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| Newsletter 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024<br>Fourth Sunday of Lent  |
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| <b>Sunday</b> – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday - <i>Mothers Day</i><br>Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am<br>Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am |
| <b>Monday</b> – Lent Weekday<br>Mass & Cenacle Prayers at SsPP 6.30pm  |
| <b>Tuesday</b> – Lent Weekday<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm<br>Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> – Lent Weekday<br>Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am<br>Deanery Station Mass at St Lukes, 7.30pm   |
| <b>Thursday</b> – Lent Weekday<br>Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm  |
| <b>Friday</b> – Lent Weekday<br>Stations of the Cross at SL 9am<br>Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am   |
| <b>Saturday</b> – Lent Weekday<br>Mass at SsPP 12noon<br>Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL   |
| <b>Sunday</b> – Fifth Sunday of Lent<br>Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am<br>Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am  |
| <b>Live-stream:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/">www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/</a>   |

| Prayers Requested  |
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| <b>Sick:</b> Michael Gilbert and all who are sick.   |
| <b>Lately Dead:</b> Bronislaw Wondzynski, Thomas O'Brien, John Stroker, Christopher Lomas, Baby Maisie Leung, Nick Archer  |
| <b>Anniversaries:</b> Ella Swan  |
| <b>Masses Received:</b> Pauline Bryan (BM), Ella Swan (A), Maureen Brannan (BM) Special Intentions, Robert Connor (S), Maria Connor (MD), Dolly Clooney (MD), Special Intentions, Nick Archer (LD), Mitchell Playfair (S), Ss Peter & Paul UCM |
| <b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> We pray this week for the parishioners of the Parish of the Nativity, Failsworth and Limeside, for Canon Michael Job, their parish priest, and Fr Celestine Nyikwagh, and for their parish primary schools.      |

| Reflections for This Week   |
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| There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt – we'll keep that for the Easter Vigil. The other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. Of course there was an even greater moment when God saved his people: the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. So today's theme is "salvation": but to understand "being saved", we must ask "What from?" Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other. |
| <b>Marriage Matters: Called to be a 'sign':</b> The world often ridicules marriage saying 'it's just a piece of paper', but Scripture draws attention to God's powerful message. St. Paul says: "We are God's work of art; created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning He had meant us to live it." Let us shine out so the world sees what it's missing.   |
| <b>Think Vocation:</b> St Paul tells us that when we were dead through our sins, God brought us to life with Christ. Through our baptism we are called to be witnesses to our faith to others. Let us make an effort to contact and encourage those we know who are of our faith but no longer practise. A simple word of encouragement can sometimes lead people to rediscover the richness of God's love offered in Christ Jesus.   |

| Happy Mothers' Day  |
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| A Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers. Today is a chance to remember our mothers, living or dead, and to thank God for the love shown to us through them. |

| Financially Supporting Our Parish  |
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| <b>Contactless:</b> The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)                                       |
| <b>Bank Details:</b> TSDT Our Lady of Hope 50317403 20 55 34                                       |
| <b>Cheques:</b> Payable to Our Lady of Hope<br><i>Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037</i> |

## Parish Notices

**Sacramental Programme:** Congratulations to the children who celebrated Reconciliation for the first time on Friday evening. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue with their preparation for First Communion.

**Sing with the Parish Choir:** We would invite parishioners who like to sing to join us in a Parish Choir (from all Masses/both churches) for the Deanery Station Mass (13 March), Good Friday and Easter Saturday Vigil Mass. We would especially encourage new singers/new parishioners to join us. Equally, the choirs for our weekly Masses also welcome new members. If you can join for one or any of these please contact Paul Ashton [music@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:music@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

**Monton Voices:** Spring Concert will be at Ss Peter and Paul on Friday March 22nd at 7.30. This will be a free concert with a raffle for Choir funds - all welcome!

**St. Luke's UCM:** Next meeting will take place at Toni Kerr's home at 10.30 am on Wed, 13 March as Centre in use following Lenten Mass

**MIKRON SHOW 'Jenny Lee'** The MIKRON Theatre Company are returning to Ss Peter & Paul's Church on 17th April 2024 at 7.30pm. All proceeds will be for Salford Loaves & Fishes. In 1929 Jennie Lee became Westminster's youngest MP. As a woman, she couldn't even vote for herself. Jennie fought to improve all our lives – for wages, health, and housing, and for art and education. Jennie introduced The Open University. Her dedication changed the twentieth century. Nye Bevan, founder of the NHS, was her husband. TICKETS £13.00. To reserve tickets contact Rita McNamara by email [rita@mcnassociates.org.uk](mailto:rita@mcnassociates.org.uk) / mobile 07793206251. Tickets can be reserved and paid for on the night at the door.

**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.

**Chrism Mass:** With the Cathedral closed for renovation, the Chrism Mass this year will take place at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst on Wednesday 27 March at 11am. As usual, each parish has been given a number of tickets so that some parishioners can attend. If you are interested in attending, please let us know on [priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk) or via the parish office.

**Olive Wood Carvings:** We have received a thank you message from those who were selling the carvings last weekend. They sold around £700 worth of goods and were very grateful for that level of support, which will assist Christian families living in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Booking forms are now available at the back of the church.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Malta:** "In the Steps of St Paul" has been organised for this September. Information is also at the back of the church. For further information and booking forms regarding both pilgrimages Please contact Kathleen Playfair 07910050514 or [k18ucm@gmail.com](mailto:k18ucm@gmail.com)

## Diocesan Notices

**Stations of the Cross at the Laudato Si' Centre**  
Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team on Saturday 16th March for a special Stations of the Cross in the midst of nature. Experience a reflective journey through the Stations, contemplating the Passion of Christ in the serene setting of the Centre's beautiful woodland. For more information about timings and to book your place, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lsc-stations-2024/>

**Bishop John's message for Caritas Salford campaign - Why Every Step Matters** - Bishop John Arnold has recorded a special video message about Caritas Salford's 2024 campaign, which is asking us to do something this year that pushes us out of our comfort zone. You can watch the video and find out more about how you can take on a challenge to support people in your local community here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/bishop-john-every-step/>

**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](mailto:office@stcuthberts.org.uk)

## Job Vacancy

**Deputy Director for Schools' Systems:** The Diocese of Salford (replacement role) **Appointment Type:** Full time, permanent **Working Hours:** 35 hours per week, Mon - Fri, some flexibility in working patterns sometimes required **Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP **Salary:** £62,000 - £82,000 per annum, depending on current salary/experience. Find out more and apply <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

## 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 (14 March) is at St James' Church (opposite Lancaster Road on Eccles Old 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 the Gospels, Part 2. 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 13 March at St Luke, Irlam o'th Height. The other is at Lancashire Martyrs, Little Hulton (20 Mar and celebrated by Bishop John).

## Next Week's Newsletter:

Please send notices before Wednesday  
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