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Newsletter – 4 February 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Sunday</b> – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
<b>Monday</b> – St Agatha No Mass today
<b>Tuesday</b> – Ss Paul Miki and Companions Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> – Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b> – Weekday or St Jerome Emiliani or St Josephine Bakhita Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b> – Weekday Requiem Mass for Maureen Roberts at SL 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> – St Scholastica Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
<b>Sunday</b> – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</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>

Prayers Requested
<b>Sick:</b> Michael Gilbert and all who are sick.
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Stephen Curry, Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB, Sir Tony Lloyd MP, Claire Kelly, Pauline Edwards, Frank Moore, Maureen Roberts, Leandro Sison, Anthony O'Leary, Owen Patton
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Charles Raymond, Margaret Sullivan, Peggy Krinks
<b>Masses Received:</b> Charles Raymond (A), Margaret Sullivan (A), Leandro Sison (LD), Claire Kelly (LD), Maureen Roberts (LD), Anthony O'Leary (LD), Maura Murray (BM), Mark Ford (B), SSPP UCM, Frank Moore (LD), Peggy Krinks (A)
<b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> We pray for the people of the parish of St Margaret Mary, New Moston, for Fr Andrew Starkie, their parish priest, and Deacon Stephen O'Connor. We pray for the Presentation Sisters, for the Manchester Ordinariate Mission and for their parish primary school.

Getting Married?
There is a preparation course (required for anyone getting married in Church) on the next two Saturdays (10 & 17 Feb) at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Kearsley (2-5pm). For more information please email: <a href="mailto:fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk">fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:fr.reginald@schoenstatt.org.uk">fr.reginald@schoenstatt.org.uk</a>

Reflections for This Week
This world, as we know, is a fragile and fallible place, in which we encounter hunger, disease, sickness and death. Jesus proclaims, by his actions of healing, that there is another world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems. Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow him. Each of his miracles is also, in some sense, a parable or teaching, pointing out to us something of the lost happiness and perfection which he is restoring. This vision of Paradise is not Utopian or delusory, not just a vain hope to comfort us with, but the true manifestation of God's love for us. Jesus could not cure every disease or sickness in the world then: but his miracles of healing are a sign that one day, when the Kingdom comes, sickness and disease will be wiped away for ever.
<b>Marriage Matters: <i>Making the time to talk and to listen:</i></b> As married couples we need time to grow in knowledge and understanding of each other. This week let us make time when we are not tired, to talk together, to share what's happened in the day, our thoughts and feelings, the things that worry us or make us happy. Perhaps we can also plan a regular celebration of our love.
<b>Think Vocations:</b> In the Gospel we see a day in the life of Jesus. It was busy but he made time for prayer. Let us remember those men and women who serve the Church in the contemplative religious life. Their mission is to support, through prayer, those who are busy with the apostolic work of the Church. May others be drawn to live this vital and generous way of living the Christian vocation.

Stolen Statues
You may be aware by now that the crucifix and two statues were recently stolen from the grounds of St Luke's Church. With the help of some neighbours, we have determined that this seems to have happened between 8.30pm on Sunday 21 January and 6am on Monday 22 January. If anyone else has any information that might help us in recovering these stolen items, please let us know.

The crucifix figure was from the original St Luke's Church

### Parish Notices

**Funeral:** There is a Requiem Mass for Maureen Roberts on Friday 9 February at St Luke's at 9.30am. May she rest in peace.

**Advance Notice:** We have a number of funerals over the coming weeks. Requiem Mass for Pauline Edwards on Tuesday 13 February at St Luke's at 10.30am. Requiem Mass for Francis (Frank) Moore on Thursday 15 February at Ss Peter and Paul at 10.30am. Requiem Mass for Claire Kelly on Friday 16 February at St Luke's at 12noon. Requiem Mass for Owen Patton on Wednesday 21 February at St Luke's at 10.30am. May they rest in peace.

**Caritas Sunday:** Thank you for your generous response to the special collection last weekend. This raised £640.02 (including £52 given via Dona) to support the work of Caritas Diocese of Salford.

**PACT:** There is a meeting of the Strategy and Governance Group this Wednesday at 7pm at St Luke's.

**SsPP UCM:** A date for your diary. We are holding a Cake Sale on Sunday 11 February after the 8am and 11am Masses.

**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.

**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.

### 500 Club

Congratulations to our **January Winners:** Peter Loughed (319) £120; Natalie Ingram (127) £60; Catherine Ball (52) £60

Thank you to all those who supported the 500 Club last year, raising £3778 for parish funds (with the same amount given in prizes).

If you would like to join the 500 Club (which currently only has 120 members), please give your contact details (either in writing or by email) to one of the priests. It costs £5 per month, preferably paid by monthly or annual standing order.

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

**Prayer in Lent - Our Father:** The first of a series of prayer workshops is set to begin this February with a focus on the Our Father. 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 and, in particular, the Our Father. The first of these workshops invites you to rediscover this beautiful prayer on Friday 16th February, 10am to 12.30pm, at Wardley Hall. To book or find out more, visit:

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

**Service of Blessing for Engaged Couples:** On Saturday 17 February, there will be a Service of Blessing for Engaged Couples, led by Bishop John. The service will take place at 2pm at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst. Please let one of the priests know if you intend going so that your names can be passed on to the organisers.

**Great Manchester Run:** Caritas Diocese of Salford is looking for people to take on this year's Great Manchester Run to raise funds to support its work across the diocese. Our diocesan charity works to provide vital support to people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire who are experiencing poverty, homelessness, and discrimination. Find out more at [www.caritassalford.org.uk/EveryStep](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/EveryStep)

**Job Vacancies:** The Diocese of Salford is recruiting for two part-time roles – a Cleaner for Holy Family Presbytery, Denton and a replacement Chef for Cathedral House. For details, see: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

### Financially Supporting Our Parish

**Contactless:** The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)

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**Next Week's Newsletter: Jan McIntyre**

Please send notices before Wednesday

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