



**Our Lady of Hope
Salford**

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

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Newsletter – 24 December 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve
Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve – <i>Special Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i> Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am Christmas Mass at SL & live-streamed Sun 5pm Christmas Mass at SsPP Sun 7pm
Monday – The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity) Christmas Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am Christmas Mass at SsPP at 11am
Tuesday – St Stephen (Feast) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – St John the Evangelist (Feast) – Secondary Patron of the Diocese Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – The Holy Innocents (Feast) Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – St Thomas of Canterbury (Feast) Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Sixth Day within the Octave Mass at SsPP 12noon
Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast) 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
Lately Dead: Rachel Dargon, Jean Deery, Janet Lavin, Jean Briffa, John Coffey, Eugene Denby
Anniversaries: Eric Bickley, Shirley Beckett, Bob Shalliker, Mary Ollieuz, Martin McKeon
Masses Received: Gabrielle Jones (S), Louise Lindsay (S), Eugene Denby (LD), Agnes Barrow (S), Eric Bickley (A), Janet Lavin (LD), Shirley Beckett (A), Bob Shalliker (A), Mary Ollieuz (A), Joyce & Jack Taylor
<i>Christmas Masses are listed overleaf</i>
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Chad and for the Fathers and Brothers of the Oratory. We pray for their parish primary school and for the chaplaincy to His Majesty's Prison, Manchester.



Reflections for This Week

Here we enter a new stage of Advent: having spent so much time on the Second Coming, now we look back, to remember the details of the Lord's First Coming. Today we focus on the character of Mary, and hear of the angel Gabriel being sent to her, to invite her to take her part in the mystery of the Incarnation, the revelation of the mystery kept secret for endless ages. This mystery springs from the House of David, and so we lead into the Gospel by hearing of the establishing of that house. An interesting idea is that the first reading talks of David wishing to build a house for the Lord; through the prophet he is told not of the house that he would build, but the House which is his line: eventually, in Mary (betrothed to Joseph) the House of David does itself become the house of the Lord, the womb wherein he has a dwelling place.

Marriage Matters: *Listening is a way of loving:* David, Paul and Mary listened to God, changed their plans and way of life. Before marrying we listened intently and consequently felt loved and cherished. Today, with the pressures of everyday living, our listening can be impaired. We need constantly to overcome the temptation to just 'hear' what's said, and work on listening with our hearts, eyes and full attention.

Think Vocations: We pray that the faithful response, "Behold, I come to do your will, O Lord," will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.

O Come let us adore him



**A Happy and Holy Christmas
to all parishioners,
their families and friends
from Fathers Michael, Emmanuel and Frank**

Parish Notices

Salford Loaves and Fishes: Many thanks for your generous response to the appeal last weekend. This raised £1317.76 in the baskets and a further £155 on the Dona machines, making a total of £1472.76.

Parish Carol Service: Thank you to all those who prepared, helped with, or supported this service last Sunday at St Luke's Church, including the Eccles Borough Brass Band.

Christmas: Thank you to all who have helped prepare our churches for the Christmas feast

Damaged Car: After the 11am Mass last Sunday, some parishioners reported that their car had been damaged whilst on the car park at Ss Peter & Paul. It is disappointing that the driver who hit their car did not make themselves known. If you were that driver and you would like to be in touch with the parishioners whose car was damaged, please contact Fr Michael. Thanks.

500 Club: Congratulations to our recent winners:

December Draw: Norma O'Connor (45) £121; Catherine Ball (52) £61; James Martin (17) £61

Annual Bonus Draw: Janet Louis (32) £378; Kathryn Connell (57) £189; Tricia Murphy (97) £189

The prize money will be paid directly into the winners' bank accounts.

Christmas Masses

Eileen Carroll, Alan & Beryl Crabtree, Jean Crowther, Pauline & Nigel Edwards, Joan Green, Katie Hogan, Kathleen Kelly, Joseph Mather, Mary Morley, Maria Nally, Ann Naughton, Ann & Larry O'Brien, Peter Osborne, Kath Phoenix, Denise Walsh, Sheila & Derek Williams, Dolly Clooney, Bob Clooney, Rachel Evans, Special Intention, Deceased members of the Ball, Dunne, Kehoe & Gallagher families, Anna Shalliker, Anna & Bob Shalliker, Eric Burke, Norah & Frank Livesey, Ellen & Thomas Ryan, Bernard Sullivan, Harry Brooke, Lillian & Jack Fyans, Ellen & Alf Jones, Anne McKeever, Deceased members of the Donelan & McKeever families, Martin & Kathleen McKeon, John O'Brien, Michael & May O'Brien, Carroll family, Duffy family, Colins family, Sumara family, Julie Webster, Howard family, Gabrielle Ward, Colm Folan, A Deceased Friend, Markford & Barnes family, Alan Roberts, Jack & Bridget Sloyan, Madge, Marion, James & John Roberts, McMannimon & Gravin family, Sloyan & Roberts family, Kitty & Lou Basha, Gill, Hudson & Keane family, Thomas McMannimon, Deceased priests of the Diocese, Deceased of St Luke's Parish, Greenhalgh & Whalley family, Roy & Linda Branagan, The Roberts' children & grandchildren, Rita Broady, Pat Williams & family, McGrath family, Cox family, Middleton family, Fr John Williams, Fr Michael Cooke, Fr Emmanuel

Financially Supporting Our Parish

Contactless: The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)

Bank Details: TSDT Our Lady of Hope 50317403 20 55 34

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Next Week's Newsletter: Liz Connolly

Please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Diocesan Notices

'The Big Listen': Over the Christmas period we often have the opportunity to engage with members of our parish, family and friends who may no longer practice their Faith or attend Mass. If the opportunity arises, you may wish to ask them informally about their hopes and concerns and about what they sense the role of the Catholic Church is in this time and place. As we come together in our Diocesan Synod to ask what God is asking of His Church in our diocese, this is a group of people who we can listen to and who we should ask to join us on our journey. Do you want to help shape the future of our diocese? Would you like to help us better understand what God is asking of our Church? We want to hear from you as we continue with The Big Listen for our diocesan Synod. You can share your thoughts with us online by visiting:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/

Scam Email: The Diocese of Salford has shared a warning about a scam email that has been circulated to some parishes in our diocese. The email comes from a "parish priest" Gmail account, features the parish priest's name in the display name, and asks the recipient to purchase gift cards of behalf of the priest. Please be aware that this is not a genuine email. If you come across any such email, please do not engage with it and simply delete it from your inbox. If you are ever unsure about an email from the parish, please call the parish and we'd be happy to advise. Thank you.

Job Vacancy: St James and All Souls Parish are seeking to appoint a Parish Administrator. This is a part-time, permanent position for 22 hours per week (worked over four days) and based at Mother of God and St James Presbytery, Heywood Way, Pendleton, Salford, M6 5UJ. The salary is £11.26 per hour. Find out more and apply at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Free energy advice service for local people: As the cost-of-living crisis continues to hit our communities hard, Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, has introduced a new service to support people with energy advice. The service includes advice on saving money on utility bills, as well as practical support such as insulation methods, support with condensation and damp, LED bulbs and draught excluders. For more information on the service or to find out when and where sessions will take place, contact energyadvice@caritassalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2250.

Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Centenary Year Fundraiser - The Mercy Brothers: Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with the fabulous 'Mercy Brothers' band on Friday 9 February, 8pm (doors 7.30pm), at The Hough End Centre, Mauldeth Road West, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, M21 7SX. The band is made up of members of the clergy from around the diocese. Tickets are priced at £15 (over 16s) and free for under 16s. Money raised will go to the Centenary Pilgrimage Fund and in support of our sick pilgrims and medical team. To book please visit www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.