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Newsletter – 15 October 2023
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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CHURCH CLOSURE
This week, St Luke's church will be closed after the Wednesday morning Mass until Saturday. So the Friday Mass will again be transferred to Ss Peter and Paul.
Monday – Weekday or St Hedwig or St Margaret Mary Alacoque No Mass today
Tuesday – St Ignatius of Antioch Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – St Luke (Patronal Feast for our Church) Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am – Whole School Mass
Thursday – Weekday or Ss John Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions or St Paul of the Cross Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Weekday Mass at SsPP 9.30am
Saturday – Weekday or Our Lady on Saturday Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>World Mission Sunday – Special Collection for Missio</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: Margaret Taylor, Armando Battiston, Kathleen Cardwell, Stanley Fearnough, Laura Nzemezie
Anniversaries: Kathleen Watson, John Flanagan, Christopher Walsh, Brian McNulty, Elaine & Christian Mayers, Isabelle Lyons
Masses Received: Peter Loughheed (Birthday), Kathleen Watson (A), John Flanagan (A), Personal Intentions, Catholic Church & Success of the Synod, Family Life, Christopher Walsh (A), Brian McNulty (1st A), Laura Nzemezie (LD), Elaine & Christian Mayers (A), Isabelle Lyons (A), Patsy Griffin (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Catherine of Siena, Disbury, and Fr John Hitchen, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, for the Barlow High School and for Francis House Children's Hospice. May they trust always in the strength of God.

Reflections for This Week
The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church and we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us
Marriage Matters: <i>Add another stitch:</i> God our Father invites us all to His great wedding feast in heaven! In living out our married life, we have been making our wedding garments! It is woven, sewn and stitched with all the little acts of loving kindness, long forgotten, the courtesies in every little action we show toward each other, our children, family and friends.
Think Vocation: We are all called to holiness; we are called to be saints. Every state in life must be focused on weaving the garment of grace necessary to enter the banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Pastoral Letter
This weekend, we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop John in which he speaks to us about the Diocesan Synod and encourages our participation. He also speaks to us about the latest exhortation from Pope Francis – <i>Laudate Deum</i> – which reminds us of the challenges we face, locally and globally, as a result of climate change.
Celebration for Fr Mark
We have invited Fr Mark back here for the celebration of 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 28 October followed by some light refreshments in the parish centre. This will give us opportunity to make a presentation to him and thank him properly for all that he contributed to our parish during the five years he was here. The following Friday (3 November) he will be having his Mass of Induction at his new parish at 7pm. All are welcome.
Ruby Jubilee
Plans are underway for the celebration of Fr Michael's 40 years of priesthood. There will be a special Mass at St Luke's at 3pm on Sunday 5 November (his actual anniversary) followed by refreshments in the parish centre. There is an open invitation to parishioners to attend.

Parish Notices

CAFOD: Thank you for your contributions to the special collection last weekend which raised £647.65 to support the work of CAFOD, following from the previous Friday's Fast Day.

Quiz Night: The Martin family would like to thank everyone who supported this event last Saturday night. The final total raised was £1100 with all proceeds going to the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Your support is very much appreciated. We should also thank the Martin family for organising this entertaining evening.

Sacramental Programme 2023-2024: Please pray for the children who are participating in this year's programme, which begins with the 9.30am Mass this Sunday followed by their first session with the catechists.

Mikron: The Mikron Theatre Company are returning to St Luke's Parish Centre on 18 October at 7.30pm. All proceeds will be for Our Lady of Hope Parish. Tickets £12.00. "A Force to be Reckoned with". To reserve tickets, contact Rita McNamara by email: rita@mcmassociates.org.uk /mobile 07793206251. Tickets can be reserved and paid for on the night at the door.

Parish Meeting: On Wednesday 8 November (7.30pm to 9pm) we will have a meeting that is open to all members of the parish. It will be a chance to be updated on various aspects of parish life and the work of the Parish Advisory and Coordinating Team. We will meet in the parish centre.

Ecumenical Quiz: The Churches on the Height are organising a Quiz Night and Raffle on Friday 10 November at 7.30pm in our parish centre (at St Luke's). Admission is £4 per person and the proceeds will go to CAFOD and Christian Aid,

Mass of Remembrance: This year's Remembrance Mass will be at Ss Peter & Paul's on Saturday 11 November at 12noon. There will be a list at the back of both churches; if you would like to have your deceased family or friend remembered during the Mass, please add them to our list. Refreshments will be available after Mass. All welcome. *The Bereavement Group*

Confirmation 2024: Please submit any further registration forms as soon as possible. If you still need to obtain a form, please contact the priests either in person after Mass, by email at priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or phone on 0161 736 2696.

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.

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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Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

Next Week's Newsletter:

Please send notices before Wednesday
 Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Diocesan Notices

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood: Friday 20 October, 7pm at St Edward's, Spring Lane, Lees, OL4 5AJ. 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. Whether you're discerning a vocation to the priesthood, know someone who is, or would like to pray for vocations to our diocese, we would love to see you there!

Hope in the Future Legacy Booklet: We are delighted to share with you our Hope in the Future Legacy Booklet, which follows our journey over the past six years and provides resources and information for parishes wishing to continue or begin their own project. You can view a copy of the booklet online at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Hope-in-the-Future-Legacy-Booklet.pdf>

Diocesan Day Retreat - The Feeding of the 5,000: Wednesday 18 October, 11.30am - 3pm at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall. The Diocese of Salford's Department for Formation is delighted to announce the return of its regular day retreat programme. Join experienced retreat leader Donna Worthington as she explores the Gospel story of The Feeding of the 5,000 in our first session. Retreats cost £20 per person and booking ahead is advised. Please contact the parish office on 01772 335387 or email office@saintgerards.org.uk to book your place.


World Mission Sunday

This takes place on 22 October when the whole Church unites through prayer for its missionary activity and collects funds to support Catholic communities across the world who are experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move' (based on Luke 24). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for 'everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone.'

Donations and prayers on this day have a direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. Our donations help build the Church, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission in often dangerous and remote places. Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity.

For more information about World Mission Sunday and how you can get involved, please visit <https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2023/>

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