

Newsletter – 5 November 2023
Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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
Monday – Weekday
No Mass today
Tuesday – Weekday or St Willibrord
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Weekday
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)
Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – St Leo the Great
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – St Martin of Tours
Annual Mass of Remembrance at SsPP 12noon
Reconciliation 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Remembrance Sunday – World Day of the Poor
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Live-stream: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/">www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/</a>

#### **Prayers Requested**

**Sick:** Mike Gilbert and all who are sick.

Lately Dead: Valentine Cleary, Eddie McCafferty, James McCafferty, Jack Whitley, Bridie Fitzgerald, Alexander Tulloch Youd, Cheta Emmanuel Osuagwu, Fr Bernard Sparks, Peter Carroll, Eugene Rice

Anniversaries: Sylvia Skirving, Colm Folan

**Masses Received:** Bridie Fitzgerald (LD), Alexander Tulloch Youd (LD), Cheta Emmanuel Osuagwu (LD), Sylvia Skirving (A), Deceased of the Ball. Dunne, Kehoe & amp; Gallagher families, Colm Folan (A), Shakira Ssebuma, Peter King, Elaine & James Edwards, Alan Roberts, Kitty & Lou Basha, Bridet & Jack Sloyan, Madge, Merion, James & John Roberts, Deceased McMannimon & Gravin families, Deceased Keane, Gill & Hudson families, Deceased Priests of the Diocese, Deceased Parishioners of St Luke's/Our Lady of Hope, Deceased McGrath, Middleton & Cox families, Deceased Branagan, Greenhalgh & Whalley families, Thanksgiving to Our Lady and the Sacred Heart, Intentions of the Roberts children, Lady having an operation, UCM (SsPP)

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** We pray for the people of the parish of St Mary, Heaton Norris, for Fr Geoffrey Marlor, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. We pray also for the Sacred Heart Fathers. May they always practise what they preach.



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# **Reflections for This Week**

An awkward set of readings to sit through as a priest today! The more responsibility we have for the flock of God, the more is demanded of us. But for all God's people, there is the need for constant vigilance, to be on guard against hypocrisy and complacency, the two greatest threats to our living God's way and not our own, self-serving way. This is a prelude to the end: for the next three weeks we will think about the end of the world and the judgement that awaits. This Sunday's readings should begin to encourage us not to fear and dread that day, but to look forward to it, by putting our lives in order and living as the Lord showed us.

Marriage Matters: Do we both work hard and devotedly? We cannot avoid being challenged by the devotion, protection and love given to the followers of Jesus by St Paul and his companions. Can we say with equal certainty that in living our vows and commitments, we work as hard and devotedly? Yet this is what we married couples are called to strive for in our relationship with each other.

**Think Vocation:** The greatest among you must be your servant. Whatever way we choose to respond to the vocation to which God has called us, we should essentially strive to serve God to the best of our ability by using the gifts and talents at our disposal for the benefit of our brothers and sisters.

### **Ruby Jubilee Celebration**

A reminder that we have the special Mass at 3pm this Sunday at St Luke's to celebrate Fr Michael's 40 years as a priest. This will be followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All are welcome.

## Parish Open Meeting Wednesday 8 November (7.30pm to 9pm) Parish Centre

Updates on various aspects of parish life including:

- Strategy and Governance
- Building Community and Outreach
- Formation
- Music and Liturgy
- Finance and Property

The meeting is open to all members of the parish. Please do come along. Light refreshments will be served.

## Diocesan Synod – The Big Listen

The first of our Big Listen sessions is taking place next Sunday (2-4pm) in the parish centre at St Luke's. There are ten people signed up for this so far. If you are intending to come along, please sign the appropriate sheet at the back of church this weekend, to give those organising the meeting time to prepare everything properly for the number expected. Thanks.

#### **Parish Notices**

**Message from Fr Mark:** Just a brief word of thanks to you all for the welcome back last Saturday. It was great to see so many faces and to catch up afterwards. Thank you also for the very generous gift, which really caught me by surprise. Our Lady of Hope parish will always be a special place for me and I am grateful for all I experienced as one of your priests. God bless. [Note from Fr Michael: Your generosity meant we presented Fr Mark with a cheque for £1000]

**Diaconate:** Please pray for one of our seminarians, Luke Bradbury, who is being ordained a deacon next Saturday 11 Nov at 12 noon Mass at St Bernard's, Burnage, Manchester. Some of you may remember Luke doing a placement at Ss PPs (when Canon McBride was the parish priest).

**Social & Community Group:** The next meeting will be Mon 6 Nov at 7pm at St Luke's Parish Centre. All welcome. We will be discussing arrangements for the Christmas Fair on 2 Dec. Please come and lend a hand! Donations for the Fair are very welcome and there are boxes at the back of each church for toiletries, chocolates, bottles and books all gratefully accepted!

**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* 

Families of those whose funerals have been celebrated in the parish since last November are invited to attend this special Mass. If you know such a family and they don't regularly come to church, please make sure that they know about this invitation. Thanks.

**500 Club:** Congratulations to our recent winners. September: Bridget Griffin (11) £142; Julia Markendale (222) £71; Patrick Buckley (252) £71; and October: Maureen Mayers (15) £142; Jane Bailey (169) £71; Marie Murphy (61) £71.

**Cenacle Prayer Group:** St Louis de Montfort once said, "To be true Christians, we need to be Marian". This means that for us to be true followers of Christ, we need to be devoted to His Blessed Mother. It is based on this that we wish to establish in our parish Cenacle to Our Lady Queen of All Hearts. Cenacle is when a group of people gather in prayer in Union with Mary as in the Acts of the Apostles 1:14 where the Apostles gathered in prayer in Union with Mary while awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The cenacle program will be held on every second Monday of the month. The first will be on 13 November at SsPP and will alternate between our two churches. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm and prayers will begin officially at 7pm.

**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 <u>music@ourladyofhope.org.uk</u>. 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.

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

**Welcome:** This weekend the parish of St James and All Souls is welcoming its new parish priest, Fr Ian Farrell, and Fr Frankie begins a sabbatical break. Please keep them both in your prayers.

**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.

**Diocesan Day Retreat:** Desert Mothers: Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Lostock Hall, PR5 5AA on Saturday 18 Nov Exploring the deep spirituality of some of Christ's, most ardent disciples, this month's retreat runs between 11.30am and 3pm and costs £20. Call 01772 335387 or email office@saintgerards.org.uk to book your place.

**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.

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