

Newsletter – 23 April 2023 Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday - Third Sunday of Easter

Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Monday – St George, Patron of England (Solemnity)

No Mass today

Tuesday – St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)

Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Easter Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – Easter Weekday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Easter Weekday or St Peter Chanel or St Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – St Catherine of Sienna (Feast)

Mass at SsPP 12noon

Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday – Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life – Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund

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Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

Prayers Requested

Sick: All who are sick at this time, especially John McDermottroe

Lately Dead: Archie Swift, Ginette Daly, Fr Bernard Charnock, Rosaleen Fletcher, Dennis O'Malley, Fr Peter Haverty, Alan Chapman, Alison Marie O'Connor, Denis Carey, Maurice Stewart, Maureen McManus, Albert Gill, Harold Riley

Anniversaries: Colin Ferguson, Pauline Bryan, James Howarth, Eddie Moran [The first three should have been on last week]

Masses Received: Colin Ferguson (BM), Alison Marie O'Connor (LD), Denis Carey (LD), Mr & Mrs Michael Gamotin (Wedding Anniversary), Liam Groghan, Maurice Stewart (LD), Josephine Warburton and Deceased Members of the Warburton & O'Donnell families, Eddie Moran (A), Maureen McManus (LD), Albert Gill (LD), Alan Chapman (LD)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of St Anne's parish, Higher Openshaw, and for Fr Chris Lough, the parish priest and area dean, together with the parish primary school. May they always know the Lord in the Breaking of Bread.



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Reflections for This Week

They recognised him at the breaking of bread

During the Season of Easter we walk with the Risen Lord, enjoying his appearing to his disciples. Today's gospel is one of the loveliest accounts of his appearing - and one especially important for the reader. Jesus appears and teaches the two disciples, by reference to the Scriptures, the meaning of his death. This is very close to the way in which the neophytes (newly baptised) would continue to be taught, through hearing the scriptures, during Easter. The reader should take to herself or himself the words of the Gospel Acclamation: "Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us."

Marriage Matters: How well do we listen to each other? As Jesus walked to Emmaus, he listened carefully to His disciples and experienced their grief. An important part of our relationship is listening. We may disagree with our partner's thoughts and judgments but they are part of who this person is. We need to experience him/her and convey the joy of discovering the person he/she is.

Think Vocation: "The hearts of the disciples burned within them as the Lord explained the Sacred Scriptures to them." Let us pray for parents and teachers whose vocations lie in the formation and education of the young in the faith.

Vocations Sunday

Next weekend we have our annual day of prayer for vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. We also have our annual collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, which supports the training of future priests and deacons.

Harold Riley RIP

This week we mourn the passing of Harold Riley who for many years was one of our parishioners. He left a wondrous legacy within the church of St Luke where we are surrounded on all sides by his artwork, not only the paintings that include the Stations of the Cross and Our Lady's Chapel but also the stained glass windows which were created to his designs, particularly the Our Lady of Salford window based on his painting of the same name. These are what we and future generations will see. However, many of our parishioners are also proud owners of their own "Riley" artwork drawn on one of our newsletters and then handed to the subject of his sketching after Mass. He will also be remembered as a wonderful raconteur. Harold Riley was undoubtedly generous with his talents, quick to support fundraising activities with his art and his time. Many of our us will have our own fond memories of Harold Riley. May he Rest in Peace.

Parish Notices

SVP: The next meeting is on Tuesday 25 April at 7pm in the parish room at St Luke's.

Mikron Theatre Company: Thank you to all who supported the production of 'Twitchers' on Wednesday. It raised £1069 for Salford Loaves & Fishes.

Knock: The planned parish pilgrimage to Knock has had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers to make it viable.

Diocesan Notices

Walsingham 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 20 May. The cost is £45 for the day trip, £134 for an overnight stay in a Standard room and £150 for an En-Suite room. For more information, call 0161 817 2214 or email walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk and for our Youth Pilgrimage 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@joewalshtours.co.uk

Lourdes Pilgrimage Volunteers: The Diocese of Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Team is looking for people to join its incredible and committed team of volunteers and to play a vital role in its 2023 Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. To find out more, email lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2209. You can also visit the website at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/volunteers for more information and to apply online. Applications close 30 April 2023.

Clothing Donations: Caritas Salford is appealing for donations of unwanted, clean clothing to help support people in the area experiencing poverty, homelessness and discrimination. The charity will give appropriate donated items to people experiencing homelessness who access their services in Greater Manchester and Lancashire, with other items being used to raise much-needed funds to help Caritas Salford continue its work. Clothing can be donated at the charity's Caritas House building in Collyhurst from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm Tuesday to Friday: Caritas House, Nobby Stiles Drive, Collyhurst, Manchester, M4 4FA.

Caritas Vacancy: Bank Art/Activity Tutor for a new Arts Programme at Cornerstone Day Centre in Hulme for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Please visit: https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/team-view/bank-art-activity-tutor-manchester/ for information or to apply. The closing date is Monday 8 May 2023.

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Interfaith Visit to Pope Francis on the Environment

On Thursday, Bishop John led a rare interfaith visit of faith and civic leaders from across Greater Manchester to Pope Francis.

On behalf of the delegation, Bishop John thanked Pope Francis for his leadership in drawing the world's attention to the urgent dangers of climate change. He spoke about the diverse community of Greater Manchester and outlined the pledges that the faith leaders are committing their communities to as they work alongside civic leaders and environmentalists.

In response, Pope Francis spoke of these communities, guided by the wisdom of their various traditions, playing an important part in contributing to a much-needed ecological conversion and particularly in the formation of young people.

For a fuller report of the visit, including the full text of the speeches, please see: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/bishop-presents-environment-pledge-to-pope-francis/

Diocesan Synod Information Sessions

Bishop John has recently announced the launch of our own Diocesan Synod, inviting us all to prayerfully discern how we can best address the changing needs of our diocesan community. This is distinct from the Universal Synod called by Pope Francis which we participated in last year. To help us begin this journey, the Diocese of Salford's Department for Formation will be holding a series of information sessions to help you find out more about the synod and how you can get involved. The programme will be the same across all events and will take place on the following dates:

- Thursday 11 May (7pm-9pm) Salford venue TBC
- Saturday 13 May (10am-12pm) Manchester venue TBC
- Tuesday 16 May (7pm-9pm) Mount Carmel RC High School, Accrington, BB5 OLU

Further details to follow.

You can read more about our Diocesan Synod at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/

Diocesan Synod Prayer

Loving Father, be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal Journey, draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey, Amen.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for Us. St Joseph. Pray for Us.

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