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Newsletter 3 rd March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday – Third Sunday of Lent Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Monday – Lent Weekday or St Casimir No Mass today
Tuesday – Lent Weekday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Lent Weekday Requiem Mass for John Stroker at SL 10.30am Deanery Station Mass at St Marks, Pendlebury 7.30pm
Thursday – Lent Weekday or Ss Perpetua and Felicity Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Lent Weekday or St John of God Stations of the Cross at SL 9am Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Lent Weekday or St Frances of Rome Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent - <i>Mothers Day</i> 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: Henry Madden, Germana Fesalvo, Bronislaw Wondzynski, Thomas O'Brien, John Stroker, Christopher Lomas, Masie
Anniversaries: Matthew Kerrane, Bridie & John Naughton
Masses Received: Matthew Kerrane (A), Shaw Stephen Brannan(BM), Masie(LD), Christopher Lomas(LD), Bridie & John Naughton(A), Thanksgiving, Norma & Graham Marsden, Special Intentions
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of the Divine Mercy, Chadderton and Hollinwood, for Fr Lawrence Imoisili, of the Vincentian Fathers, for the parish primary schools, St John Henry Newman College and for the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King.

Reflections for This Week
This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant – God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.
Marriage Matters: <i>Free to be ourselves:</i> Let us remind each other constantly that our marriage is as unique and as special to God today as it was when we first married. We are blessed with a love that transforms ordinary everyday events into something quite different and special. Our faults and weaknesses become our strengths if we strive to love one another as God loves us.
Think Vocation: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Young people often get ridiculed for coming to Mass or being involved in Church Life. Not everyone who responds to the call of the Lord to serve the Church gets the support of their family and friends. Let us show our appreciation and encouragement to those priests and Religious who help us in our parishes and communities.

2023 Confirmation Group
For various reasons, the presentation of certificates to those who were confirmed last May was postponed and it has taken us longer than intended to rearrange it. Our young people who were confirmed by Bishop John at the Cathedral will be presented with their certificates at the 9.30am Mass at St Luke's next Sunday (10 March) . Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

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 <i>Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037</i>

Parish Notices

Funeral: There is a Requiem Mass for John Stroker on Wednesday 6 March at St Luke's at 10.30am. May he rest in peace.

CAFOD: Thank you for the £845.40 raised in the special collection last weekend. Due to an oversight, the Dona machines were not set up to take CAFOD donations but they are now if anyone wants to give to CAFOD in that way this weekend.

500 Club: Congratulations to our February winners – Kevin Walker (62) £120; Marie Murphy (129) £60; David Cordner (259) £60

MIKRON SHOW 'Jenny Lee' The MIKRON Theatre Company are returning to St Peter & Paul's Church on 17th April 2024 at 7.30pm. All proceeds will be for Salford Loaves & Fishes. **TICKETS £13.00.** To reserve tickets contact Rita McNamara rita@mcnassociates.org.uk /07793206251. Tickets can be reserved and paid for on the night at the door.

St Peter & Paul's UCM: Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th March after the 6.30 mass. We have a guest speaker from Loaves & Fishes. Our meeting is open to everybody if you would like to come along. Our charity this year is Loaves & Fishes and Caritas.

Ecumenical Quiet Day: Churches on the Height have organised this for Saturday 16 March (1.30 to 5pm) at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Kearsley. They need to know numbers attending by 9 March, so please let one of the priests know if you wish to attend.

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

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!

Caritas Diocese of Salford Fundraiser Clergy band The Mercy Brothers will be heading to Bolton for a special St Patrick's Day fundraiser. The band will be joining forces with the parish folk group from St Cuthbert's for a fun-filled evening of music making to raise money for Caritas Diocese of Salford. The concert will take place on Friday 15th March, 7pm, at Thornleigh Salesian College. Tickets are £12 each (food will be included) and are available by emailing office@stcuthberts.org.uk

Care for Creation: Commitments, Actions, and Participation Bishop John has been invited to speak at an environment conference hosted by the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the Justice and Peace Commission this spring. The event - taking place between 10am and 3.30pm on Saturday 9th March at St

Patrick's Catholic Primary School in Wigan - aims to reflect on some of the biggest climate challenges our planet is facing and how our Catholic faith calls us to action. Find out more at <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development/environment>

Other Notices

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT? Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth: Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that "no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy" at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments> Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

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 (07 March) is at St John's. 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 with Mary*. 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 06 March at St Mark, Pendlebury. The others are at St Luke (13 Mar) and Lancashire Martyrs, Little Hulton (20 Mar and celebrated by Bishop John).

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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