

# Newsletter – 28 October 2023 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **PARTIAL CHURCH CLOSURE**

Work at St Luke's church is still not complete. However, we will be able to use the church for Masses on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. The Friday morning Mass will be a Requiem Mass at Ss Peter and Paul.

Monday – Weekday

No Mass today

Tuesday – Weekday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm

Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm – Vigil Mass for All Saints

## Wednesday - All Saints (Holyday of Obligation)

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am (School attending) Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Thursday - All Souls

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

**Friday** – Weekday or St Martin de Porres or St Winifride

Requiem Mass for Patricia Sheader at SsPP 9.30am

Saturday – St Charles Borromeo

Mass at SsPP 12noon

Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday - Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Fr Michael's Ruby Jubilee Mass at SL & live-streamed 3pm

Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

#### **Prayers Requested**

**Sick:** Mike Gilbert, Peter Carroll and all who are sick.

Lately Dead: Laura Nzemezie, Valentine Cleary, Eddie

McCafferty, James McCafferty, Jack Whitley

Anniversaries: Ellen Scott, Mary Raymond, Kenneth Walsh,

Steven Lownie, Sheelagh Byrne

Masses Received: Gabrielle Jones (S), Ellen Scott (A), Mary Raymond (A), Eddie McCafferty (LD), James McCafferty (LD), The Broadbent Family, Kenneth Walsh (A), Jack Whitley (LD), Steven Lownie (A), Eugene Rice (S), Sheelagh Byrne (A)

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** We pray for the parishioners of St Winifred's, Heaton Mersey, and for Fr Mark Paver, their parish priest. Let us pray for the parish primary school, for Stella Maris school and for the Sisters of Charity of St Paul. May they be a community built firm on love of God and neighbour.



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## **Reflections for This Week**

When you look at something like the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and see its 691 pages, or look at the 2,000 pages of the big Jerusalem Bible, you can be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is a complicated affair. But Jesus reminds us today that it is essentially very simple: everything can be summed up in two basic rules: love God, love your neighbour. Exodus backs this up, by talking about the simple love that we must show to each other. Not that this is easy - love is always costly, and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do, like the people of Thessalonica, we become a great example to people everywhere.

Marriage Matters: How can I best love you today? In today's gospel Jesus says love should be at the centre of our lives, so we must ask 'How can I best love my partner today?' To know how our partner experiences our love best, we need to explore together whether it is through compliments, special time together, presents or acts of service, or simple hugging and kissing.

**Think Vocation:** God wants you to love him with everything — with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. Meditate on that "all" and how you can reach closer to it in your vocation.

#### Celebration for Fr Mark

Fr Mark will join us for the 6.30pm Mass this Saturday (28 October) followed by some light refreshments in the parish centre. Next Friday (3 November) he will be having his Mass of Induction as Parish Priest at 7pm at St Winifred's, Mauldeth Road, Heaton Mersey, Stockport SK4 3NB. All are welcome.

#### Church Heating at St Luke's

The installation of new heating for St Luke's Church is, of course, a major project but it has taken a lot longer than anyone anticipated. The original estimate was 3 to 4 weeks but it has now taken 8 weeks and will take most of next week too. In addition to completing the installation and commissioning the system, the contractors also need to repaint the two walls in church where they have installed the new vents. This means there will be scaffolding up in church and some benches cordoned off for the Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday.

# Diocesan Synod - The Big Listen

In his recent Pastoral Letter, Bishop John encouraged us all to take part in this stage of the Diocesan Synod ourselves and to find ways of involving other people who perhaps don't come to church very often. Our parish Synod Members have issued an invitation to one of two sessions that will take place over the coming weeks. Please do respond to that invitation.

#### **Parish Notices**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Beginning this week, there will be a weekly opportunity for quiet prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evenings (6-6.30pm), prior to the evening Mass at St Luke's.

**Funeral:** There is a Requiem Mass for Patricia Sheader on Friday at Ss Peter and Paul at 9.30am. May she rest in peace.

**Ruby Jubilee:** A reminder that you are all welcome to attend the special Mass at 3pm next Sunday afternoon, which will be followed by refreshments in the parish centre.

**Missio:** Thank you for your contributions to the special collection last weekend, which amounted to £484.59 (including £10 via the Dona machine at SsPP; there was a problem with the machine at SL).

**Mikron:** In addition to the money raised for parish funds, the donations for refreshments that evening also raised £24 for CAFOD. Many thanks.

**SLIDE:** Many thanks for all subs and donations received this year. We have sent £1,500 to Fr Joseph and £500 to Dr Arogy Mary.

Parish Craft Group: The next meeting of the craft group will be on Tuesday 31 October at Ss Peter and Paul (1-3pm), Why not come along and join in making items for the forthcoming Christmas Fair? Tea and cake always available!

**UCM (SsPP):** Our next meeting is on Thursday 2 November after the 6.30pm Mass. Everybody 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 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* 

**Elvis Night:** In aid of parish funds. St Luke's Parish Hall, 7.30pm, 25th November. Tickets £12 each. Available from Fran, 07791 081260 and after Mass at the back of Ss Peter and Paul's Church.

Christmas Fair and Draw: The Christmas Fair will be on 2 December in the Parish Centre. If you are able to provide a prize for the Christmas Draw, please sign the sheet in the porch at both churches. Proceeds as usual to be shared between the Parish and School. Many thanks for your support!

#### **Deanery and Diocesan Notices**

Mass at Wardley Cemetery: The Salford Deanery of St John has organised a Mass at Wardley Cemetery Chapel on the Feast of All Souls (Thursday 2 November) at 11.30am. Please note that, on this occasion, the Mass is at 11.30 am not the more usual 11am.

Diocesan Young Adults Mass - The Big Listen: Sunday 12 November, 5.30pm at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester, M15 6BW. Young adults from across the diocese are invited to join us this November as we turn our attention to our diocesan synod at our next monthly Mass. Fr David Yates, Director of Salford Youth and Young Adults Ministry, will lead our celebration of Mass before handing over to our young adult synod representatives, who will conduct The Big Listen exercise for our diocesan synod. Find out more at:

https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/young-adults-nov-23/

Memorial Mass: Wednesday 15 November at 7pm at Holy Name Church, Oxford Road, M13 9PG. This November, the Manchester Hospitals RC Chaplaincy Team is holding a special Mass to remember all who have died at Manchester Foundation Trust Hospitals. All are welcome join for the celebration of Mass and for refreshments afterwards.

Queen of Peace Prayer Group: A new monthly prayer group is set to begin in Rochdale with a special focus on praying for peace. The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet once a month at Sacred Heart Church in Rochdale (OL16 5BX). The first meeting takes place on Saturday 18 November and will begin at 10am with a welcome session and a talk on Our Lady's messages and the Five Stones of Medjugorje. This will be followed by adoration, praying the Rosary for peace, and the opportunity for confession. The morning will come to a close with midday Mass. All are welcome to join.

Laudato Si': The Diocese of Salford's environment hub - the Laudato Si' Centre - is looking for new recruits to join its team of volunteers. This flexible, rewarding opportunity can be on a regular or ad hoc basis as the team works to develop the Centre's beautiful walled garden and woodland areas, set within the grounds of Wardley Hall. To find out more, email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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## **Financially Supporting Our Parish**

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**Cheques:** Payable to Our Lady of Hope *Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037* 

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