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Newsletter – 1 October 2023
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
CONTINUED CHURCH CLOSURE
Unfortunately, the building work has not progressed smoothly, so St Luke's Church will need to be closed again this week (Monday 2 to Saturday 7 October) and the weekday Masses will be at Ss Peter and Paul.
Monday – The Holy Guardian Angels No Mass today
Tuesday – Weekday Mass at SsPP 9.30am – <i>Note morning Mass not evening</i>
Wednesday – St Francis of Assisi Mass at SsPP 9.30am
Thursday – Weekday or St Faustina Kowalska Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Weekday or St Bruno – <i>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i> Mass at SsPP 9.30am
Saturday – Our Lady of the Rosary Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Collection for CAFOD</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: Mike Gilbert, Peter Carroll and all who are sick.
Lately Dead: Dennis Morris, Harold Jenner, Canon Kevin Kenny, Anne Smith, Brian Potkin, Margaret Taylor, Armando Battiston
Anniversaries: Julie Webster
Masses Received: Julie Webster (A), Emeke & Nnenna Egbebu, Phyliss Nolan (In Memory), Alan Roberts, Special Intention to Our Lady, Armando Battiston (LD)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the parish and parishioners of Holy Family, Denton, and for their new parish priest, Fr Peter Hapgood-Strickland. May the Lord bless them as they seek to reflect the love of God in their community.

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

Reflections for This Week
Once a sinner, always a sinner. That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.
Marriage Matters: <i>Maintain a common purpose:</i> Remember our courting days and the long, thrilling conversations we had about our future together. They were part of our falling in love and of establishing a common purpose in married life. St Paul reminds us of the mark of a Christian: "Be united in your convictions and your love, with a common purpose and a common mind."
Think Vocation: St Paul speaks today of the need to have a common purpose and a common mind. Our Christian vocation should lead us to discover and carry out God's purpose for us. Our minds should focus on Christ which will lead us to put other people first and purify ourselves of conceit.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Friday is Family Fast Day, a day we can pray, give and eat simply in solidarity with our global family. With extreme disasters like flooding happening more and more, whatever support we can give is needed now more than ever. The work of CAFOD, undertaken with our support, embodies the love of Christ himself, addressing the biggest needs of humanity and caring for our common home with our response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. CAFOD's work is faith put into action.
There will be a special collection next weekend to gather in whatever donations you want to give as a result of the Fast Day on Friday. If you use one of the special envelopes, you can gift-aid your donation if you are a tax payer. The envelopes also enable you to set up a more regular gift to CAFOD through direct debit.

Next Week's Newsletter: Liz Connolly
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 this weekend. Thank you.

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.

Social and Community Group: The next meeting will be held Monday, 2 October, 7pm at Ss P&P Church. We will be discussing the Christmas Fair amongst other items. All welcome - come and give us your support!

Parish Craft Group: The next meeting of the group will be on Tuesday 3 October at Ss Peter and Paul 1-3. All welcome to come along, see what we are doing to make items for the Christmas Fair, share a cuppa and cake!

UCM News: The next meeting of Ss Peter and Paul Foundation is to be held on Thursday 5 October at 7pm at Ss Peter and Paul Church. Ladies from St Luke's UCM foundation and Ladies from the parish are all very welcome to join us
Guest Speaker: The National Council of Catholic Women.

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

Ss Peter & Paul's UCM Afternoon Tea: Of the £995.33 raised, £450 was given to the Little Sisters of the Poor, £450 to the De Paul Trust and £93.55 to the parish. Many thanks.

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!

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Names are now being taken for the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Date 24th – 31st October 2024. A poster is available at the back of each church. For further information and booking form please contact Kathleen Playfair on 07910 050514 or k18ucm@gmail.com

St Luke's Preschool at the Parish centre: Tuesday to Friday sessions still available. Funding available for 2, 3 and 4 year old children. Contact Preschool manager Andrea for further information on 07962 237468

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

Open Days: The two Catholic Sixth-Form Colleges in Manchester are holding Open Days for prospective students and their families to have a look around and explore what might be possible for the next stage of their education. At Loreto College (Chichester Road South, Manchester M15 9PB) these are on Saturday 7 October and Sunday 15 October between 10am-12noon and 1pm-3pm. They are on the same dates at Xaverian College (Lower Park Road, Manchester M14 5RB) between 10.30am-2pm. Further details are available via the websites: www.loreto.ac.uk or www.xaverian.ac.uk