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Newsletter – 3 September 2023 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Monday – Weekday or St Cuthbert No Mass today
Tuesday – Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – Weekday Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Weekday or St Peter Claver Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Education Sunday – Special Collection for the Catholic Education Service</i> Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

Reflections for This Week
A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.
Marriage Matters: <i>The 'sign' of growth is change:</i> St Paul urges us to think of God's mercy and change the way we behave so that the will of God is visible in us. As husbands and wives, we can help each other in this endeavour, so that a renewed and deeper love is revealed in our relationship and, in turn, reflected out to our family, friends and community.
Think Vocation: We pray that none of us will stand in the way of the men and women who are called to take up their cross and follow Jesus.

Prayers Requested
Sick: All who are sick, especially Peter Carroll
Lately Dead: Anne Ryder, Henny Tan, Rose Lawrence, Graham Ashton, John McCarthy, Canon Denis Clinch
Anniversaries: Tom Riley
Masses Received: Marie Wardle (BM), Breda Herlithy (S), Nora O'Sullivan (S), Tom Riley (A), UCM
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of Our Lady and St Alphonsus parish, Moss Side and Old Trafford, with Fr Pat Deegan, their parish priest and Dean. We pray for the parish primary schools, Loreto Sixth Form College, and the work of Cornerstone and the Morning Star Hostel. As they celebrate this week the Birthday of Our Blessed Lady may they, with St Alphonsus, honour her as Mother of Mercy.

Parish Notices
St Luke's Heating: Work begins this week to install the new heating system and it will take about four weeks to complete.
Social and Community Group: The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 4 September at St Luke's Parish Hall. Please come to join us - all welcome!
Rosary Devotion: Weekly Rosary will resume at Ss Peter and Paul's Church at 6pm on 7 September before evening Mass.
Ss Peter & Paul's UCM Afternoon Tea: Tickets (£10) are now on sale for the afternoon tea on 10 September at St Luke's Parish Hall 2pm until 4pm. Everybody welcome. Looking forward to a great afternoon.
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.

Welcome
This week we welcome Fr Emmanuel Chukwujekwu as the new Assistant Priest in our parish. He has already celebrated some Masses and attended meetings here over the past few weeks and Fr Mark has been inducting him into various aspects of parish life. He will be resident at St Luke's Presbytery from Tuesday evening. At present, he is learning to drive but, in the meantime, it would be great if some parishioners were willing to offer him lifts around the parish as the need arises.

Communion Under Both Kinds – Catechetical Reflection Six

Since we believe that what we receive in Holy Communion is truly the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus, it demands our utmost respect, both in the way we receive, but also in the way we refer to it. Before the Consecration, when the Celebrant says 'Take this, all of you, and eat of it...' and 'Take this, all of you, and drink from it...' it is bread and wine. But after the Consecration it is the Body of Christ (under the appearance of bread) and the Blood of Christ (under the appearance of wine), and so we should call it the Body of Christ or 'the Sacred Host' and the Blood of Christ or 'the Precious Blood'. We should never refer to communion as "eating the bread" or "drinking the wine."

True reverence for the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist goes beyond our manner of receiving or talking, it must change us too. As Pope Francis has said: '... the Eucharist does not end with the partaking of the Body and Blood of the Lord. It leads us to solidarity with others. The communion with the Lord is necessarily a communion with our fellow brothers and sisters ...Those nourished by the Eucharist are called to bring the joy of the gospel to those who have not received it. Strengthened by the living Bread we are called to bring hope to those who live in darkness and in despair.'

After receiving communion we should not leave church immediately, but should kneel or sit and make our thanksgiving, either by joining in a hymn or by praying quietly. And remember, when you do leave church, the Lord Jesus, whose Body and Blood you have consumed, will go with you!

Diocesan Synod

At the Chrism Mass 2023, Bishop John convoked our Diocesan Synod, inviting us all to prayerfully discern how we can best address the changing needs of our diocesan community. A Diocesan Synod is an opportunity for the bishop, clergy, and lay-people of our diocese to come together in a spirit of prayer, discerning what God is asking of His Church in our Diocese.

Members have been nominated to represent each parish and deanery. Training and resources have been provided for Members on the skills of listening and discernment. Bishop John has led a time of prayer in each deanery. The Members have been commissioned at a special service this Saturday (2 September).

From October 2023 – January 2024 we will embark on our Big Listen where we will all reflect on what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Church in Salford at this time. Further details of how you and your family and friends can take part will be distributed this month.

Please remember our Diocesan Synod in your prayers:
*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.*

For more information, please visit:
www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/
or email synod@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Diocesan Notices

Season of Creation: This returns for another year, inviting Christians across the globe to come together in prayer and action for the good of our common home. 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>

Canon Denis Clinch RIP: Some of you will have known Canon Clinch who was the parish priest of St Mary's (The Hidden Gem) in Manchester City Centre for 39 years (until he retired in 2014). He died on 25 August. His body will be received into The Hidden Gem for concelebrated Mass at 7pm on Thursday 7 September. Bishop John will celebrate the Requiem Mass there on Friday 8 August at 12.30pm, May he rest in peace.

Education Sunday: Next weekend we have this Day of Special Prayer in England and Wales. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the academic year ahead. We will have a special collection to support the Catholic Education Service.

Diocesan 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: An exciting opportunity to pray before the relics of three inspiring saints is heading to our diocese this month. 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.

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