since the beginning of September and has become very much part of our parish over these past months. We wish him well as he returns to Oscott College this week to continue his studies and his discernment about priesthood. Please keep him in your prayers. Hopefully we will see him from time to time when he is home on holiday.

<b>Reflections for This Week</b>  <i>Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.</i>  There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the “revelation” of the Son of God – people realising who this “Jesus of Nazareth” actually was – and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew’s Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God’s work.  <b>Marriage Matters:</b> <i>We need ‘power from on high’:</i> Were Jesus’ fears eased when he heard the Father was ‘well pleased’? He was empowered by the Holy Spirit to begin his mission: to bring to the world the Good News of God’s compassion, mercy and forgiveness for our sins. By daily dialogue about concerns and issues and by seeking ‘help from on high’, we can overcome our fears.  <b>Think Vocation:</b> “Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.” We could do no better than put this response to today’s psalm on our lips, as the first words we speak each and every day. If we want to live fruitful and fulfilling lives we will want to seek to do God’s will and not just satisfy our own wishes. Through the quality of our prayer life we will develop a personal relationship with Christ which will enable us to know deep down the direction Our Lord wants our lives to take.
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<b>Contactless Giving</b>  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.	
<b>Donate by QR Code</b>   <small>Our Lady of Hope, Salford</small>	<b>Bank Details</b> <i>(for Standing Orders or BACS):</i> TSDT Our Lady of Hope 50317403 20 55 34  <b>Cheques:</b> Payable to Our Lady of Hope
<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

**Peace Sunday:** The theme for this 56th World Day of Peace, taken from the Holy Father's 2023 Message for World Peace Day, is: "No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace." To read the message in full and for other resources visit [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)

**White Flower Appeal:** This weekend we will have our annual collection to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

**Our Lady of Hope:** Tuesday is the Feast of our Parish Patron. It is a good opportunity for us to pray for our parish and continue to put it under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of God: *We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God: Despise not our prayers in our needs but deliver us from all dangers always, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

**Ecumenical Service:** Next weekend, on Sunday 22 January, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Churches Together on the Height will hold a joint service at 3pm at St John's Church. We were due to host this at St Luke's but the lack of heating made it advisable to seek a different venue!

**Mikron Theatre:** The next production (raising money for Loaves and Fishes) will be on Wednesday 19 April. This will take place in the Parish Centre at St Luke's (not at Ss Peter & Paul as was stated last week). More details to follow.

**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](mailto: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.

**St Luke's Church Heating:** At its meeting on Thursday, the Diocesan Trustees' Property Committee gave its approval for us to go ahead with the installation of a new heating system for the church. This will be a new Air Handling Unit, similar in design and function to the system it is replacing, in terms of being gas-fired and blowing warm air into the church through the existing vent. The consultant heating engineer is still negotiating with a manufacturer of these units to get the most competitive price but, as noted in December, this is likely to cost around £100,000. We have roughly half of that amount in our deposit account and so will need to borrow the rest from the Diocese. We will need to try our best to raise some additional funds and repay that loan over the next few years.

**Website Design** - We are resigning 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](mailto:communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

**Craft Group:** This meets again on Tuesday 17 at 1pm at Ss Peter and Paul. Everyone welcome to come along and join this fun and friendly group, to learn and share some new skills. There will be cake!!

**UCM:** They shall be having a Diocesan Benediction service at Ss Peter and Paul next Saturday (21 January) at 2pm. Canon Tony McBride shall be leading the service. All parishioners are welcome.

## Diocesan Notices

**Sharing the Hope:** As part of our Hope in the Future programme, the Diocese of Salford Department for Formation is set to host a number of deanery days to help individuals, parishes, and deaneries learn more about the needs in their community and then to prayerfully discern how best to respond with the resources available to them. The first of our Sharing the Hope Days will have a specific focus on Bolton, Salford, and Bury and Rochdale deaneries, and will take place on Saturday 21 January (10am-2pm) at Cardinal Langley RC High School, Middleton, Manchester, M23 2GL. Find out more at:

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

**Women Saints and Spirituality:** Friday 20 January, 10am - 12.30pm, Wardley Hall, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND. Join us for a new series of talks exploring the life and spirituality of women in the Church throughout history. Our next session focuses on Dorothy Day. To reserve a place contact Sister Joan Kerley at [joankfmsj@gmail.com](mailto:joankfmsj@gmail.com) or 07934 816 796.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/women-saints-and-spirituality>

**Monthly Masses for Vocations to the Priesthood:** A series of monthly Masses for Vocations is set to return this month to help inspire conversation and prayer around vocations to the priesthood. Our first Mass will take place at 7pm on Friday 20 January at St Bernard's RC Church, Burnage, Manchester, M19 1DR. All are very welcome to attend. To find out more about these Masses, please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/monthly-vocations-masses/>

**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](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or calling 0161 817 2214. Further information and booking forms will be made available soon.

**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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/every-step-you-take-helps-local-people-take-a-step-towards-transforming-their-lives) or email [fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk)

**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>