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Newsletter – 28 January 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Caritas Sunday & Racial Justice Sunday</i> – <i>Special collection for Caritas</i> 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 – St John Bosco Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – Weekday Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – The Presentation of the Lord (Feast) Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Weekday or St Ansgar or St Blaise or Our Lady on Saturday Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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
Sick: Michael Gilbert and all who are sick.
Lately Dead: Helena Astle, Anne Unitt, Dave Mothershaw, Claire Kelly, Stephen Curry, Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB, Sir Tony Lloyd MP, Pauline Edwards, Frank Moore, Maureen Roberts
Anniversaries: Mathew, Eric Burke, Therese Lyons
Masses Received: Phyllis Nolan, Mathew (A), Anthony Horton (BM), Eric Burke (BM & A), Jenny Allen (S), Kevin Hazeldine (S), Anne Unitt (LD), Therese Lyons (A), Personal Intention
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Dunstan and St John Vianney, Moston, and for Fr Martin Saunders, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for St Matthew's High School.

Racial Justice Sunday
The theme for Racial Justice Sunday this year is: "Seeing one another in the life of the Church". It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background.

Reflections for This Week
Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a 'new teaching' today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.
Marriage Matters: <i>Evangelization through our Sacrament:</i> St Paul infers a deeper spirituality is found among the unmarried, yet writing to the Ephesians (5:32), he speaks of 'the profound mystery' of marriage and compares it to the relationship between Christ and the Church. The Lord is at the heart of our love for one another, providing the grace for daily living and evangelization, through our Sacrament.
Think Vocations: St Paul speaks today of the responsibilities in marriage. Let us thank God for those who are married and ask his blessing upon them. Healthy marriage is the foundation for a family from which a spirit of vocation to build up the Kingdom of God can be nurtured. Let us also pray for those who live the single life that their contribution to the Church may also be encouraged.

Caritas Sunday
Today we celebrate 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 have a special collection this weekend to support the work of Caritas.

Parish Notices

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

Deanery Notices

Wardley Cemetery: Mass is celebrated at 10.30am each Saturday in the Chapel.

Catechetical Year 2024: The next session will take place on Tuesday 20 February at 7pm at St Mark’s Hall (184 Station Road, Pendlebury M27 6BY). Fr David Featherstone will speak about “The Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist”.

Station Masses: During Lent we will once again have Station Masses celebrated in different churches across the deanery. These will be on Wednesdays at 7.30pm (with Reconciliation available from 7pm). All are welcome.

Diocesan Notices

Young Adults Mass: The next Diocesan Mass for Young Adults takes place on Sunday 11 February, 5.30pm, at St Augustine’s, Manchester. Coinciding with the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, this month’s Mass welcomes Canon Tony McBride - former Director of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - as our guest celebrant. Join the team after Mass as they explore more about the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in our Centenary Year. Please note, there is currently no vehicle access to the church. Details of alternative parking can be found at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/young-adults-mass-feb-2024/>

Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Centenary Year Fundraiser – The Mercy Brothers: Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment 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.

Exploring Prayer in Lent Programme: People across the diocese are invited to embark on a special journey of prayer this Lent in preparation for the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. Taking place on each of the Fridays of Lent between 10am and 12.30pm at Wardley Hall, the sessions will include presentations, discussion, and time for quiet prayer and reflection. Find out more at:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/prayer-in-lent/>

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Salford is 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. For details of these positions, see:

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



Homes for Ukraine: Caritas Diocese of Salford invites you to an event that explores a little more about the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Organised by St John of God Hospitaller Services and the Caritas Social Action Network, the event aims to shed light on the impact the scheme has made on families and individuals affected by the invasion and how you can continue to support them today.

The event takes place between 2 and 3.30pm on Saturday 3 February at Salford Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, M3 6DP. Find out more at:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/homes-for-ukraine/>

The work of Caritas Diocese of Salford

One thing we’re really passionate about and which underpins everything we do at our charity is supporting people who are experiencing poverty, disadvantage, isolation or homelessness.

Our twelve services across Greater Manchester and Lancashire support thousands of people every year – people who are often facing acute crisis.

We believe that everyone has a right to a dignified life, and that they deserve the same chances and opportunities whatever their background or whichever community they’re from.

As well as taking action by delivering services alongside people who need additional support to transform their lives, we also know it’s important to call out injustices – to make sure we’re continuing to take action not only in our day-to-day services, but also to demand sustainable change.

We want to have an impact on people’s lives not just immediately as we support them through a crisis situation, but for the long-term too.

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