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Newsletter – 19 February 2023 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Day for the Unemployed</i> Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Monday – Weekday No Mass today
Tuesday – Weekday or St Peter Damian - <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Ash Wednesday - <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Thursday – Lent Weekday or St Polycarp Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Lent Weekday Stations of the Cross at SL 9.10am (<i>see note below</i>) Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Lent Weekday Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation: 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – First Sunday of Lent - <i>SVP Membership Appeal</i> Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/
<i>Note:</i> If you would like to lead the Stations of the Cross, before Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays of Lent, please speak to Kevin Lyons

Prayers Requested
Sick: All those who are sick at this time
Lately Dead: Kevin Brunkard, Andrew Anderson, Josie Barron, Teresa McCulloch, Nan Trower, Bernard Burke, Val Wood
Anniversaries: Margaret Holmes, Rose Morris, Denis Eagleton
Masses Received: Peter Morris (80th B), Margaret Holmes (A), Rose Morris (A), Special Intention, Denis Eagleton (A), Nan Trower (LD), Paul Rabbitte (S), Val Wood (LD)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for our Retired Priests. We thank God for their years of devotion and service and ask God's blessing upon them now and in the future.

Sing with us at Easter
Would you like to sing with us in a Parish Choir for the Easter services on Good Friday and/or Easter Saturday. Please contact Paul Ashton music@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Next Week's Newsletter: Liz Connolly Please send notices before Wednesday Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk
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Reflections for This Week
"Love your enemies" "Love your neighbour as yourself." These are words we associate so clearly with the teaching of Jesus and the way of life the Gospel calls us to. But it may be a surprise to some people to hear that these words come first from the Old Testament, in the mouth of Moses himself. Moses was speaking the Lord God's instruction for the community – the community of the people of Israel in flight from Egypt in their long sojourn in the wilderness. God's instructions were about how that community had to work – without grudges, resentment or vengeance, but with love and forgiveness and tolerance. When Jesus comes with the message of the Kingdom of heaven, it is the same – instruction for a perfect, God-guided society, which depends on how each of us lives with others. The "wisdom of this world", which Saint Paul mentions in the Second Reading, will not teach us this: the world will believe in vengeance and friendship only for your friends. Each of us must ask how we can embrace the apparent folly of Jesus' teaching: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.
Marriage Matters: <i>Finding the joy in our sacramental relationship:</i> The joy of courting couples is obvious for all to see. Over the years, excitement can lessen, our independent attitudes strengthen; competition and jealousy creep in. Today Jesus calls us to "...turn the other cheek...". In confidence share, in trust listen, in faith forgive, so that our spouse will grow in self-worth and the sparkle of joy will reignite.
Think Vocation: "If anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him." Going the extra mile has crept into our vocabulary to express the need to give everyone a fair chance. We should avoid hastily judging people who have wronged us or let us down. Sometimes we may have to take risks for the sake of the Kingdom which is built on love and mercy. The Lord has high standards for those whom he calls to serve him in the Church.

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
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Parish Notices

SVP Membership Appeal: The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. Our Lady of Hope has an active SVP conference which has supported individuals and families in the parish over many years. Do you want to put your faith into action? Join our parish SVP conference! There will be an appeal after Mass for new members by SVP Officer Royston Colaço on 25 and 26 February, who can be reached at roystonc@svp.org.uk.

UCM Cake Sale: We would like to thank everybody who gave donations of cakes, money donations and your support. We raised an amazing £312.31. £156.00 has been sent to CAFOD for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal and £156,31 to Parish funds.

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!

Diocesan Notices

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!

We are delighted to announce that 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), by phone on 0808 1890468, or by email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk

Job Vacancies: There are currently vacancies for a Cafe Supervisor at St Sebastian's Community Centre, Salford and for a Parish Administrator at Three Martyrs Parish, Salford, For further information see www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/. There are also a number of vacancies which Caritas is recruiting for: www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/

Lent 2023 - Lent at the Hidden Gem

Lent at the Hidden Gem: *St Mary's Church, 17 Mulberry St, Manchester M2 6LN.* If you are visiting Manchester City Centre during the Season of Lent, why not pop into St Mary's, the Hidden Gem? Each weekday during Lent there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (10.30am) and Confessions (11.00am), Rosary (12noon), Holy Mass (12.30pm) and Stations of the Cross (1pm). There will also be the weekly evening Mass Wednesday at 5.15pm, followed by a series of Lenten Meditations each Wednesday at 6pm given by Fr Ian Kelly. More details about St Mary's Lenten Programme will be available on the [diocesan website](http://www.diocesanwebsite.com). Everyone is welcome

Lent 2023

Ash Wednesday: The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, with a day of fasting and abstinence. We will have two Masses on Wednesday at which the ashes will be distributed: 9.30am at St Luke and 6.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul

Walk With Me: The booklets are now available for you to take (free of charge). These are a wonderful resource to accompany us on our Lenten journey

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 first lunch is on 23 February at Height Methodist Church. All welcome

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 first one (24 February) is entitled "In God's Creation We Are All Connected". Please contact Sr Joan Kerley (joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816796) to reserve a place

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.

The Future of Our Parish (Lent Course): Fr Michael and Fr Mark will lead a series of evenings on the Tuesdays of Lent (7.30-8.30pm), beginning on 28 February, 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: There will be four Masses at various churches across the deanery at 7.30pm on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. The first one will not be till 8 March (because of the Parish Mission in John Paul II parish on 1 March) and will be at Lancashire Martyrs. The others are at St Teresa, Irlam (on 15th), St Mary, Eccles (on 22nd) and Ss Peter & Paul (on 29th and celebrated by Bishop John)

CAFOD: We will of course have the usual Lent Fast Day on Friday 3 March and then the collection for CAFOD on 4 & 5 March (for which envelopes will be distributed next weekend). Some of you might like to sign up for CAFOD's Lent Challenge - The Big Lent Walk - which invites you to walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. For further details, or to sign up, please see www.walk.cafod.org.uk

Caritas Salford Lent Appeal: This Lent, will you make a change to change a life? Whether you're making a change to your diet, fasting, amending your behaviour or adapting your thoughts and focus...as you pray, fast and give this Lent the change you're making could also help to change a life. By remembering Caritas Salford during Lent, your donations and prayers will make a real difference to the lives of the local people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire that the team supports - people in our local communities facing poverty, disadvantage, homelessness and isolation. There are lots of ways you can help:

- Keep Caritas Salford and the people they work alongside in the local community in your prayers this Lent
- Join their Lent appeal and collect change to help change lives (you can pay in your collection or donation online at <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/lent2023/>)
- Help Caritas reach even more people by sharing news of the appeal on social media, with friends, family and other loved ones, colleagues and wider networks.

Thank you for your kindness and support