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Newsletter – 19 March 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent
<b>Sunday</b> – 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
<b>Monday</b> – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) No Mass today
<b>Tuesday</b> – Lent Weekday Stations of the Cross at SL 6.10pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> – Lent Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b> – Lent Weekday or St Turibius of Mongrovejo Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b> - Lent Weekday Stations of the Cross at SL 9.10am Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> – The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity) Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation: 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL <i>Clocks go forward one hour tonight</i>
<b>Sunday</b> – Fifth Sunday of Lent 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>

Prayers Requested
<b>Sick:</b> All who are sick at this time, especially John McDermottroe
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Larry Dilger, Eric Ball, Wilfred Curly, Richard Mason, Rowland Agius, Paul Rabbitte, Joan Wray, Sean Meade, Deirdre (Dee) Pendleton, James Parkinson, Marina Agnes Tandy, Dorothy Randles, Patrick McNulty, David Burslem
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Alice Gooden, Kitty Basha, James & Winifred Bowers, Anne McKeever
<b>Masses Received:</b> Gabrielle Jones (S), Dolly Clooney (MDR), Maureen Brannan (MDR), Shaun Stephen Brannan (BM), Alice Gooden (A), Dorothy Randles (LD), Patrick McNulty (LD), Patsy Griffin (BM), Monica Flanagan, Dee Pendleton (LD), Alan Roberts, Jack & Bridget Sloyan, Madge & Merion Roberts, Kitty & Lou Basha, Ellen & Tom Hudson, Pat McGrath (B), Lea Roberts (B), Colm Folan (BM), Kitty Basha (A), David Burslem (LD), James & Winifred Bowers (A), Anne McKeever (A & MDR)
<b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> We pray for the parish of St Patrick, Collyhurst, for Canon Paul Daly, their parish priest, and Fr Moses Agada, for Deacon Stephen Scott, the Presentation Sisters and the Missionaries of Charity Brothers. We pray for St Joseph's Mission to Deaf People and for the Sisters of Our Lady of Evron, for the chaplaincy to the Vietnamese community and for the parish primary schools. May they live by that same missionary zeal which inspired St Patrick.

Reflections for This Week
<b><i>He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored</i></b>
When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptised, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptised was “neophyte”, which means “newly enlightened.” There is a subtle link between the readings this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path – ‘no evil would I fear’ as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light, it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being ‘anointed’ with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world.
<b>Marriage Matters: <i>Stop and see, be aware:</i></b> God was aware of David’s adultery with Bethsheba, Uriah’s wife, and how he arranged Uriah’s murder to cover his sin. Amid political and business ‘cover ups’ in today’s world, it’s important to ‘stop and see’ – the beauty of nature, the beauty and goodness of your spouse. Don’t be too busy to recall the joys you have brought to each other.
<b>Think Vocation:</b> Think Vocation: Today Jesus helps a man who has never seen with his eyes to be able to see what many people miss. He gave the man the gift of his sight but also allowed the man to gradually and steadily grow in his faith. May all of us treasure the gift of our sight but also treasure the gift of our faith.

Happy Mothers’ Day
A Happy Mothers’ Day to all mothers. Today is a chance to remember our mothers, living or deceased, and to thank God for the love shown to us through them.

Financially Supporting Our Parish
<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>

### Parish Notices

**Fairtrade Easter Sale:** This Sunday at Ss Peter & Paul. Please support. Thank you.

**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.

**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](mailto:rita@mcnassociates.org.uk) or buy on line [www.mikron.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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.

### 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 Mary's, Eccles (Oxford Street M30 OLU) on Wednesday at 7.30pm, with confessions available from 7pm. The final one is at Ss Peter and Paul on Wednesday 29 March celebrated by Bishop John.

**Ecumenical Lent Course & Lunch:** The next one is on Thursday 23 March (12.30-2pm) at Holy Angels (Moorfield Road).

**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 24 March is entitled "Creation's Challenge to Ecological Conversion" Please contact Sr Joan Kerley ([joankfmsj@gmail.com](mailto:joankfmsj@gmail.com) or 07934 816796) to reserve a place.

**Next Week's Newsletter: Liz Connolly**  
Please send notices before Wednesday  
Email: [newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

### Diocesan Notices

**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.

**Permanent Diaconate:** The Diocese of Salford's Department for Formation is holding an enquirers morning for anyone who may be discerning a vocation to the diaconate. If you would like to learn more about what a deacon is or does, or would like to speak to someone about how God might be calling you to serve as a deacon in our diocese, this event will help you find out more. Come along to an Enquirer's Morning at St Patrick's Church, Livesey St, Manchester M4 5HF, on Saturday 1 April, starting with Mass at 10am and finishing with a sandwich lunch. Email [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to let us know you're coming. You can also learn more about the role of deacons by visiting <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diaconate-faqs/>.

**Ukraine Link Officer:** Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has received external grant funding to appoint a Ukraine Link Officer. Iryna Rybalska will work to ensure people from Ukraine can be signposted to appropriate services while providing opportunities such as volunteering and integration. If there is anyone in our local community who is from Ukraine who would like to contact Iryna, please email [i.rybalska@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:i.rybalska@caritassalford.org.uk)

**Walsingham 2023:** The Diocese of Salford's annual pilgrimage to Walsingham will be returning on Saturday 20 May. This year's pilgrimage has a number of places available to join the Day Pilgrimage and a very limited number of places for the overnight stay. The cost is £45 for the day trip and £134 for an overnight stay in a Standard room, and £150 for an overnight stay in an En-Suite room. For more information, call 0161 817 2214 or email [walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk). Alongside the main pilgrimage, we will also have our Youth Pilgrimage. For more information please email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

**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](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk). All bookings and enquiries can be made via Joe Walsh Tours, (ATOL 11313) on 0800 189 0468, or by email: [info@joewalshstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalshstours.co.uk)

### Our Lady of Hope 500 Club

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.