



**Our Lady of Hope
Salford**

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

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Newsletter – 17 September 2023 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Evangelii Gaudium Day – Special Collection for Home Mission</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 St Januarius or St Theodore of Canterbury Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Ss Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and Companions Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast) Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – St Pius of Pietrelcina Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
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Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

Reflections for This Week
Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying “That’s it; you’ve just gone too far this time: never again? When Jesus says that we must forgive ‘seventy-seven’ times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn’t just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: ‘Father, forgive them...’ As his disciples, we must do likewise.
Marriage Matters: <i>The call to forgive:</i> How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today’s gospel, the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?
Think Vocation: Let us pray that those who are called by God to be instruments of His love and mercy in this world will have the courage and generosity to say yes, and receive the support of their families and friends

Prayers Requested
Sick: All who are sick, especially Peter Carroll
Lately Dead: Steve Morris, Linda Ashton, Norren Flores, Dennis Morris, Harold Jenner, Canon Kevin Kenny
Anniversaries: Mary O’Sullivan, Michael Wood, Terry Canning
Masses Received: Mary O’Sullivan (A), Dennis Morris (LD), St Luke’s UCM, Stephen Morris (LD), Deceased members of the Ball, Dunne, Kehoe & Gallagher families, Fr Joseph Loran, Maria Connor (BM), Harold Jenner (LD), Michael Wood (A), Terrie Lyons (BM), Eugene Rice (S), John Harold, Terry Canning (A)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St John Henry Newman, Urmston and Flixton, with Fr Kieren Mullarkey, their parish priest, Fr David Quiligotti and Deacon David Walsh. We pray for their parish primary schools, St Anthony’s High School and the Franciscan Community at All Saints, Barton. May they be a living sign of God’s forgiving love.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
This is the new name for Home Mission Sunday, which we celebrate this weekend. It reflects the title of the first apostolic exhortation published by Pope Francis, <i>The Joy of the Gospel</i> . It calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith to others.
Our special collection will support the work of the Mission Directorate of the Bishops’ Conference here in England and Wales. They are currently focussing on helping us all to prepare well for the Jubilee Year called by Pope Francis for 2025, with the theme <i>Pilgrims of Hope</i> .

Financially Supporting Our Parish
Contactless: The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)
Bank Details: TSDT Our Lady of Hope 50317403 20 55 34
Cheques: Payable to Our Lady of Hope <i>Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037</i>

ADVANCE NOTICE
Installing the new heating at St Luke’s Church requires some structural building work to enlarge the opening where the warm air is blown into the church and the creation of a similar opening above the other set of sacristy doors for the extraction/recirculation of that air. This is going to be messy and dusty work and will require scaffolding within the church.
Consequently, the church will be closed from Monday 25 September through to Saturday 30 September and the weekday Masses will transfer to Ss Peter and Paul for that week. Since SsPP Church is already in use on a Tuesday evening, the Tuesday Mass will be at 9.30am just that week.

Parish Notices

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@ourladyofhope.org.uk or phone on 0161 736 2696.

500 Club: We currently have around 130 members, so there are plenty more numbers available if anyone else wishes to join.

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.**

Mikron: The Mikron Theatre Company are back with us in October performing "A force to be reckoned with", a tale of pioneering women in the Police Force. Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets £12 online at Mikron.org.uk or by ringing 01484-843701. Proceeds to Parish funds. Always an entertaining night with a very talented cast!

Communion Under Both Kinds – Catechetical Reflection Eight

Whilst reflecting on (and of course receiving) Communion under both kinds will help us to understand more fully this great gift of the Eucharist, there is also another way we can develop our appreciation of and express our faith in this mystery. Eucharistic Adoration allows us to spend time in the company of Christ present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, whether that be times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed or having the option of calling into an open church to pray before Jesus present in the tabernacle. In an earlier reflection, we quoted from Bishop John's Pastoral Letter from October 2019. In that same pastoral letter, he also wrote:

"I would be very pleased to see times of Eucharistic Adoration being observed in all parishes. In some parishes where this has been promoted, many would feel that it has had a significant positive impact on the life and energy of the community. In the short term, adoration may be easily achieved for short periods, perhaps before or after Mass or other liturgies. This, of course, requires supervision and the constant presence of people. In the longer term, parishes may wish to consider permanent exposition, devised in a way that guarantees the security of the Blessed Sacrament. We already have a few parishes with small chapels dedicated to permanent exposition."

"In former times, so many of our churches remained open throughout the day and the present practice of closing churches, apart from the times they are used for Mass and other liturgies, is something that is greatly regretted by many people. Might parishes consider keeping churches open during the day when possible, with whatever security measures are needed?"

Perhaps we could reflect on these two ideas and how we might be able to implement them here in Our Lady of Hope

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, please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham: Saturday 23 September 3pm at St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 5HF. Our afternoon of prayer begins at 2.30pm with the Rosary, before Mass begins at 3pm. There will also be an opportunity for confession. Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass. The 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will be on Saturday 4 May.

"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 www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/marriage/ for dates and further information.

Hope in the Future Celebration Event: Tuesday 3 October 2023, 6:30pm - 9pm, The Edge, Riveredge, Wigan WN3 5AB. Join the Diocese of Salford's Formation Department for a special event celebrating our six-year Hope in the Future journey. The event will include inspiring talks from Bishop John and lay missionary Pippa Baker, music from creative worship group One Hope Project, opportunities for small-group discussions and idea sharing, and a quiet time of prayer led by Bishop John. The event is free of charge and open to all and is ideal for those who have been involved in Hope in the Future in their parish, deanery, or school, those who would like to learn more about it or begin their own journey, and for individuals seeking to grow as Missionary Disciples. Register your place at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hope-in-the-future-celebration-event/

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Salford is recruiting for a **Safeguarding Administrator** (Part-time, 12-month fixed-term contract), a **Communications Assistant** (replacement role; Full time, 12-month fixed-term contract), a **Financial Accountant** (replacement role; Full time, permanent) and an **Accounts Payable Officer** (replacement role; Full time, permanent). Find out more: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

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.

Next Week's Newsletter: Jan McIntyre

Please send notices before Wednesday

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