

#### Newsletter – 19 November 2023 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday** – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Day of the Poor – Missio Red Box Appeal

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Monday – Weekday

No Mass today

**Tuesday** – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – St Cecilia

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – Weekday or St Clement I or St Columbanus

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday or St Catherine of Alexandria Mass at SsPP 12noon

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

**Sunday** – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – *World Youth Sunday* 

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 and all who are sick.

Lately Dead: Bridie Fitzgerald, Alexander Tulloch Youd, Cheta Emmanuel Osuagwu, Fr Bernard Sparks, Peter Carroll, Eugene Rice, Fr Vincent Naylor, Suzanne Stern Gillet, Bernard McDevitt

Anniversaries: Paul Threader

**Masses Received:** Gabrielle Jones (S), Suzanne Stern Gillet (LD), Paul Threader (A), Bernard McDevitt (LD), Eugene Rice (LD), Louis Quesnel (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** We pray for the people of the parish of St Joseph, Reddish, for Fr Damien Louden, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May they be faithful in things great and small.



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# **Reflections for This Week**

We must be very careful that the real point of today's first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of spouses. This is not, in fact, a recipe for the perfect wife, but an illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the master's return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

**Marriage Matters:** *Our love must be nourished:* The parable of the talents could be compared to our marriage and the consequences if we, like the lazy servant, do not work at our relationship. Avoiding conflict can mean that the opportunity for forgiveness and growth is allowed to pass by. Let's not allow our love for each other to simply slip away, but work to keep our life flourishing.

Think Vocation: As the end of the Church's year approaches, we are to be focused on the end of our lives. May we always be aware of the need to live out our Christian vocation each and every day, knowing that we can be called by the Lord to his side at any moment. May we always remember to examine our consciences at the end of each day.

## World Day of the Poor

This is the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7). Whenever we turn away from those who are poor, we turn away from Jesus himself, who is forever associated with the most vulnerable in society (Matthew 25: 31-46). An important theme throughout the papacy of Pope Francis has been the need to do more than just relieve suffering (compassion), but to work to challenge the causes of suffering and do what we can to ensure it does not happen in the first place (justice).

## Missio Red Box Appeal

This weekend we welcome Fr Jan Klaver to give a Red Box Appeal. Thank You to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit support the Church around the World where it is young and in need. There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme. Please keep the work of Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers.

To find out more <a href="https://missio.org.uk/">https://missio.org.uk/</a>

Agents are available after Mass to assist and to collect any Red Box monies from our current supporters.

#### **Parish Notices**

**At-Mass Survey:** As announced by Bishop John in previous diocesan communications, we are currently developing a plan for a sustainable funding model which supports clergy at all stages of their ministry (from seminarians to retired priests), strengthens our parishes, engages our youth, and cares for all parishioners. To determine how best to achieve those goals, we need a strategy that is well-informed by the widest possible audience from across our faith community. As such, we would greatly value your opinion and will be asking you to complete a brief survey during Mass next weekend on Saturday 25 or Sunday 26 November 2023. We thank you in advance for your participation in this important endeavour.

Musical Advent Calendar: That time of year is coming up again: Our Lady of Hope Musical Advent Calendar. As always, we are inviting you all to take part in our Musical Advent Calendar for what will be our 4th year. How to join in - just video yourself (maybe with family and friends too) singing, playing or reciting your Christmas pieces. This is for all ages to join You can send by email/file in. share to music@ourladyofhope.org.uk. More details linked on our website and Facebook.

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

**Christmas Draw Tickets:** These are now in the porch at both churches. Please take as many as you can. It would be most helpful if you could return the counterfoils in an envelope and place in the box provided. Thank you!

**Sweet Jars:** Please could you fill an empty jar with chocolates or sweets and decorate it and leave it on the table in the narthex. Many thanks.

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#### Financially Supporting Our Parish

Contactless: The Dona machines (card or mobile phone) Bank Details: TSDT Our Lady of Hope 50317403 20 55 34 Cheques: Payable to Our Lady of Hope Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

Next Week's Newsletter: Margaret Haydock Please send notices before Wednesday Email: <u>newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk</u>

#### **Diocesan Notices**

**Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood:** Each month, our diocesan vocations team travels to a different deanery to hold a special Mass to pray for the future of the priesthood in our diocese. The next Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood is set to take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 November at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. All are welcome to attend.

**Music for Eternal Life:** On Wednesday 22 November, Salford Cathedral Choir will join forces with pupils from Holy Family RC Primary School, Rochdale, to give a one-hour concert inspired by the 'Eternal Life' mosaic at St John the Baptist's church, in Rochdale. Admission is free to the concert, which starts at 7pm, but booking is essential due to limited seating. Find out more at:

https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/music-for-eternallife/

**Quarant'ore at St Mary's, the Hidden Gem:** You are invited to join St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, for a special time of prayer - Forty Hours of Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament - in the days leading up to the feast of Christ the King - Friday 24 November until Sunday 26 November. Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday and Saturday 8am – 10pm and on Sunday 9am – 1.30pm. Further details on the parish website: <u>www.hiddengem.me.uk</u>

Mass for LGBT+ Catholics: The Diocese of Salford is delighted to share details of its next Mass for LGBT+ Catholics and their friends and families. Mass will take place at 3pm on Saturday 25 November at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Pastoral Visit of the Apostolic Nuncio:** His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will make a pastoral visit to Salford Diocese on 29-30 November. As part of his visit, he will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, Collyhurst, on Thursday 30 Nov at 6.30pm, where he will impart an Apostolic Blessing on all those present. All are welcome to attend the Mass and there is no need to register.

Your Travel to Church: As the Diocese of Salford works to reach its goal of being net zero by 2038, we're looking to find out more about the travel patterns of people across the diocese. Our diocesan environment team has put together a short survey to find out more about how people travel to and from church and would be very grateful for your response. The survey can be found at:

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**Caritas Diocese of Salford Advent Appeal:** Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has launched its Advent appeal for 2023, including a very special animation film voiced by local children. You can view the short animation and find out more about how you can make a donation to the appeal, or take action to help people in your parish who are experiencing crisis this Christmas, by visiting the Caritas Salford website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere

Job Vacancies: The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Parish Administrator (in Bolton), a Property Administrator and a Pilgrimage Office Administrator. Find out more and apply at https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/