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<b>Newsletter 25 February 2024</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Sunday</b> – Second Sunday of Lent – <i>Collection for CAFOD</i> Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
<b>Monday</b> – Lent Weekday No Mass today
<b>Tuesday</b> – Lent Weekday or St Gregory of Narek Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> – Lent Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am Deanery Station Mass at St Mary, Eccles 7.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> – Lent Weekday Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b> – St David (Feast) – <i>World Day of Prayer</i> Stations of the Cross at SL 9am Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> – Lent Weekday Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
<b>Sunday</b> – Third Sunday of Lent 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>Sick:</b> Michael Gilbert and all who are sick.
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Owen Patton, Graham Marsden, Joshua Freedman, Henry Madden, Germana Fesalvo, Bronislaw Wondzynski, Thomas O'Brien, John Stroker, Christopher Lomas
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Paul G Rabbitte, Maria Connor
<b>Masses Received:</b> Bishop Terence Brain (60th Anniversary of Ordination), Bronislaw Wondzynski (LD), Bob Shalliker (BM), Paul G Rabbitte (1st A), Thomas O'Brien (LD), Maria Connor (A), Frances Orr (B), Christopher Lomas (LD)
<b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> We pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Cross and St Helen, Ashton, with Fr Jude Lemeh, parish priest, and Fr Joachin Nwaorgu, of the Vincentian Fathers. We pray for their parish primary schools and St Damian's High School, for the chaplaincy to Tameside General Hospital and for the Sisters' of St Michael the Archangel.

<b>Reflections for This Week</b>
We spool forward a few centuries in the story of the Old Testament, to arrive at Abraham, "our Father in faith". Today we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like "the stars of heaven", and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God's right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.
<b>Marriage Matters: Free to be ourselves:</b> Sometimes we can be overwhelmed by each other's generous sensitivity, thoughtfulness and kindness which have helped us grow in confidence to share our deepest feelings, fears and joys. Let us try this week to find ways of growing in that confidence and trust so that in our relationship we radiate God's joy through the way we love each other.
<b>Think Vocations:</b> Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his son to show his faithfulness to God. Let us pray for parents who find it difficult to accept that their son or daughter may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. In any sacrifices we make we need to see the bigger picture and not how it directly affects us. In encouraging their children to serve Our Lord in the Church, parents could see that new life is being given to countless people.

<b>Bishop Brain</b>
We congratulate our Bishop Emeritus, Bishop Terence Brain, on celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of his priestly ordination.

<b>Parish Administrator</b>
Following our recent recruitment process, Jane Wareham has been appointed as our new Parish Administrator. Jane will be based at the parish office at St Luke's. She will work Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 12noon, beginning this week. I am sure we will all make her very welcome and help her to settle into this new role. <i>Fr Michael</i>

<b>Financially Supporting Our Parish</b>
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### Parish Notices

**Ecumenical Quiet Day:** Churches on the Height have organised this for Saturday 16 March (1.30 to 5pm) at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Kearsley. The Venerable Dr John Applegate will give two short talks based on the Gospel stories of Peter as pictured by the artist and priest Sieger Koder. There will be time for personal prayer and reflection, to visit the shrine, the gardens or sit and enjoy the views across the Irwell. Tea/coffee provided. There is a suggested donation of £5 per person. They need to know numbers attending by 9 March, so please let one of the priests know if you wish to attend.

**World Day of Prayer:** This annual day of prayer takes place on Friday 1 March and our local ecumenical service will take place at 2pm at Emmanuel Church on Langworthy Road. The materials for this year have been produced by an ecumenical group of women in Palestine on the theme "I beg you, bear with one another in love". Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Gift Aid:** Many thanks to Peter Lougheed for speaking at each of the Masses last weekend about the benefits of tax-payers gift-aiding their contributions to the parish. There is a box at the back of each church for any completed forms you wish to return. Forms will remain available at the back of each church for those who wish to gift aid and/or to pay their contributions by standing order. Thank you for whatever financial support you are able to give to the parish.

**CAFOD:** There is a special collection this weekend to gather in money for the Lent Fast Day held on Friday.

**Social and Community Group:** Next meeting 7pm, Monday, 26 Feb at St Luke's Parish Centre. All welcome to join us for a cup of tea (and a biscuit!) whilst we discuss future Parish activities.

**Flower Arranging:** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 28 Feb. Enjoy a demonstration by Veronica. Everybody welcome. Enjoy a cup of tea and cake.

**Parish Craft Group:** Next meeting will be on Tuesday 27 Feb afternoon at SsPP from 1-3pm with tea/coffee and cake on offer, all are welcome!

**Congratulations** on the Baptism of Imogen Marie Parry at Ss Peter & Paul's last week and thanks to Father Mark Harold for his contribution to the service.

**St Patrick's Celebration:** Saturday, 8pm, 16 March, St Luke's Parish Centre. Live music - Cracked Flag. Bar open. Raffle. Tickets £8 (limited number) available at the back of both churches.

### Diocesan Notices

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in our Centenary Year:** Bookings are now being taken for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, marking our centenary year. The pilgrimage, led by Bishop John Arnold, will take place between 26 July and 1 August. Find out more and book online at <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/travel-accommodation>

**Diocese of Salford's Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** There are still places available for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, taking place on Saturday 4 May, for both overnight and day options. We welcome applications for individuals and groups and would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to volunteer. Please fill out a booking form (<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham->

[2024](https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk)) or you can get in touch by calling 0161 817 2214 or emailing [walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Young Adults Mass and Stations of the Cross:** Join our Young Adults Ministry Team at 4pm on Sunday 10 March as we enlist the sound of a live string quartet to help us meditate on Christ's final journey before our monthly Mass for Young Adults. With thought-provoking reflections from our young adults, this beautiful version of the Stations is designed to help us on a journey of self-reflection and to help prepare ourselves for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Stations will be followed with time for private prayer and opportunities for confession, before Mass begins at 5.30pm. Please join us for a relaxed social afterwards!

### Lent 2024

**Ecumenical Lent Course & Lunch:** Organised by the Churches on the Height, these take place on the Thursdays of Lent (12.30-2pm) using a resource from Christian Aid entitled *Act on Poverty*. The lunch this week (29 Feb) is at Holy Angels Church on Moorfield Road. All welcome.

**Prayer in Lent:** In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer, calling people to revisit the basics of the prayer. A series of prayer workshops is taking place on the Fridays of Lent, 10am to 12.30pm, at Wardley Hall. This week's topic is *Praying in Times of Struggle*. To book or find out more, visit:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-prayer-programme-1/>

**Deanery Station Masses:** There will be five Masses at various churches across the deanery at 7.30pm on the Wednesday evenings of Lent (with Reconciliation available from 7pm). This week's Mass is on 28 February at St Mary, Eccles. The others are at St Mark, Pendlebury (6 Mar), St Luke (13 Mar) and Lancashire Martyrs, Little Hulton (20 Mar and celebrated by Bishop John).

**St Joseph's Penny and Lent Appeal:** Caritas Salford has lots of information and resources on its website about how you can join in with this year's Lent and St Joseph's Penny appeals. Get the latest news and resources - as well as your free St Joseph's Penny box to collect coins to donate during Lent - at [www.caritassalford.org.uk/SJP](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/SJP)

**Lent Resources:** During Lent, the diocese will be sharing a range of resources to accompany people in prayer over the coming weeks. The resources have been created to support our journey throughout this Year of Prayer, as we prepare for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee in 2025. Resources can be accessed via the diocesan social media channels or by visiting the website at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-2024-rediscovering-prayer/>

**Stations of the Cross at the Laudato Si' Centre:** The Laudato Si' Centre at Wardley Hall will be hosting a special Stations of the Cross this Lent. The Stations of the Cross will take place on Saturday 16 March in the beautiful setting of the Centre's woodland area. Specific times will be announced in due course.

### Next Week's Newsletter:

Please send notices before Wednesday  
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