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Newsletter – 26 March 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Monday – Lent Weekday No Mass today
Tuesday – Lent Weekday Stations of the Cross at SL 6.10pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Lent Weekday Requiem Mass for William Dunne at SL 9.30am Requiem Mass for Oliver Hill at SsPP 12.15pm School Stations of the Cross Service in SL Church 1.45pm Deanery Station Mass at SsPP 7.30pm
Thursday – Lent Weekday Requiem Mass for Paul Rabbitte at SsPP 10.30am School Stations of the Cross Service in SL Church 1.45pm Mass at SsPP 6.30pm (The next Rosary will be 13 April, 6pm)
Friday - Lent Weekday Stations of the Cross at SL 9.10am 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 – 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
Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

Prayers Requested
Sick: All who are sick at this time, especially John McDermottroe
Lately Dead: Paul Rabbitte, Joan Wray, Sean Meade, Deirdre Pendleton, James Parkinson, Marina Agnes Tandy, Dorothy Randles, Patrick McNulty, David Burslem, Andrew Cusson, Brian Donlan, Olive Ferguson, William Dunne, Oliver Hill, Terry Fox
Anniversaries: Joan McKenzie, Martin Murray, Elizabeth Bibby
Masses Received: Norah Livesey (MDR), Gabrielle Jones (S), Josephine Warburton (MDR), Maria Connor (MDR), Andrew Cusson (LD), Cesar Barrera Manjarres (S), Brian Philip Donlan (LD), John McDermottroe (S), Olive Ferguson (LD) & family, Joan McKenzie (A), Priscilla Obinna (S), Martin Murray (A), Patrick McNulty (LD), Paul Rabbitte (LD), Terry Fox (LD), Tomas Cusack (BM), Elizabeth Bibby (A)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Chad, Cheetham Hill, and the Oratorian Fathers and brothers, as well as the parish primary school. We pray for all those in His Majesty's Prison, Manchester, and for the chaplaincy team. May the heart of Jesus, pierced on the cross, speak to their hearts.

Reflections for This Week
<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way, our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds – what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.
Marriage Matters: <i>The Lord will lead us back together:</i> Ezekiel's words apply to us when we are going through tough times in our relationship, when intimacy, physical or otherwise, seems impossible. At such times, Jesus weeps for us as He did for Lazarus. He will bring us back together if we ask Him and are willing to be vulnerable enough to explore together the changes we need to make.
Think Vocation: Martha and Mary have strong faith in the Resurrection and Jesus builds on their faith at a very difficult time for them, by raising their recently deceased brother Lazarus from the dead. Let us pray for all those who are involved in working with the bereaved within the Church. May their faith in the resurrection bringing comfort and hope to those who feel the pain of the separation that death causes.

Deanery Station Mass
The final Station Mass for this Lent will be celebrated by Bishop John at Ss Peter & Paul at 7.30pm on Wednesday. Confessions will be available from 7pm. All welcome!

Easter Triduum
Maundy Thursday (6 April): 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm at Ss Peter and Paul
Good Friday (7 April): 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Luke
Holy Saturday (8 April): 8pm The Easter Vigil at St Luke
Easter Sunday (9 April): 8am Mass (SsPP), 9.30am Mass (SL) & 11am Mass (SsPP)

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

Funerals: There are three Requiem Masses this week - one for William Dunne on Wednesday at St Luke at 9.30am, one for Oliver Hill on Wednesday at Ss Peter and Paul at 12.15pm and one on Thursday for Paul Rabbitte at Ss Peter and Paul at 10.15am. May they rest in peace.

500 Club: Congratulations to our **March winners:** Marie Bradley (34) £142; Dot Jordan (200) £71; Charlotte Hibbert (224) £71. *Please note that, for those who pay by standing order, prize money will be paid into your bank account.*

St Patrick's Evening A good evening was enjoyed by all and many thanks to everyone who supported this event. £588 was raised for Parish funds.

Parish Social and Community Group: Meeting on Monday 27 March at 7:30 at SsPP – All welcome

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.

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

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. 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.

Lent 2023

The Future of Our Parish (Lent Course): Fr Michael and Fr Mark will lead the final session of the Lent Course on Tuesday (7.30-8.30pm) in the Lounge of the Parish Centre. It will draw together some of the ideas that have emerged over the past four weeks about how we can further develop our parish.

Ecumenical Lent Course & Lunch: The final one for this year is on Thursday 30 March (12.30-2pm) at St John's (Bolton Road).

Lenten School of Prayer: A series of talks/discussions on "Praying with Laudato Si". 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 31 March is entitled "Celebrating Creation in our Liturgy". Please contact Sr Joan Kerley (joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816796) to reserve a place.

Diocesan Notices

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. 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 0800 189 0468, or by email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk

Laudato Si' Animators' Course: The Vatican-backed Laudato Si Movement organises an online Laudato Si' Animators' Course which is set up to educate and enable people to inspire others, in parishes, schools and in the world at large, to engage in dialogue and action on the current environmental crises. The course, which starts on 19 April 2023, will educate and empower you to bring the Laudato Si' Encyclical to life. The course is from Wednesday 19 April – May 17 with weekly seminars at 2pm (or you can view the recordings afterwards). For more information and to register see: <https://laudatosianimators.org/see> or watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sy9YGWle8AA>

Resumption of Communion Under Both Kinds

The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales has agreed to remove the final restriction brought in by the pandemic and allow Bishops to reintroduce communion under both kinds in their Dioceses. Bishop John has therefore decided that, beginning at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, communion **may** once more be offered to the faithful from the chalice in our Diocese. But he is not insisting that this be the practice immediately, where priests may feel reluctant. He also recognises that there may be a degree of reluctance on the part of the faithful to avail themselves of this. Consequently, he is leaving it up to the priests in each parish to decide when it is prudent to resume this practice.

Fr Michael and Fr Mark have discussed this and both agree that we should not rush into it. Although the practice was well established at Ss Peter and Paul, we had only just introduced it at St Luke when the pandemic struck. Before introducing it then, we put articles on the newsletter or spoke about it from the altar for several weeks. Bishop John has asked that some similar catechesis be undertaken before reintroducing this in order to help us reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives, and to prepare us to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice once again in our Diocese. We propose to offer that 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.

Next Week's Newsletter:

Please send notices before Wednesday
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