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Newsletter – 7 January 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord
<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>Monday – The Baptism of the Lord (Feast) – <i>The Christmas Season ends with this Feast</i></b> Mass & Cenacle Prayers at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday – Weekday (Week 1 of Ordinary Time)</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday – Weekday</b> Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday – Weekday</b> Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday – Weekday or St Bernard of Rievaulx</b> Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Saturday – Weekday or St Hilary or Our Lady on Saturday</b> Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
<b>Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Peace Sunday – Special Collection for the Parish SVP</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>

Prayers Requested
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Eugene Denby, Darren Johnson
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Marie Wardle, Maura Murray
<b>Masses Received:</b> Dominic George, Special Intentions of Anu, Deepu & Family, Graham Family, Ball Family, In Thanksgiving, The family of Emeka & Nnenna Egbegu thanking God for the New Year, Marie Wardle (1 <sup>st</sup> A), Maura Murray (A), SsPP UCM, Jack & Bridget Sloyan, Maureen Roberts, Alan Roberts
<b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> We pray for the people of St Anne's parish, Crumpsall, and for Fr Josh Joseph, of the Society of St Paul, their new parish priest. We pray for the parish primary school and for the chaplaincy to the North Manchester General Hospital.

**Reflections for This Week**

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the Time of Manifestation or Showing. Today is the Feast of the Manifestation, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the newborn child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord. The same is true of the key word in the second reading: Revelation. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

**Marriage Matters: *The gift of unity:*** At this joyful time of the year, let us look with delight at one another, remembering that we have each been entrusted, by God, with the grace he meant for each other when we got married. God's gift has made us one body and the gift of our children is this grace made flesh bringing joy into our hearts.

**Think Vocations:** The Wise Men travelled far in order to bear witness to Christ as the Saviour of the whole world. Our basic vocation, through baptism, is to make Christ known in the world around us. Some have a more specific vocation but each one of us, at the end of Mass, is invited to manifest Christ as we "Go and announce the gospel of the Lord."



**Parish Notices**

**White Flower Appeal:** This weekend we hold our annual appeal to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. There are postcards available for you to sign if you wish to support their current campaign calling for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. These cards will be returned to SPUC who will then pass them on to the Health Secretary.

**Mass & Cenacle Prayers:** The monthly Cenacle prayers take place this Monday at SsPP. In response to requests from parishioners, Fr Emmanuel has agreed to celebrate Mass at 6.30pm, ahead of the Cenacle prayers each month.

**UCM (SL):** Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 7pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

**Confirmation:** After a slightly delayed start, the preparation for those who will be confirmed this year will begin on Friday 12 January at 5pm in the Parish Centre. This first meeting is for the young people and their parents/guardians.

**SVP Appeal:** Next Weekend a member of our parish St Vincent de Paul group will speak at each Mass to raise our awareness about the work that they do and we will have a special collection to help support that work.

**Hold the Date:** *Music for a Winter's Afternoon*, 2-5pm, 11 February, St Luke's Parish Hall. Further details to follow.

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

**Deanery & Diocesan Notices**

**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/>

**Celebrating Catechetical Year 2024:** During this year, our neighbouring parish of St Ambrose Barlow will be putting on a series of talks about aspects of our Faith. The first one is on Tuesday 16 January at 7pm in St Mark's Hall (184 Station Road, Pendlebury M27 6BY). Fr Martin Collins (our Rural Dean) will be speaking on The Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

**Regular Activities in the Parish**

**Monday**

Mums & Tots: 9-11.15am in the Parish Centre  
Salford Heart Club: 1.30-2.30pm in the Parish Centre  
Beavers: 6.30-8pm in the Parish Centre

**Tuesday**

Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre  
Cubs: 6.30-8pm in the Parish Centre  
SVP: Fortnightly after the 6.30pm Mass at St Luke  
Monton Voices (Choir): 7-9pm at Ss Peter & Paul

**Wednesday**

Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre  
SVP Drop-In: 10.30am-12noon at Ss Peter & Paul  
Flower Arranging: Fortnightly at 1pm at Ss Peter & Paul  
UCM (SL): Second Wednesday at 7pm in Parish Centre  
Salford Angels WI: Last Wednesday 6.45pm in Parish Centre

**Thursday**

Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre  
AA Support Group: 12noon-2pm at Ss Peter & Paul  
Scouts: 6.30-8.30pm in the Parish Centre  
UCM (SsPP): First Thursday at 7.15pm at Ss Peter & Paul


**Friday**

Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre  
Bereavement Group: Second Friday 1pm at Ss Peter & Paul  
Quiz Night & Bar: 8.30pm in the Parish Centre


**Saturday & Sunday**

AA Support Group: 7.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul

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**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: Jan McIntyre**

Please send notices before Wednesday

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