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Newsletter – 8 October 2023
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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CONTINUED CHURCH CLOSURE
The building work at St Luke's is more complicated than they expected. So, we need to keep the church closed for another week (Monday 9 to Saturday 14 October) to enable them to create the second vent in the gable wall. Weekday Masses will again be transferred to Ss Peter and Paul.
Monday – St John Henry Newman (Feast) No Mass today
Tuesday – Weekday or St Denis & Companions or St John Leonardi or St Paulinus of York Mass at SsPP 9.30am – <i>Note morning Mass not evening</i>
Wednesday – Weekday or St John XXIII Requiem Mass for Margaret Taylor at SsPP 11.30am
Thursday – Weekday or St Wilfrid Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Weekday or St Edward the Confessor Mass at SsPP 9.30am
Saturday – Weekday or St Callistus 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: Anne Smith, Brian Potkin, Margaret Taylor, Armando Battiston, Kathleen Cardwell, Stanley Fearnough
Anniversaries: Stan Ollieuz, Patrick Hayes, Thomas Hayes, Brian McNulty, Philip James Jordan, Marie King (nee Burchill)
Masses Received: Stan Ollieuz (A), Stanley Fearnough (LD), Patrick Hayes (A), Thomas Hayes (A), Brian McNulty (1st A), Philip James Jordan (1st A), Barbara Hobson (50 years of UCM membership), Marie King (nee Burchill) (1st A), UCM, Pat & Alan Farr (60th Wedding Anniversary)
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Mary and St John Fisher, Denton, with Fr Joe Gee, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for St Thomas More High School. May the God of peace be with them.

Reflections for This Week
<p>Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So, the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heart-breaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So, it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?</p> <p>Marriage Matters: <i>Loving and honouring each other and the Lord:</i> When you married you took each other for better, for worse. God experienced the 'worse' when his 'bride', the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The 'worse' for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the 'worst' in you.</p> <p>Think Vocation: St Paul tells us that if there is anything that we need we should pray for it. Quite often we confuse asking for what we need with what we want. Let us always make sure that we pray for other people not just ourselves and that we always pray for what is needed. May God's will be done and not our own.</p>

Diocesan Synod
<p>This weekend, Lisa Walker and Ian Gifford (the synod members for our parish) will be speaking briefly at the 6.30pm and 8am Masses about how we will be undertaking the first stage of the Synod – The Big Listen. They will speak at the 9.30am and 11am Masses on Sunday 22 October. On the weekend in between (14/15 October), there will be a Pastoral Letter from Bishop John about the Synod.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</p> <p>There will be a special collection this 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 taxpayer. The envelopes also enable you to set up a more regular gift to CAFOD through direct debit.</p>

Parish Notices

Prisoners Sunday: This weekend we have this official day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children, those who too often find themselves on the fringes of society. This year's theme "Today you will be with me in paradise" reminds us of the promise made by Jesus to the convicted criminal crucified beside him.

Funeral: There is a Requiem Mass for Margaret Taylor on Wednesday at Ss Peter and Paul at 11.30am. May she rest in peace.

Diamond Wedding: Congratulations to Pat and Alan Farr who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week.

Jazz Night: Thank you to Dominique and Tim for their support of Our Lady of Hope Parish. Thank you also to all who attended this very enjoyable event. £501 was raised for parish funds.

UCM News: St Luke's UCM meeting this Wednesday, 11 October at 7 pm in the Community Centre.

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.

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.

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 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

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Next Week's Newsletter:

Please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Diocesan Notices

Young Adults Mass: Sunday 8 October, 5.30pm (confessions between 4.45pm - 5.15pm) at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester, M15 6BW. Our diocesan Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's this October with a visit from youth chaplain Fr Richard Howard. Fr Richard will lead us in the celebration of Mass before we enjoy the chance to catch up over pizza and another fascinating faith-based talk! As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before Mass. All are welcome to join!

Hope in the Future Legacy Booklet: Thank you to everyone who joined the diocesan Department for Formation for its Hope in the Future Celebration last week and to all who have been involved in the programme. 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>

Let's End Poverty Regional Assembly - Caritas Salford: Saturday 14 October, 11am - 1pm. Join our diocesan charity Caritas Salford this month as it unites with people across Manchester in a call to build a future without poverty. Let's End Poverty Regional Assembly gatherings take place in many cities across the country to help bring a focus to building community momentum to tackle poverty across the UK. To find out more, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/lets-end-poverty-assembly-2/> or email k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk

Message from CAFOD

'The world sings of an infinite love, how can we fail to care for it?' (Laudate Deum #65).

On Wednesday, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis published *Laudate Deum: to all people of good will on the climate crisis*, his new Exhortation on the environment, a follow up to his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. The Pope says that "climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community" (*Laudate Deum* #3) and warns that the "world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point" (#5).

I would like to thank you for holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeal in your parish this week. Our appeal highlights the terrible impact of the climate crisis, telling the story of Meera, whose home in Pakistan was swept away by extreme flooding last year. Flooding that was an example of the extreme weather phenomena that Pope Francis calls "palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone" (#5).

Pope Francis says: "authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and with creation as a whole" (#61).

Responding to our Family Fast Day Appeal is an important way we can all take up Pope Francis' invitation to "accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful" (#69).

We work at the frontline of climate and conflict emergencies in over 40 countries. Thanks to the support of parishes like yours, we are working with our sisters and brothers to build resilience in the face of the huge challenges posed by the climate crisis, to respond quickly to help communities devastated by climate-induced disasters, and to continue to call on those in power to take urgent action. We pray that, inspired by the example of St Francis of Assisi and encouraged by *Laudate Deum*, we will always strive to care for and protect our common home.