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Newsletter – 24 September 2023 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>World Day of Migrants and Refugees</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
TEMPORARY CHURCH CLOSURE
A reminder that St Luke's Church will be closed this week (Monday 25 to Saturday 30 September) to allow for some building work to be done in connection with the new heating system. Weekday Masses will be at Ss Peter and Paul. The Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday are Requiem Masses.
Monday – Weekday – No Mass today
Tuesday – Weekday or Ss Cosmas & Damian Requiem Mass for Anne Smith at SsPP 12.45pm
Wednesday – St Vincent de Paul Requiem Mass for Brian Potkin at SsPP 9.30am
Thursday – Weekday or St Wenceslaus or Ss Laurence Ruiz & Companions Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast) Mass at SsPP 9.30am
Saturday – Ss Jerome 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/

Prayers Requested
Sick: Mike Gilbert, Peter Carroll and all who are sick.
Lately Dead: Steve Morris, Linda Ashton, Norren Flores, Dennis Morris, Harold Jenner, Canon Kevin Kenny, Anne Smith, Brian Potkin, Margaret Taylor
Anniversaries: Mary O'Sullivan, Alice Bickley, Nicholas Raymond, Molly Franco, Bob Haydock, Albert Bibby, Patch Cusack
Masses Received: Alice Bickley (A), Nicholas Raymond (A), Anne Smith (LD), Special Intention, Bob Haydock (A), Albert Bibby (A), Patch Cusack (A), Matthew Kerrane (BM)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Bernard, Burnage, for Mgr Michael Kujacz, their parish priest, and Fr Joseph Ojelabi, and for their parish primary school. May they be a community which always seeks the Lord.

Financially Supporting Our Parish
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Reflections for This Week
We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways; God's thought are not our thoughts.
Marriage Matters: 'My thoughts are not your thoughts': God can put thoughts into our minds, but how can we ensure these make a difference to our lives? St Paul says, "Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ": for example, the need to measure what we contribute within the relationship. Our Sacrament isn't a 50/50 arrangement but a 100%/100% unconditional commitment.
Think Vocation: The Lord rewards those who follow vocations faithfully from a point later in life with the same reward as those who began in youth. May those who do not have the courage to respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life be given fulfilment and peace in whatever way they live their lives.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees
This special day is celebrated every year on the last Sunday of September. It is an opportunity to learn more about refugees and migrants on the move, to pray for them as a community, and work together for positive change.
The theme of this year's WDMR is "free to choose whether to migrate or to stay". In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that the decision to move is not always voluntary. He urges us to help build peace and stability in places where people are being forced to move. "Migrants flee because of poverty, fear or desperation. Eliminating these causes and thus putting an end to forced migration calls for shared commitment on the part of all, in accordance with the responsibilities of each."
Today, many people have no choice but to leave their homes, and on these journeys are treated without respect. For example, for the vast majority of people who seek asylum in the UK, there are no safe and accessible routes. People are thus forced to make dangerous journeys to come to the UK, and often face punishment and hostility for the way they travelled here. Many asylum seekers are detained or forced into years of destitution. Instead, Pope Francis encourages us to offer welcome and hospitality to those that are forced to move, to treat them as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Next Week's Newsletter: Margaret Haydock
Please send notices before Wednesday
Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Parish Notices

Father Mark: Fr Mark has now joined his new parish in Heaton Mersey. If anyone would like to contribute to a leaving present for him there will be a collection at the end of each Mass over the next two weekends. Thank you.

Funerals: There is a Requiem Mass for Anne Smith on Tuesday at Ss Peter and Paul at 12.45pm and a Requiem Mass for Brian Potkin on Wednesday at Ss Peter and Paul at 9.30am. May they rest in peace.

Sacramental Programme 2023-2024: If your child has been baptised and is in year 3 or above and has not yet made their First Holy Communion or First Reconciliation, they are eligible to take part in our Sacramental Programme this year. If they are NOT AT ST LUKE'S, please contact us by email at priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or telephone on 0161 736 2696 to register for the programme. For those whose children are at St Luke's school a letter will be sent in the coming weeks via the school.

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.

Eritrean Orthodox Church: This community of Christians, who previously met in an Anglican church in Eccles, have been without a place to worship for some time. We have agreed (initially on a trial period) that they can meet in St Luke's Church on a Saturday morning. They will be using the church for 6am to 12noon and will be making a payment to the parish for this use.

Special Collections: The recent retiring collections raised £418.20 for the Catholic Education Service and £325.03 for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Thank you for your contributions.

500 Club: Congratulations to our August winners: Michael Lawton (174) £142; Audrey Brassloff (191) £71; Jonathan Palmer (107) £71.

Charity Bingo & Quiz Night: All tickets have now been sold and entrance is by ticket only.

Ss Peter & Paul's UCM Afternoon Tea: We raised £995.33 for charities including The De Paul Society and Little Sisters of the Poor Plymouth Grove. A special thank you to all supporters and helpers.

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 Nine

In March 2004, as part of the Diocese of Shrewsbury's Year of the Eucharist, Bishop Brian Noble gave a talk which focused on different aspects of the Eucharist. In speaking about why the custom of receiving Communion under both kinds had been re-introduced into the life of the Church, he said: "The cup and its

contents - "poured out" for us - reinforces our understanding that it is the risen, yet crucified Christ that we receive: "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?" (1 Cor 10:16) wrote St Paul; and to take the chalice and drink, can be a powerful reminder to us of the cost of our discipleship. Remember Jesus' words to James and John after their request to have places on his right and left: "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?" (Mk 10:38)

Bishop Noble drew his talk to an end with these words: "...let me suggest three ingredients for what we might call Eucharistic Devotion. The first is simply reflection - a prayerful calling to mind of our Eucharistic Faith - maybe going back in our imaginations to the Last Supper and the events that followed; or to the experience of the Emmaus disciples. Or perhaps taking one or other of the Eucharistic Prayers and considering its content prayerfully - all of which can be gateways to deeper appreciation. And that will surely bring us to a second ingredient - namely, gratitude and a prayer of thankfulness. Gratitude for all that the Lord has done; gratitude for the change and transformation He's achieved on our behalf; gratitude for all He's given. And finally, from thankfulness to a prayer of commitment - to his Way, his Truth and Himself as our Life. "When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory" - "Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev 22:20).

The full text of Bishop Noble's talk is available at www.liturgyooffice.org.uk/Resources/Synod/XI/Noble.shtml

Diocesan Notices

Season of Creation: Join us this October as we bring our Season of Creation to a close with a prayerful service reflecting on how we might live out our role as stewards of creation in our diocese. Wednesday 4 October, 7pm at St John Fisher's, Manchester Road, Kearsley, BL4 8QQ. Find out more at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/season-of-creation-service/

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/

Caritas Salford: Our diocesan charity, has launched a brand new website, packed full of information on how you can support people in your local community, as well as useful free resources, events and other ways to get involved. You can visit the website now at www.caritassalford.org.uk and you can also sign up to their e-newsletter by filling in the box at the bottom of the website homepage if you'd like to receive regular news on their activities.

Caritas Salford, is looking for more volunteers to support its work across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. There are a range of different opportunities available to meet individual needs and skillsets, and full training and support is given every step of the way. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Matt Yates: m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk or visit the Caritas website: www.caritassalford.org.uk