

# Newsletter – 26 November 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**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

Monday – Weekday

No Mass today

Tuesday – Weekday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm

Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Requiem Mass for Eugene Rice at SL 10.30am

**Thursday** – St Andrew, Patron of Scotland (Feast) Requiem Mass for Mary Coen at SsPP 10.30am

No Rosary or Evening Mass at SsPP (Due to Nuncio's Visit)

Friday - Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday - Weekday or Our Lady in Saturday

Mass at SsPP 12noon

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

Sunday - First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

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Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

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

#### **Prayers Requested**

Sick: Mike Gilbert and all who are sick.

**Lately Dead:** Peter Carroll, Eugene Rice, Fr Vincent Naylor, Suzanne Stern Gillet, Bernard McDevitt, Emmanuel Osuagwu Jnr

Anniversaries: Connie Taylor Bagshaw, Kathleen Naughton

Masses Received: Gabrielle Jones (S), Connie Taylor Bagshaw (A), For a successful operation, Kathleen Naughton (A), Peter Carroll (LD), Emmanuel M Osuagwu (S), Emmanuel Osuagwu Jnr (LD)

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** We pray for the people of the parish of St Cuthbert, Manchester, and for Fr Brendan Curley, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for the Christie Hospital. May they know the Lord as their Shepherd and King.



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#### **Reflections for This Week**

Shepherd-King o'er mountain steep, homeward bring the wandering sheep. This hymn which we will probably sing today captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the 28th Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the day of the Lord to come.

Marriage Matters: Called to be symbols of the way Jesus loves: Jesus says that those who respond to others are in effect responding to him. Our call as married couples is to be a symbol of Jesus' love for us. In each small way that we show our love: doing little jobs, spending quality time together, listening, forgiving and making up, we are responding to that call and nourishing one another.

**Think Vocation:** Let us rejoice on this feast day of the Catholic faith that is celebrated in every country of the world. We pray for young people to be proud of their faith and recognise that they belong to a Church where people of every nation, culture, race and language can praise Christ as their universal king.

## **World Youth Sunday**

Today, the feast of Christ the King, we celebrate World Youth Sunday. We pray for all young people that the Holy Spirit may guide them in becoming ambassadors for Christ and spreading his love and peace throughout the world.

# 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 this weekend on Saturday 25 or Sunday 26 November 2023. We thank you in advance for your participation in this important endeavour.

#### **Parish Notices**

**Funerals:** There is a Requiem Mass for Eugene Rice on Wednesday at St Luke's at 10.30am and a Requiem Mass for Mary Coen on Thursday at Ss Peter and Paul at 10.30am. The Requiem Mass for Peter Carroll will be on Wednesday 6 December at Ss Peter and Paul at 12noon. May they rest in peace.

**Diocesan Synod – The Big Listen:** A reminder to those who have signed up for the second of our Big Listen sessions that this is taking place this Sunday (2-4pm) at Ss Peter and Paul.

**Almanacs:** The new Diocesan Almanac for 2024 is now on sale at the back of each church (at £3.50).

**Mission Red Boxes:** Fr Klaver has written to thank the parish for its response to his appeal last weekend – and especially those who signed up to support Missio on a regular basis (21 red boxes and 12 annual memberships). We also have a new Local Secretary for the SsPP part of the parish (Julia Chapman).

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 in. You can send by email/file share to <a href="mailto:music@ourladyofhope.org.uk">music@ourladyofhope.org.uk</a>. More details linked on our website and Facebook.

**Christmas Fair:** The Christmas Fair will be on 2 December in the Parish Centre. Proceeds as usual to be shared between the Parish and School. Many thanks for your support!

Christmas Draw: Thanks to the generous parishioners who have offered to donate prizes for the Draw. It would be helpful if these can be handed in to the stewards in both churches this weekend, after weekday Masses or left at SsPP on Wed morning (10-12). There are tickets still available in the porch should you wish to buy them. Please hand tickets in asap. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fair next Saturday. Some great prizes to be had!

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

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

Christ the King – Vocations Message: This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, and our vocations team has created a video exploring this feast through the lens of vocations. The video can be found at <a href="https://youtu.be/DWVJqcFcISE">https://youtu.be/DWVJqcFcISE</a>

Deanery Mass: On Wednesday (29 November) there will be a Mass at 7pm at St Mary's, Eccles (M30 OLU) at which Dr Minna Moffatt-Feldman will be speaking about accessibility and the welcome/support we can give to different groups which might otherwise feel somehow excluded from our parishes or liturgies without our ever intending it. She will also speak informally and respond to questions afterwards over refreshments in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Advent Cantata: A much-loved choir is heading to our diocese on Saturday 2 December at 6pm to provide a musical start to the season of Advent. The Forum for the Inculturation of Liturgical Music has become a regular feature at the Parish of the Nativity in Failsworth and Limeside, and is back at St Mary's church this December by popular demand. Tickets are £5 per adult and £1 per child and can be bought on the door or booked in advance by emailing <a href="mailto:nativityparish@yahoo.com">nativityparish@yahoo.com</a>

Laudato Si' Christmas Showcase: Join the Laudato Si' Centre between 11am and 2pm on Sunday 3 December as staff and volunteers ring in the festive season with a joy-filled Christmas Showcase! This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about the centre by exploring the wintery woodland and walled garden whilst enjoying toasted marshmallows by the roaring fire and picking up Advent wreaths and other treats! Blue badge parking only. Nearby on-street parking available, or in St Mary's Cemetery car park. Address: Laudato Si' Centre, Wardley Hall, Worsley, M28 2ND.

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: <a href="https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere">www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere</a>

**Job Vacancies:** The Diocese is currently recruiting for two Parish Administrators (in Bolton and Collyhurst), a Property Administrator and a Pilgrimage Office Administrator. Find out more and apply at:

https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/