



**Our Lady of Hope  
Salford**

**DIOCESE OF**  **SALFORD**

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<b>Newsletter – 31 December 2023</b>
<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
<b>Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)</b> Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
<b>Monday – Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Solemnity) – <i>New Year's Day</i></b> Mass at SL & live-streamed 10am
<b>Tuesday – Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday – Christmas Weekday or The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday – Christmas Weekday</b> Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday – Christmas Weekday</b> Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Saturday – Christmas Weekday</b> Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
<b>Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity) – <i>Special Collection for SPUC</i></b> Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
<b>Live-stream:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/">www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/</a>

<b>Prayers Requested</b>
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Jean Deery, Janet Lavin, Jean Briffa, John Coffey, Eugene Denby, Darren Johnson
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Frances McGrath, Maureen Gordon, Herbert Gooden
<b>Masses Received:</b> Gabrielle Jones (S), Louise Lindsay (S), Liz Blazye (S), Baby Arthur Blazye (S), Frances McGrath (A), Darren Johnson (LD), Maureen Gordon (A), For all buried in Aghamore Cemetery, Celia Dronsfield (S), Herbert Gooden (A)
<b>Christmas Masses:</b> Cath & Terry McDermott, Beat, Roy & Tom Ravenscroft, Sheelagh & Nick Byrne, Larry Dilger, Linda Cavanagh, Fr Frank Waterworth, Fr Emmanuel Chukwujekwu, Fr John Coe, Canon Michael Cooke, Veronica Evans, Mary O'Regan, Josephine Warburton and Deceased Members of the Warburton & O'Donnell families
<b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> We pray for the parish of St Patrick, Collyhurst, for Canon Paul Daly, the parish priest, Fr Moses Agada and Deacon Stephen Scott. We pray for the Presentation Sisters, for the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and for the parish primary schools. We pray also for St Joseph's Mission to Deaf People, with the Sisters' of Evron, and for Fr Cletus and the chaplaincy to people from Zimbabwe.

<b>Reflections for This Week</b>
As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more dramatic events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us (especially in the shorter version), there were also the so-called 'hidden years'- the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. The family is a basic unit of our Christian society, despite coming under threat nowadays. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
<b>Marriage Matters:</b> When Mary and Joseph had done everything that the Law required, they went back home. Little is said about them as a couple. Did Mary 'give way to her husband, as you should in the Lord'? Did Joseph 'love his wife and treat her with gentleness'? Did they choose daily to love each other over and above everything else? Do we?
<b>Think Vocations:</b> Let us pray that Catholic mothers and fathers will help their children grow, become strong in their faith and filled with the wisdom of God by fostering openness to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their families.

<b>Fathers Michael, Emmanuel and Frank wish you all A Happy and Holy New Year</b>
May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year. Amen.

**Parish Notices**

**Christmas:** Thank you to all who helped in any particular way with our Christmas Masses. Thank you also for your cards, gifts and good wishes.

**Holy Family:** Fr Emmanuel belongs to an order called the Holy Family Fathers and Brothers of the Youth (HFFBY), so our feast this Sunday is a very special feast for him and for his colleagues in our neighbouring parish of St Ambrose Barlow (Fr Ernest & Fr Blaise). We wish them a happy feast day.

**PACT:** There is a meeting of the Strategy and Governance group at 7pm on Wednesday at St Luke.

**Salford Loaves and Fishes:** Over the Christmas days, there were some further donations amounting to £70, bringing the total for this year’s appeal to £1542.76

**White Flower Appeal:** Next weekend we will hold our annual appeal to support the work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC).

**UCM (SsPP):** Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4 January 2024 after the 6.30pm Mass. Everybody welcome

**Flower Arranging:** There will be no flower arranging classes until Wednesday 31 January 2024

**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](mailto: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](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising) or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

**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/](http://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/>

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