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Newsletter – 5 February 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Sunday</b> – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Racial Justice Sunday</i> Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
<b>Monday</b> – Ss Paul Miki & Companions No Mass today
<b>Tuesday</b> – Weekday Requiem Mass for Ronald Cassidy at SsPP 9.30am Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> – Weekday or St Jerome Emiliani or St Josephine Bakhita Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b> – Weekday Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b> – St Scholastica Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> – Weekday or Our Lady of Lourdes – <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i> Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation: 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
<b>Sunday</b> – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
<b>Live-stream:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/">www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/</a>

Prayers Requested
<b>Sick:</b> All those who are sick at this time
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Mary Richmond, Margaret Kenny, Kobel Higgins, Angela Black, Kevin Brunkard, Andrew Anderson, Josie Barron
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Charles Raymond, Margaret Sullivan
<b>Masses Received:</b> Gabrielle Jones (S), Charles Raymond (A), Kevin Brunkard (LD), Andrew Anderson (LD), Margaret Sullivan (A), Maura Murray (BM), UCM, Josie Barron (LD), Terry Payne (BM)
<b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> We pray for the people of the parish of St Michael and St Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson, their parish priest. We pray for the parish primary schools. May the light of their parish's mission and witness shine before all.

Website Redesign: Help Required
Paul Ashton, who looks after our parish communications, is redesigning the parish website and he would welcome some help from a parishioner with experience in WordPress website building. Could you help? If so, please contact Paul at: <a href="mailto:communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk">communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk</a>

Reflections for This Week
<i>You are the light of the world</i>
While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith – to be a people of “good deeds”, as Jesus teaches in today’s portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world’s criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with “the world” – we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world’s gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found – their way to the Father.
<b>Marriage Matters: <i>Unity is the key:</i></b> When we married, a new flame was lit in our Church, signified by the lighting of a new candle as we made our vows and became “Little Church” together. Now, as we think of our life up to now, we can see how our love has been reflected on to our children, our family and our Church community.
<b>Think Vocation:</b> “Share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor.” Those in need and those who have nothing are very close to the Lord. He wants no one to suffer and he will judge us on how we who have more than we need, have treated those who have nothing. Let us count our blessings each day and open our eyes and our hearts to those we come across who need our help.

Contactless Giving						
The Dona machines enable you to make donations with your card or mobile phone and to gift-aid donations. The money comes into the parish account a few days later (rather than having to wait a month with the website/QR donations).						
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<b>Next Week’s Newsletter: Jan McIntyre</b> Please send notices before Wednesday Email: <a href="mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk">newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk</a>						

### Parish Notices

**Racial Justice Sunday:** This is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for this year is: "All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together". It reflects the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church.

**Caritas:** Thank you for last week's special collection which raised £842.24 (including £92 of contactless donations).

**Funeral:** There is a Requiem Mass for Ronald Cassidy on Tuesday at Ss Peter and Paul's at 9.30am. May he rest in peace.

**500 Club:** Thank you to those who have requested membership and to those who have renewed their membership. There's still time to join to be included in all the draws from February.

**Votive Candles:** Our one-month free trial of this new system of votive candles has started at both our churches.

**Craft Group:** All parishioners are welcome to come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 7 Feb at Ss Peter and Paul from 1-3pm.

**UCM (St Luke's):** Meeting this Wednesday (8 February) at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**Retreat for Year 7s:** Please remember our young people in the deanery who are taking part in this retreat next Saturday.

**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.

**Monton Voices Concert:** Friday 24 February at SS P&P. Entrance will be free with a bucket collection as you leave. All welcome!

**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!

### Diocesan Notices

**Vocations Mass:** The monthly series of Masses across the diocese continues this Friday (10 Feb) at 7pm at St Brendan's, Harwood, Bolton (BL2 3JF). All are welcome to attend.

**Young Adults Mass:** Salford Youth Ministry is delighted to welcome Bishop John to celebrate the next Young Adults Mass on Sunday 12 February at 5.30pm at St Augustine's, Manchester. Bishop John will also be joining the team for our social after Mass for a special Q&A session. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available between 4.45pm and 5.15pm before Mass. All are welcome.

**Awareness Training:** Caritas will be running a free training session on Saturday 18 February from 9.30am to 12.30pm at Caritas House, 4 Nobby Stiles Drive, Collyhurst, M4 4FA. The training will look at understanding what disability is, how confident you are talking about disability, whether you think you operate in a way that is accessible to all people, and whether you understand your responsibilities towards accessibility too. It will cover models of disability, adjustments and sustainability, barriers and accessibility and mindsets. To book your place, or find out more, email Minna on [m.moffat-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.moffat-feldman@caritassalford.org.uk)

**Lourdes Mass:** Join us for our annual Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Mass, which will take place on Sunday 19 February at 5.30pm at Salford Cathedral. The Mass will officially open the 2023 pilgrimage. Bishop John will celebrate Mass and the wonderful Lourdes choir will provide music. All are welcome!

### Monthly Financial Summary – December 2022

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<b>Income</b>	
Offertory - Envelopes	272.50
Offertory – Standing Orders	1540.00
Offertory – Online or Bank Transfer	1616.65
Offertory – Loose Money & Cheques	5027.76
Offertory – Gift Aid Claim	4000.00
Church Boxes (Piety/Votives/Almanacs)	395.16
Ministry (Baptism/Marriage/Funeral)	2142.59
Fundraising (500 Club/Fair/Draw/Carols)	3559.26
Other Income (Donations/Rents/Refunds)	100.00
Interest (Current & Deposit Accounts)	112.03
<b>Total Monthly Income</b>	<b>18765.95</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Churches	4626.03
Presbyteries	2653.91
Parish Centre (Insurance)	87.11
Clergy	1180.75
Fundraising (500 Club Prizes/Fair/Draw)	2714.96
Diocesan Levy	1362.82
Charges (Bank & for Web Donations)	205.01
<b>Total Monthly Expenditure</b>	<b>12830.59</b>
<b>Balances [Excluding Restricted Funds]</b>	
Opening Balance (Current & Deposit)	75316.59
Balance of Income/Expenditure	5935.36
Closing Balance	81251.95
<b>Balances [Restricted Funds]</b>	
Helping Hand Fund	2030.02
Youth Pilgrimage Fund	3030.00
Poor Box	45.12
Mass Intentions	185.00
Other items not paid over yet	0.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds Held</b>	<b>5290.14</b>
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim (Estimated)	969.54

### National Marriage Week: 7 – 14 February

Marriage Week helps us focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and family life. The theme for 2023 is **Marriage... one flesh, given and received**. All God's people are called to live a life of holiness through their vocation. Spouses, through the vocation to marriage, should follow their own path to holiness, which is sustained by the grace of the Sacrament.

Please visit [www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week) to read more about the theme and for a prayer for Marriage Week, links to organisations promoting and supporting Catholic marriage, the saints that can support us in our vocation and more.

**Marriage Preparation:** Couples getting married in a Catholic church need to have attended a course of preparation. Locally, 'Love for a Lifetime' is a course presented at St John Fisher, Kearsley. It consists of four units taking place over two Saturday afternoon seminars. Course One will be run from 2pm until 5pm on Saturdays 25 February and 4 March 2023 (and Course Two will be on 9 & 16 September). For other options, please visit: [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/marriage](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/marriage)