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Newsletter – 30 April 2023	
Fourth Sunday of Easter	
Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter – <i>Good Shepherd Sunday – Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life – Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund</i>	
Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am	
Monday – Easter Weekday or St Joseph the Worker No Mass today <i>Bank Holiday</i>	
Tuesday – St Athanasius Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm	
Wednesday – Ss Philip & James (Feast) <i>Pray for</i>	<i>King Charles</i>
Requiem Mass for Alan Chapman at SL 9.30am	
Thursday – The English Martyrs (Feast) <i>Pray for</i>	<i>King Charles</i>
Requiem Mass for Richard Graham at SL 9.30am Requiem Mass for Bernard Flynn at SL 12.45pm Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm	
Friday – Easter Weekday <i>Pray for</i>	<i>King Charles</i>
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm (for Coronation)	
Saturday – Easter Weekday <i>Coronation of</i>	<i>King Charles III</i>
<i>Please note: No 12noon Mass today</i> Reconciliation 5.45-6.15pm at SL <i>& Queen Camilla</i>	
Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter 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: Rosaleen Fletcher, Dennis O'Malley, Fr Peter Haverty, Alan Chapman, Alison Marie O'Connor, Denis Carey, Maurice Stewart, Maureen McManus, Albert Gill, Harold Riley, Archie Swift, Charles Viva, Marty Donohue
Anniversaries: Georges Ollieuz
Masses Received: Archie Swift (LD), Charles Viva (LD), Marty Donohue (LD), Harold Riley (LD), Fr John Coe, Special Intention, Georges Ollieuz (A), Oliver Hill
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Clare, Blackley, and for Fr Jeremiah and Fr Colin, the Franciscan friars there. We pray for the Good Shepherd Sisters, for the parish primary school and Our Lady's High School. May they know the Lord as their Shepherd and have life to the full.
Coronation: We are asked to pray especially on Wednesday to Friday for King Charles as he prepares for his Coronation.

Reflections for This Week
<i>I am the gate of the sheepfold</i>
This Sunday is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd Sunday', because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great 'I am' statements of Jesus from Saint John's Gospel. Today he says 'I am the gate of the sheepfold'. Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we go through Jesus, the gate, by baptism. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.
Marriage Matters: <i>Feeding your sheep</i>: John 10:10 describes us as 'sheep'. God watches over and feeds us with his Word, and in the Eucharist. With God's help we have created a few more sheep, so we pray for His help, read books, use the internet to protect our children from the harm done by the 'media' and many of today's 'addictions'. That's being good shepherds.
Think Vocation: "The sheep recognised the voice of their loving shepherd." We pray that young people may recognise the voice of the Lord amidst the materialistic messages with which the world overpowers them.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. In his message this year. Pope Francis reflects on the theme "Vocation: Grace and Mission". Please pray for all people who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, those who are preparing for ordination or religious profession and for all priests and consecrated men and women. We are asked to pray especially for those who are preparing to serve as priests and deacons here in the Diocese of Salford.
Ecclesiastical Education Fund
At our Masses this weekend, we will have a special collection for the fund that is used to train future priests and deacons. You can also donate via the machines in each church. The collection will remain open for the next four weeks for any private donations you might like to make.
Vocations Enquiries
Have you ever thought about being a priest or joining a religious order? Why not have a word with a priest you know or make contact with the Diocesan Vocations Promoter (Fr Michael Deas) on 0161 670 5110 or the Vocations Director (Fr Mark Paver) on 0161 736 2696.

Parish Notices

Funerals: There are three Requiem Masses this week -one for Alan Chapman on Wednesday at St Luke at 9.30am, one for Richard Graham on Thursday at St Luke at 9.30am and one for Bernard Flynn on Thursday at St Luke at 12.45pm. May they rest in peace.

Flower Arranging: Our next class, demonstration by Veronica, is on Wednesday 3 May (1pm-3pm) at Ss Peter & Paul. Everybody welcome. Enjoy tea coffee cake.

Ss Peter & Paul UCM: Our next meeting is on Thursday 4 May after the 6.30pm Mass.

St Luke's UCM Afternoon Tea: Sunday 28 May (2.00pm-4.30pm). Our charity this year is St Ann's Hospice. Tickets are £10 and are on sale after all Masses or phone Stephanie McDonough on 737 6419. Admission is by ticket only.

Save the Date: Jazz Night, Friday, 22/09/23, St Luke's Parish Centre in aid of Parish Funds. Further details to follow.

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

Sponsorship: A parishioner has signed up to run the Great Manchester 10k run on the 21 May 2023. She has taken a place on the team for Caritas Diocese of Salford (Caritas Salford) and they are the domestic social action agency of the Catholic Diocese of Salford. We know it is a trying time for most people and if you are able to donate it would be much appreciated. Donations can be made here: [Caritas Diocese Of Salford: Rebecca McKiernan Fundraising page \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com/Caritas-Diocese-Of-Salford-Rebecca-McKiernan-Fundraising-page) Many thanks for reading and will keep you updated on her progress.

Deanery & Diocesan Notices

Life in the Spirit Course 2023: In the Parish Room at St James and All Souls, Salford M6 5JA. Every Wednesday evening, 3 to 31 May, starting at 7.15pm. Inspirational guest speakers in this practical series. Encounter the Holy Spirit and become more empowered to share your faith. All in a relaxed, friendly and mutually supportive atmosphere. Please register to join the course at admin@stjamesandallsouls.com

Young Christian Workers Mass for St Joseph the Worker: YCW (Young Christian Workers), Impact, and St Antony's Centre invite you to celebrate the feast of St Joseph the Worker on Tuesday 2 May 2023. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 at St Antony's Church followed by a light lunch at YCW HQ, St Antony's House, Eleventh Street, Trafford Park, Manchester. M17 1JF.

Survivors Mass: This month, we unite with people across the globe in taking part in a worldwide day of prayer for survivors of abuse. We will be marking the day in our diocese with a Mass at St Patrick's in Collyhurst (Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 5HF) on Tuesday 9 May at 7pm. All are welcome to take part in this celebration of Mass with Bishop John, members of our Diocesan Safeguarding Team, and others.

Walsingham 2023: Saturday 20 May. For more information, email walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk (or call 0161 817 2214) and for our Youth Pilgrimage email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: 28 July to 3 August, led by Bishop John Arnold. Full details are available on the pilgrimage website: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk.

Diocesan Synod Information Sessions

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 – St Ambrose Barlow High School, Swinton, M27 9QP
Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621695878107
- Saturday 13 May (10am-12pm) Manchester – Newman Catholic College Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 9QY
Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621729970077
- Tuesday 16 May (7pm-9pm) Mount Carmel RC High School, Accrington, BB5 0LU
Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/621737402307

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

Lay Members for the Diocesan Synod

Each parish will be asked to select two members to be appointed to the Synod. Whilst we are awaiting some further advice about how these members might be selected, this is what the diocese has published already about the members: "A Synod member is a baptized, committed, prayerful Catholic who is prepared to listen carefully to the views of others concerning the role of faith and the Church, especially in our Diocese, and to faithfully and non-judgmentally feed those views back. The candidate should be willing (with guidance and support) to be part of group discussions, and, putting aside personal agendas, be able to listen prayerfully to discern what they sense the Holy Spirit is asking of us as Salford Diocese. Full support and training will be offered."

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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Next Week's Newsletter: Jan McIntyre

Please send notices before Wednesday

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