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<b>Newsletter – 21 January 2024</b> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Sunday</b> – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i> Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am Ecumenical Service at Height Methodist Church 3pm
<b>Monday</b> – Weekday or St Vincent No Mass today
<b>Tuesday</b> – Weekday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> – St Frances de Sales Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b> – The Conversion of St Paul – <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends</i> Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b> – Ss Timothy and Titus Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> – Weekday or St Angela Merici or Our Lady on Saturday Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
<b>Sunday</b> – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Caritas Sunday &amp; Racial Justice Sunday – Special collection for Caritas</i> 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> Helena Astle, Anne Unitt, Dave Mothershaw, Claire Kelly, Stephen Curry, Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB, Sir Tony Lloyd MP
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Maureen Brannan
<b>Masses Received:</b> Mike Hartney (S), Maureen Brannan (A), Stephen Curry (LD)
<b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> We pray for the people of the parish of St Anne, Higher Openshaw, and for Fr Chris Lough, their parish priest and Acting Dean, as well as their parish primary school.

<b>Sunday of the Word of God</b>
The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is the 'Sunday of the Word of God' - a day, instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of Saint Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture, which "can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." (Pope Francis, <i>Aperuit illis</i> )

<b>Reflections for This Week</b>
Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message, which is not compromised by anything – today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and assume, and realise that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives.
<b>Marriage Matters: <i>Change of lifestyle:</i></b> Jonah the prophet and Jesus call us to repent, to a change of lifestyle. When we married there was a radical change in our lifestyles. He became husband, she became wife and together we became a flesh and blood 'sacrament of marriage'. This is our continued call to each other - live a new life of love in the Lord.
<b>Think Vocations:</b> "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". Christ formed his disciples to be ready to preach the Gospel. We need to remember that those who are to serve as priests in the Church also need to be formed first. Let us pray for the priests, religious and lay people who serve on the staff in our seminaries and houses of formation in this country and elsewhere.

<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b> <b>18-25 January 2024</b>
The theme chosen for this year is "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself" (Lk 10:27). To mark this Week of Prayer, there is an Ecumenical Service at Height Methodist Church (King Street) this Sunday (21 January) at 3pm. All welcome.

<b>Diocesan Synod – The Big Listen</b>
This stage of the Diocesan Synod process is drawing to an end this month. As promised, we are holding a third "Big Listen" session here in the parish for anyone who was unable to attend the sessions in November. <b>We will meet on Thursday at 7.30pm at Ss Peter &amp; Paul (and will finish by 9pm).</b> All are welcome to attend, without need to register in advance.
The Diocese is keen to ensure all voices are heard and seeking to engage with as many people as possible. If you are unable to attend our session on Thursday, you can still get involved by submitting your response online this week by visiting <a href="https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/">https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/</a>

### Parish Notices

**SVP Appeal:** Many thanks for the £967.97 raised in the special collection last weekend. This includes £122 given via the Dona machines.

**A Winter's Serenade:** Tickets now available at back of each church - £5 each. Sunday, 11 February, 2pm, St Luke's Parish Hall. A musical afternoon with entertainment provided by our talented parishioners. Proceeds in aid of parish funds. Bar open.

**Parish Craft Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30 January at Ss Peter and Paul 1-3pm. There will be tea, coffee and cake, plus a chance to laugh, learn and share new skills. All welcome!

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

### Diocesan Notices

**Caritas Sunday:** On Sunday 28 January, we will be marking Caritas Sunday by celebrating the work of our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford. Caritas operates 10 projects and is the official local social action charity of the Catholic Diocese of Salford. Caritas supports local people experiencing poverty, homelessness and discrimination. To find out more about the work of Caritas Salford and how you can get involved, visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/caritas-sunday/>. We invite you to keep our diocesan charity in your prayers over this coming week. We will have a special collection next weekend to support the work of Caritas.

**Mass for LGBT+ Catholics:** We're delighted to share details of our next Mass for LGBT+ Catholics and their friends and families. Mass will take place at 3pm on Saturday 27 January at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester. All are welcome to join!

**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.

**Job Vacancies:** In addition to our own Parish Administrator role (see the separate box), the Diocese of Salford is also recruiting for two replacement roles – a Communications Assistant and a Cathedral Estate Caretaker. Both are full-time roles based at Cathedral Centre and Cathedral House respectively. In addition, PACT (the Prison Advice and Care Trust) is looking for a committed Catholic to head up its Faith in Action Team. This is a full-time position, home-based with extensive national travel. For details of all these positions, see <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

### Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford Parish Administrator

*Appointment Type:* Part-time, permanent

*Working hours:* 12 hours per week worked Tuesday to Friday

*Location:* St Luke's Presbytery, 13 Swinton Park Road, Irlam o' th' Height, Salford, M6 7WR

*Salary & benefits:* £12.60 per hr, 25 days per annum plus statutory bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days (subject to pro-rata).

*About:* The parish of Our Lady of Hope, Salford are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide administrative support to the parish including office administration, secretarial and basic accounting duties.

*What we are looking for:* We are looking for a person with excellent organisational skills who is able to work well and effectively within a small team, including volunteers. They will be able to undertake a variety of administrative tasks competently and efficiently and be able to prioritise activities to meet deadlines.

*What you will need:* The successful candidate will have experience of Microsoft Office and ideally have experience as a Secretary/Administrator in a responsible position. They will be trustworthy with the ability to work with complete discretion and confidentiality and have a friendly and professional manner.

*Safeguarding:* The Diocese of Salford is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The post-holder will be expected to contribute to a positive culture of safeguarding within the organisation. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure by the Disclosure and Barring Service and barred list checks will be undertaken for working with children and vulnerable adults. All employees of the Diocese are expected to work to promote the safeguarding of vulnerable groups. They must familiarise themselves with and adhere to the procedures on how to deal with allegations or concerns of abuse and the Church's Safeguarding Policies and Procedures which can be found at <http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/national-safeguarding-standards/national-safeguarding-policy>

*Closing date for applications:* 12 noon on Monday 29 January 2024

If you have any enquiries about the role, please email [HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

For full job description, person specification and application form, visit:

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

### 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

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### Next Week's Newsletter:

Please send notices before Wednesday

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