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Newsletter – 26 February 2023
First Sunday of Lent

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| 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 |
| Monday – Lent Weekday or St Gregory of Narek No Mass today |
| Tuesday – Lent Weekday – Stations of the Cross at SL 6.10pm (<i>see note below</i>) Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm |
| Wednesday – St David, Patron Saint of Wales (Feast) Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am Sacramental Programme Reconciliation Service at SL 6pm |
| Thursday – Lent Weekday Requiem Mass for Josie Barron at SsPP 10am Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm |
| Friday – Lent Weekday- <i>CAFOD Lent Fast Day - World Day of Prayer</i> Stations of the Cross at SL 9.10am (<i>see note below</i>) Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am |
| Saturday – Lent Weekday or St Casimir Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation: 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL |
| Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent 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: Josie Barron, Teresa McCulloch, Nan Trower, Bernard Burke, Val Wood, Francis Walsh, Brenda Reid
Anniversaries: Matthew Kerrane
Masses Received: Bob Shalliker (BM), Francis Walsh (LD), Claire Halstead, Martin Murray (BM), Matthew Kerrane (A), Brenda Reid (LD)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for all those who will be called by the Bishop today to baptism or reception into the full communion of the Church this coming Easter. May our parishes be renewed by those who seek to join us.

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

Reflections for This Week

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent – these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

Marriage Matters: *Avoid Independence:* Today, both Eve and Jesus are tempted to become independent, to turn away from the love of God. In marriage, we can think we have a right to fulfil our own desires without considering our partner, but we need to share these deepest hopes and dreams, and be prepared to hear the impact on our loved one and our relationship.

Think Vocation: Today, at the Cathedral, the Bishop will accept catechumens and candidates to become new Catholics at Easter. We all have a part to play in spreading the faith. May we ask ourselves each day of Lent what it is that we need to do to ensure that our lives fully radiate the loving warmth of Christ so that others may be drawn to the Lord and his Church through our witness.

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:

Please send notices before Wednesday
 Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

The Future of Our Parish

A Lent Course led by Fr Michael and Fr Mark
 Tuesdays (7.30-8.30pm) in the Lounge of the Parish Centre
[Further details overleaf]

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.

Funeral: There is a Requiem Mass for Josie Barron on Thursday at Ss Peter and Paul at 10am. May she rest in peace.

Reconciliation: The children on the Sacramental Programme will celebrate Reconciliation for the first time at a special service on Wednesday at 6pm in St Luke's Church. Please pray for the children as they take this next step in their faith journey.

UCM News: SsPP Foundation Mass and AGM on Thursday 2 March at 7pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

Rosary (6pm Thursday): During Lent, we shall offer The Seven Sorrows Rosary Prayers. Together let us reflect on the trials of Christ, our Saviour and Mary the Mother of Jesus. As we pray this devotion may it lead us to understand our suffering, our sins and sorrows and In doing so help us live a better life of Joy in the Lord, so we can serve others.

Social & Community Group: Are seeking new members who have fresh ideas for the year ahead and would like to be part of a team who plan for our parish life. We meet this Monday evening at the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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.

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!

World Day of Prayer: This annual day of prayer takes place on Friday 3 March. This year the Ecumenical service, written by the Christian women of Taiwan, will be held at St. John's at 2pm. Everyone welcome. Please see the notice board.

Diocesan Notices

Ordination: Please pray for Father Peter Hapgood-Strickland, a former Anglican priest who was ordained as a Catholic priest on Saturday at Salford Cathedral. We pray that he may have a fruitful ministry in our diocese.

Rite of Election: This takes place at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, as those who are to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter are formally presented to the Bishop. We have no one being presented from our parish this year but please pray for all those from across the diocese who are partaking in this event and preparing for a very special Easter.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

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) on 0808 1890468, or by email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk

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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 next lunch is on 2 March at St John's 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 one on 3 March is entitled "Praising God in Creation with St Francis' Canticle of the Sun." 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: On Friday 3 March we have the usual Lent Fast Day and then the collection for CAFOD next weekend 4, 5 March. This Lent your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. 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: 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. Learn more or donate online at www.caritassalford.org.uk

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. Everyone is welcome