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Newsletter – 5 March 2023 Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent – <i>CAFOD Fast Day Collection</i> 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 or Ss Perpetua & Felicity Stations of the Cross at SL 6.10pm (<i>see note below</i>) Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Lent Weekday or St John of God Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – Lent Weekday or St Frances of Rome Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Lent Weekday Stations of the Cross at SL 9.10am (<i>see note below</i>) 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 – Third 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: Nan Trower, Bernard Burke, Val Wood, Francis Walsh, Brenda Reid, Larry Dilger, Eric Ball, Wilfred Curly, Richard Mason, Rowland Agius
Anniversaries: Bridie & John Naughton, Maria Connor
Masses Received: Special Intention in Thanksgiving, Larry Dilger (LD), Eric Ball (LD), Joan Green (S), Wilfred Curly (LD), Bridie & John Naughton (A), Pauline Bryan (BM), In honour of St Joseph for Richard Mason (LD), In honour of Our Lady for Maria Connor (A), UCM, Gabrielle Jones (S)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Spirit, East Manchester, and for Father Joseph Kiwango and the Spiritan Fathers who serve the parish. We pray for their parish primary schools. May the Holy Spirit guide their Lenten journey.

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
<i>His face shone like the sun</i>
Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead us to acknowledge that Lent is a very special ‘calling’, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.
Marriage Matters: <i>Transformed by our love:</i> Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed!
Think Vocation: God the Father instructs us to listen to His Son. In our Lenten discipline, may we remember those who are discerning whether the Lord is calling them to serve in the Church through the priesthood or consecrated life. By our prayers and encouragement may they be helped to listen to the voice of the Lord rather than to other conflicting voices calling them elsewhere.

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
<i>Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037</i>
Next Week's Newsletter: Jan McIntyre 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 <i>[Further details overleaf]</i>

Parish Notices

Funeral: There is a Funeral Service for Rowland Agius on Thursday at Peel Green Crematorium at 11am. May he rest in peace.

CAFOD: Our special collection this weekend is for CAFOD, as a result of the Lent Fast Day on Friday. This Lent our donations 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. For further information on the work of CAFOD visit www.cafod.org.uk

Concert for CAFOD: The Brixi Singers, a Bolton choral group, are giving a Spring concert in Christ the King church, Walkden on Sunday, 12 March at 7pm to raise funds for CAFOD. Tickets cost £10. If you would like to support this event, please contact Delia Keville on 0161 789 5719 or (mobile) 07941 592113.

SVP Information Session: Thank you to Royston Colaço for the membership appeal at the Masses last weekend and thank you to those who signed up for further information. On Wednesday (8 March) at 7pm, there will be a presentation delivered at St Luke's for anyone looking to join or interested in the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Light refreshments will be served and the room will be warm, so come and see how you can help your parish with the SVP!

St Luke's UCM: Meeting on Wednesday 8 March at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Fairtrade Easter Sale: There will be a Fairtrade sale in the parish on the next two weekends. 11/12 March in St Luke's and 19 March in Ss. Peter and Paul's. Please support. Thank you.

Reconciliation: Congratulations to the children who celebrated Reconciliation for the first time last Wednesday. Please pray for them as they continue their preparation for First Communion.

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: This raised £120 for Parish funds and £58.80 for CAFOD (refreshments). Thanks to those who supported the event which was a most enjoyable evening!

Parish Craft Group: meets this Tuesday at St Peter and Paul at 1pm. Why not come along and join in preparations for Easter, share skills, learn some new ones and enjoy company. Tea and cake always on offer! Everyone 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!

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.

Bread of Life Lent (9.30 Mass)

Hymn 95 verses 2 & 3 plus

Our hunger for your Word, our thirsting for your truth,
are the sign of your life in us till we rest in you.

To those whose eyes are blind you give a light to see;
dawn of hope in the midst of pain, love which sets us free.

Lent 2023

The Future of Our Parish (Lent Course): Fr Michael and Fr Mark are leading a series of evenings on the Tuesdays of Lent (7.30-8.30pm) 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: The first of these Masses is this Wednesday (8 March) at 7.30pm at Lancashire Martyrs (Hallstead Avenue, Little Hulton M38 0DL), with confessions available from 7pm. The others are at St Teresa, Irlam (15th), St Mary, Eccles (22nd) and Ss Peter & Paul (29th and celebrated by Bishop John).

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 lunch this week is on 9 March here at St Luke's (in the Lounge of the Parish Centre). 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 10 March is entitled "Praising God in Creation with the Psalms." Please contact Sr Joan Kerley (joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816796) to reserve a place.

Diocesan Notices

Young Adults Mass: Join other young adults from across the diocese on Sunday 12 March for our next diocesan Young Adults Mass at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester. This month, the team is delighted to welcome Fr Chris Gorton as our main celebrant. Fr Chris will also be joining us for our social after Mass when he will share a short catechesis on the relationship between faith and science. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available between 4.45pm and 5.15pm before Mass at 5.30pm. All are very welcome to attend.

Young Adults Day Trip to York: Join Salford Youth Ministry and Manchester Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy on a fascinating journey of faith history as we travel to the historic city of York to explore more about how it has shaped the religious fabric of our nation, and to find out more about inspirational religious figures, such as St Margaret Clitherow. Saturday 18 March, 8am - 5pm, costing £20. Pick up points at Manchester University Chaplaincy and Salford Cathedral. For more information and to register, contact youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Hearing the Cry: Responding with Hope: This Lent, we are sharing our updated environment strategy – a positive new document setting out our diocesan response to our ecological crisis. The document begins with a powerful call from Bishop John, reminding us that caring for creation is an integral part of our Catholic faith – a faith grounded in hope. Despite the severity of the challenges we face, it is precisely this sense of hope that provides the building blocks for our strategy, highlighting the positive impact we can make within our diocese and the wider Christian community for the good of our common home. You can read the full document and supporting documents, including a Summary and Parish Roadmap, on the diocesan website (www.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@joewalshstours.co.uk