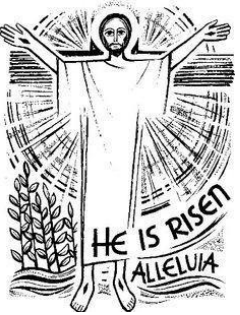




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Newsletter – 9 April 2023 Easter Sunday
Sunday – Easter Sunday Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 8pm (Easter Vigil) & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Monday – Easter Monday No Mass today
Tuesday – Easter Tuesday Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Lent Wednesday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – Easter Thursday Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Easter Friday – No Abstinence Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Easter Saturday Mass at SsPP 12noon No celebration of Reconciliation today
Sunday – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday 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 Pope Francis and John McDermottroe
Lately Dead: Andrew Cusson, Brian Donlan, Olive Ferguson, William Dunne, Oliver Hill, Terry Fox, Margaret Gallagher, Rita Owens, Clare Bruce, Archie Swift, Ginette Daly, Fr Bernard Charnock
Masses Received: Deceased members of the Ball, Dunne, Gallagher & Kehoe families, Julie Webster, Howard family, Special Intention, Priscilla Obinna (S), Brian Donlan & all who mourn, John McDermottroe & all the sick of the parish, Fr Mark's Intentions, Archie Swift (LD), Alan Roberts, Sloyan & Roberts family, McMannimon & Gravin family, Fr John Williams, Sr Gloria Olori, Ann Middleton (B), Thanksgiving to Our Lady
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Stephen, Droylsden, and for Fr Bernard Wilson, their parish priest, together with their parish primary school. May they experience the fullness of Easter joy.

Reflections for This Week
<p>"Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord."</p>  <p>When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days, this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!</p> <p>Marriage Matters: Love our spouse just as they are: The different behaviour patterns of Jesus' friends are well illustrated in these Scriptures. Jesus loved each of them exactly as they were, just as He loves each of us. Our challenge is to really love our spouse, just as they are, with all the differences that we have. It's a lifelong journey, but like Jesus' friends, our understanding can grow.</p> <p>Think Vocation: It is the Risen Lord Jesus who calls men to follow him and prepare for the sacred priesthood. At the Chrism Mass, all the priests were invited to renew their priestly promises made on their ordination day. Therefore, they are able to celebrate the Easter Sunday Mass today with renewed joy and commitment. As we renew our baptismal promises may we all truly celebrate our belief in the new life that comes through the Risen Lord Jesus.</p>

<p>FR MICHAEL, FR MARK AND FR FRANK WISH A VERY HAPPY & HOLY EASTER TO YOU ALL AND TO YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS</p> 
<p>Thank You: We are very grateful to those who have helped in any way with the services for Holy Week – those who have prepared our churches, organised rotas, stewarded, read or provided music and singing. Without your help, we would not have been able to celebrate these great events so worthily. Thank you also to those who attended.</p>

Parish Notices

SVP: Thank you for the £527.56 raised at the Mass on Maundy Thursday for the parish St Vincent de Paul Society and the work they do with those in need. A further £55 has been given via the Dona machines.



The next SVP bimonthly meeting is on Tuesday 11 April at 7pm in St Luke's parish room. Anyone considering becoming a new member is very welcome to attend. Let's keep the SVP active and flourishing in the parish. Any inquiries contact James Martin or Kevin Garner (07505 448072).

Shrines of Palestine: Thank you for the £529.55 raised on Good Friday to support the Holy Places associated with the events we have been celebrating this week, as well as supporting the small Christian community that lives in the Middle East. A further £40 has been given via Dona.

Dona: The option to make donations to both of these special collections (SVP or Shrines of Palestine) via the card machines in both churches will remain available for the coming week.

Thank you: for anonymous donations towards the church heating (including one for £1000) and the Easter flowers.

St Luke's UCM Meeting: this Wednesday 12 April 7pm in the Parish Centre.

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 07793 206251 or rita@mcnassociates.org.uk or buy online www.mikron.org.uk. The proceeds from this event will raise money for Salford Loaves & Fishes.

Diocesan Synod

At the Chrism Mass on Wednesday, Bishop John convoked a Diocesan Synod, to run alongside the remaining aspects of the Universal Synod called by Pope Francis and to reach its conclusion in 2025. In the formal decree, he wrote:

"As the Church of Salford, in full communion with the Bishop of Rome, we will embark upon a more intense listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in our Diocese so as to discern God's plan for our journey in the years to come."

"In convoking the Diocesan Synod, I am calling us to be bold and creative in listening to how the Spirit may be speaking to us today in Scripture, Tradition, and in the voices or those within and beyond our Catholic community."

He entrusted our synodal journey to the diocesan patrons, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph and he invites us to regularly say "Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey", as well as using this 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.

Deanery & Diocesan Notices



Divine Mercy Sunday: On Sunday 16 April, the Parish of St James and All Souls (Heywood Way, Salford, M6 5UJ) will have a Divine Mercy Mass with Devotions and confessions beforehand, from 2pm-4pm. All are welcome.

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood: The next Mass will take place at 7pm on Friday 21 April at Salford Cathedral. All are very welcome to attend. To find out more, please visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/monthly-vocations-masses/

Women Saints and Spirituality: Our next session takes place on Friday 21 April (10am-12.30pm) at Wardley Hall, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND and has a special focus on Catherine of Siena. Contact Sister Joan Kerley at joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816 796 to reserve a place. Find out more at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/women-saints-and-spirituality/

Walsingham 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 20 May. The cost is £45 for the day trip, £134 for an overnight stay in a Standard room and £150 for an En-Suite room. For more information, call 0161 817 2214 or email walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk and for our Youth Pilgrimage 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 0808 189 0468, or by email: info@jowalshstours.co.uk

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