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Newsletter – 10 September 2023
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Education Sunday
Sunday – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Education Sunday – Special Collection for the Catholic Education Service</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Monday – Weekday No Mass today
Tuesday – Weekday or The Most Holy Name of Mary Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Weekday or – St John Chrysostom Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast) Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm - Diamond Wedding Celebration
Friday – Our Lady of Sorrows Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Ss Cornelius and Cyprian Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Evangelii Gaudium Day – Special Collection for Home Mission</i> 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, especially Peter Carroll Lately Dead: Rose Lawrence, Graham Ashton, John McCarthy, Canon Denis Clinch, Steve Morris, Linda Ashton, Norren Flores Anniversaries: John Duffy, Thomas Cusack, Gerry Lyons Masses Received: Steve Morris (LD), Family of Emeka & Nnenna Egbebu, John Duffy (A), Josephine Warburton (BM), Gabrielle Jones (S), Linda Ashton (LD), Thomas Cusack (A), Gerry Lyons (A) Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the parishioners of the parishes of St Ambrose and St Bernadette, with Fr Peter Tierney, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, Loreto High School, and the Marist Sisters. May they be inspired by the example of St Ambrose Barlow, born in their parish, and helped by his prayers.

Diocesan Synod Prayer
<i>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.</i> <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for Us. St Joseph. Pray for Us.</i>

Reflections for This Week
<p>“No man is an island...” How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our ‘debt of mutual love’. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is ‘the answer to every one of the commandments.’.</p> <p>Marriage Matters: To listen is to Love: Matthew reminds us of Jesus’ promise “...where two or more meet in my name I will be with them”. In all the practical ways we look after each other, we are saying; ‘your concerns are my concerns’. Nothing is too small or insignificant in our marriage, and my beloved is beside me to call me back to our life together.</p> <p>Think Vocation: When two or more agree to ask the Father something, he hears it more pressingly. Why not start a private prayer campaign with another person to pray for somebody who may be discerning their vocation?</p>

Education Sunday
<p>Today is Education Sunday. The theme for 2023 is “Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them” (Taken from Matthew 18:20). We are encouraged to pray for all those involved in Catholic education, including, teachers, school staff, parents, governors and volunteers, and all those who contribute in some way.</p> <p>The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting Catholic education. The CES regularly negotiates on behalf of schools and dioceses with the Department for Education and Ofsted, to ensure Catholic schools are well represented. The special collection today will go towards the diocese’s contribution for the Catholic Education Service.</p> <p>Please pray also for our own schools as they start a new academic year, together with all our young people who will be starting (or returning to) college or university over the coming weeks.</p>

Financially Supporting Our Parish
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Next Week’s Newsletter: Please send notices before Wednesday Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Parish Notices

Diamond Wedding: We congratulate Catherine and Brian Ball who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday. They will renew their marriage vows at the 6.30pm Mass that day, which will be offered for them on this very special occasion.

Diocesan Synod: The two Synod Members who will be representing our parish are Lisa Walker and Ian Gifford. They were commissioned by Bishop John last Saturday, along with around 100 others. They will be working closely with Fr Michael and Fr Emmanuel to guide us through the various stages of the Synod process and encourage participation. Further details will follow shortly.

Confirmation 2024: The programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2023-2024 for our parish will begin in the autumn. The programme will be led by Sr Anna Yeo FDC, the Deanery Confirmation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, assisted by our parish catechists. If your child is in year 8 or above and has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation they are eligible to register for the programme. Please contact the priests to obtain a registration form either in person after Mass, by email at priests@ourladyomope.org.uk or phone on 0161 736 2696.

500 Club: Everyone who has applied for membership of the 500 Club over the past six months or so has been assigned a number with effect from the July draw. If you have not yet been told your number, you will be contacted very soon. We currently have around 130 members, so there are plenty more numbers available if anyone else wishes to join.

Parish Craft Group: Our next meeting is on Tuesday Sept 12 at Ss Peter and Paul. 1-3pm —all welcome to join in making items for the Christmas Fair, enjoying tea/coffee, cake, a chat and sharing and learning new skills! Why not come along?

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: This is the new name for Home Mission Sunday, which we will celebrate next weekend and we will have a special collection to support the missionary work of the Bishops' Conference here in England and Wales.

An Evening of Jazz and Pop Classics: with Dominique and Tim. Friday, 22 September, 8pm, St Luke's Parish Centre (doors 7.30pm, bar open). Tickets £8 each at back of church.

Charity Bingo & Quiz Night: 7.30pm on Saturday 7 October, St Luke's Parish Hall, Swinton Park Road, Salford. Tickets £5 per person (includes pasty & peas). For tickets contact Andy Martin 07931 381406 andyjmartin2002@yahoo.co.uk **ALL PROCEEDS RAISED TO GO TO THE ROYAL MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.**

Communion Under Both Kinds – Catechetical Reflection Seven

Due to the impact of Covid, there are some ongoing concerns/fears about receiving from the chalice. In agreeing that Communion under both kinds could be reintroduced, the Bishops Conference of England and Wales offered this advice: "Medical advice reassures us that the danger of infection is minimal when the chalice is made of precious metal, wine with a high alcohol content is used, and normal but effective purification of the vessel is performed between each communicant. As an extra precautionary measure, anyone suffering from Covid-19 or any similar illness (even flu and colds) should be advised to refrain from receiving from the chalice and may legitimately not attend Church on Sundays and Holydays."

Regarding the possibility of intinction, the bishops have decided to affirm the teaching in Celebrating the Mass (2005, #211) which states that this form of the reception of Holy Communion "is not recommended in England and Wales." Communicants are not

permitted to receive Holy Communion by "self-intinction" where having received the Sacred Host in the hand, they proceed to the Precious Blood and "dip" the host themselves into the chalice. This is taught clearly in the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM 287).

If we are to reintroduce Communion under both kinds (or indeed introduce it at St Luke's), there are some practical issues we will need to address. Most importantly, we will need to ensure we have enough Eucharistic Ministers who are happy to help with the chalice. We will also have to think about how to organise Communion in each church (currently flowing nicely with Communion under one kind)

Diocesan Notices

Season of Creation: Running from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October, this month-long celebration offers us time to reflect on the needs of our planet and what we can do in our communities to make a difference. For further information, resources, and prayers, please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news>

Young Adults Mass: Don't miss our next diocesan Mass for Young Adults as it returns to St Augustine's in Manchester (M15 6BW) following our World Youth Day pilgrimage! Canon Michael Cooke, Vicar General for the Diocese of Salford, will lead this month's celebration of Mass at 5.30pm on Sunday 10 September. Join us after Mass as we catch up over pizza and enjoy a talk from this month's inspiring guest speaker, Daniella Stephens. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before Mass (4.45 to 5.15pm). All are welcome!

Knights of St Columba National Relics Tour - Saint Andrew, Saint Margaret, Saint Columba. The Knights of St Columba are proud to be accompanying the sacred relics of Saints Andrew, Margaret, and Columba on a tour of churches across the country, including a number of parishes in our diocese. Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass in honour of the visit at St Mary's, Horwich, at 7pm on Monday 11 September. Find out more about the tour and where you can join in prayer at <https://ksc.org.uk/national-relics-tour-2023-september/>

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood: Each month, our diocesan vocations team travels to a different deanery to hold a special Mass for the future of the priesthood in our diocese. Our next Mass for Vocations is set to take place at 7pm on Thursday 14 September at St Monica's, Woodsend Road South, Flixton, M41 6QB. All are welcome to attend.

"Love for a Lifetime" - Marriage Preparation 2023 and 2024: Our diocesan Marriage Preparation team invites you to join them in their next Marriage Preparation Course. The course - taking place at St John Fisher's in Kearsley - is open to couples preparing for marriage across the diocese and will take place over two Saturday afternoon seminars. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/marriage/> for dates and further information.

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Salford is recruiting for a Safeguarding Administrator (Part-time, 12-month fixed-term contract) and a Communications Assistant (replacement role; Full time, 12-month fixed-term contract). Find out more: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>