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Newsletter – 2 April 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

<p>Sunday – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am</p>
<p>Monday – Monday of Holy Week No Mass today</p>
<p>Tuesday – Tuesday of Holy Week Funeral Service for Rita Owens at SL 9.45am Stations of the Cross at SL 6.10pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm</p>
<p>Wednesday – Wednesday of Holy Week Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am</p>
<p>Thursday – Maundy Thursday Stations of the Cross at SL 12noon 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at SsPP, with Watching at the Altar of Repose till 10pm <i>Collection today for our parish St Vincent de Paul Society</i></p>
<p>Friday – Good Friday – Day of Fasting & Abstinence Morning Prayer of the Church at SL & live-streamed 10am Stations of the Cross at SsPP 12noon 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at SL & live-streamed <i>Collection today for the Holy Places of Palestine</i></p>
<p>Saturday – Holy Saturday Morning Prayer of the Church at SL & live-streamed 10am 8pm The Easter Vigil at SL & live-streamed</p>
<p>Sunday – Easter Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am</p>
<p>Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/</p>

Prayers Requested

Sick: All who are sick at this time, especially Pope Francis and John McDermottroe
Lately Dead: Paul Rabbitte, Dorothy Randles, Patrick McNulty, David Burslem, Andrew Cusson, Brian Donlan, Olive Ferguson, William Dunne, Oliver Hill, Terry Fox, Margaret Gallagher, Rita Owens, Clare Bruce
Anniversaries: Michael Williams
Masses Received: Gabrielle Jones (S), Mary Hayes (S), Tom Riley (BM), Margaret Gallagher (LD), Alan Roberts, Sloyan & Roberts family, Williams family, Michael Williams (A), Clare Bruce (LD)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the parish of St Anne, Crumpsall, and for Fr David Glover, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for all who are treated at or work at the North Manchester General Hospital, as well as Fr John Adio, the hospital chaplain. May they walk this Holy Week with the Lord.

Reflections for This Week

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story of the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Marriage Matters: Challenged when we witness how others love: St Paul recognises the amazing humility of Jesus who accepts death on the cross out of love for God and us. We wonder and are challenged by the joy of a friend who daily visits his wife who has dementia; in his great love he feeds her, puts her to bed each evening, prays with her. Could we love like this?

Think Vocation: The exhilarating welcome of Christ as Messiah contrasts with the overwhelming rejection of him by the same people on Calvary. As Catholics we will always experience some degree of welcome and some degree of rejection of faith in Our Lord. May we have the courage and confidence to face rejection and be appreciative of genuine affirmation and respect for the Lord.

Holy Week

Livestream of Chrism Mass: This year's Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Salford will be taking place at 11am on Wednesday 5 April at Salford Cathedral. Our parish will be represented. If you would like to pray along at home, the Mass can be livestreamed at <https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/>

Sacred Triduum: The three days at the end of this week are the most important days in the Liturgical Calendar. Please try to mark them by participating in some of the services, particularly the main celebrations on Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and Saturday night. We are celebrating what Christ has done for us.

Morning Prayer: On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we are again offering the opportunity for you to come and join in this prayer of the Church at 10am in St Luke's. A service sheet will be uploaded to our website for those joining us via the live-stream.

Special Collections: The Offertory collection on Thursday evening will be for the parish SVP and the Retiring Collection on Good Friday will be to support the Christian Church in the Holy Land.

Resources for Holy Week and Easter: During Holy Week and Easter, the Diocese of Salford will be sharing a number of resources to help you pray and reflect at home. To access these resources, please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/ or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Parish Notices

Congratulations to Angela & Stephen McManamon who are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Funeral: There is a Funeral Service for Rita Owens on Tuesday at St Luke at 9.45am. May she rest in peace.

Communion Under Both Kinds: A reminder that we intend to offer some catechesis in the weeks after Easter and then, if there is a desire amongst you the parishioners for it, to reintroduce Communion under both kinds from the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) on the weekend of 10/11 June.

Fairtrade: The Fairtrade sale held recently in the parish raised £417.80. Many thanks to all who supported the sale.

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.

St Luke's Red Mission Box Collection: Red Boxes are 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.

Diocesan Notices

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood: The diocesan series of Masses for Vocations to the Priesthood returns in April to help inspire conversation and prayer around the call to priestly life. The next Mass will take place at 7pm on Friday 21 April at Salford Cathedral. All are very welcome to attend. To find out more about these Masses, please visit:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/monthly-vocations-masses/

Women Saints and Spirituality: Join us as we continue our fascinating series of talks exploring the life and spirituality of women in the Church throughout history. Our next session takes place on Friday 21 April (10am-12.30pm) at Wardley Hall, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND and has a special focus on Catherine of Siena. Contact Sister Joan Kerley at joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816 796 to reserve a place. Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/women-saints-and-spirituality/>

Laudato Si' Animators': This Vatican-backed online course will educate and empower you to bring the Laudato Si' Encyclical to life. The course is from 19 April – May 17 with weekly seminars at 2pm (or you can view the recordings afterwards). To register see: <https://laudatosianimators.org/see> or watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sy9YGWle8AA>

Walsingham 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 20 May. 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. Alongside the main pilgrimage, we will also have our Youth Pilgrimage. For more information please email 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. All bookings and enquiries can be made via Joe Walsh Tours, (ATOL 11313) on 0808 189 0468, or by email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk

Monthly Financial Summary – February 2023

Income	
Offertory - Envelopes	270.00
Offertory – Standing Orders	2169.00
Offertory – Online or Bank Transfer*	1442.00
Offertory – Loose Money & Cheques	3809.49
Church Boxes (Piety/Votives/Almanacs)	225.25
Ministry (Baptism/Marriage/Funeral)	1116.00
Fundraising (500 Club/Coffee/UCM Cakes)	661.31
Other Income (Donations/Rents/Refunds)	1085.00
Interest (Current & Deposit Accounts)*	286.35
Total Monthly Income	11028.84
Expenditure	
Churches	5367.26
Presbyteries	2499.77
Parish Centre (Insurance)	87.11
Clergy	856.99
Fundraising (500 Club Prizes)	0.00
Diocesan Levy	1362.82
Charges (Bank & for Web Donations)*	29.71
Total Monthly Expenditure	10203.66
Balances [Excluding Restricted Funds]	
Opening Balance (Current & Deposit)	84364.22
Balance of Income/Expenditure	825.18
Closing Balance	85189.40
Balances [Restricted Funds]	
Helping Hand Fund	2030.02
Youth Pilgrimage Fund	3030.00
Poor Box	45.12
Mass Intentions	355.00
Other items not paid over yet	106.77
Total Restricted Funds Held	5566.91
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim (Estimated)	790.00

*Including some figures that were unavailable in January

Thank You

A word of thanks to all who supported the various local Lent activities – Station Masses, Lent Lunches and the short course on The Future of Our Parish. It was good to see such a full church for the Station Mass last Tuesday at Ss Peter & Paul with Bishop John. Thank you to those who provided the catering that night.

Thank you also to a parishioner who has paid for some work on the roof and guttering at SsPP Church and another parishioner who has done some internal painting there. Much appreciated.

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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Next Week's Newsletter: Jan McIntyre

Please send notices before Wednesday

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