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<b>Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Sunday</b> – Fifth Sunday of Lent Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
<b>Monday</b> – Lent Weekday or St Cyril No Mass today
<b>Tuesday</b> – <b>St Joseph, Husband of Mary (Solemnity)</b> School Stations of the Cross in SL Church 2pm 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 Lancashire Martyrs, Little Hulton, 7.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> – Lent Weekday Requiem Mass for Baby Maisie Leung at SsPP 11am School Stations of the Cross in SL Church 2pm Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b> – Lent Weekday Stations of the Cross at SL 9am Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> – Lent Weekday or St Turibus of Mongrovejo Mass at SsPP 12noon Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL
<b>Sunday</b> – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 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>Reflections for This Week</b>
In the weeks of Lent so far, we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand-new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.
<b>Marriage Matters: <i>Unconditional love:</i></b> Love is called to be unconditional, not 'counting the cost', not 50/50, but both giving 100%. Today's Gospel reminds us a rich harvest is only possible when a single wheat grain falls on the ground and dies. Our loving efforts, trials and difficulties in marriage are ways of 'dying' to a lifestyle contrary to what God is calling us to.
<b>Think Vocation:</b> St Paul tells us that Christ became a source of Salvation for all who obey him. All those who serve as priests or Religious promise obedience. Saying yes to the requests of our Bishops or superiors in order to remain faithful to God and the life we are committed to is not always easy. God works throughout the authority of the Church. Let us pray for our Bishop that the sometimes difficult decisions he has to make will be done justly and with the prayer filled guidance of the Holy Spirit.

<b>Prayers Requested</b>
<b>Sick:</b> Michael Gilbert and all who are sick.
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Baby Maisie Leung, Nick Archer, Peter Golaglee
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Oliver Hill, Alison Marie O'Connor, Alice Gooden, Anne McKeever
<b>Masses Received:</b> Nick Archer (LD), Alice Gooden (A), Ellen Scott, Alison O'Connor (A), Peter Golaglee (LD), Jocelyn Gamotin (B), Mary Ellen Hoolachan (BM), Colm Folan (BM), Anne McKeever (A), Warburton & O'Donnell Families, Josephine Warburton (MD), Maureen & Alan Roberts, Vera Whalley, Roberts Family
<b>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</b> Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Edward, Lees, for Fr. Callum Brown, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

<b>Easter Triduum</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday (28 March)</b> 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.30pm at Ss Peter and Paul
<b>Good Friday (29 March)</b> 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Luke
<b>Holy Saturday (30 March)</b> 8pm The Easter Vigil at St Luke
<b>Easter Sunday (31 March)</b> 8 am Mass (SsPP), 9.30am Mass (SL) & 11am Mass (SsPP)

<b>Financially Supporting Our Parish</b>
<b>Contactless:</b> The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)
<b>Bank Details:</b> TSDT Our Lady of Hope 50317403 20 55 34
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## Parish Notices

**Funeral:** There is a Requiem Mass for Baby Maisie Leung on Thursday 21 March at 11am at Ss Peter & Paul. May she rest in peace.

**Advance Notice:** The Requiem Mass for Nick Archer will be on Tuesday 26 March at 10.30am at St Luke's. May he rest in peace.

**Youth Ministry:** The first meeting of our new parish youth group will take place on Friday 22 March (6-7pm) in the parish centre at St Luke's. This is open to young people of high school age (years 7 to 11) and will focus on "Faith, food and fun!"

**Our Lady of Hope Parish Men's Fellowship:** invites all men in the parish to our next meeting scheduled for this Thursday 21 March 2024 at 7.30pm at St Luke's Church. We look forward to meeting you.

**Parish Craft Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19 March at SsPP 1.00 – 3.00pm. Tea, coffee and cake always on offer. All welcome!

**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!

**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.

**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.

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

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

## 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/>

## Diocesan Notices

**Launch Mass for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** The Launch Mass for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes - marking our centenary year - will be taking place at 7pm on Tuesday 16th April at St Patrick's, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, M4 5HF. Whether you are planning to join us in Lourdes this summer, or will be praying along at home, you'd be most welcome to join us for our Mass next month For more information on this year's pilgrimage, including how to book, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/booking-lourdes-2024/>

**Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** Salford Youth and Young Adults Ministry is delighted to once again offer a dedicated youth pilgrimage to Walsingham, aimed for students in Years 7,8 and 9. This pilgrimage runs alongside the main diocesan pilgrimage and will leave on Friday 3rd May and return on Saturday 4th May 2024. For further details please contact: [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Our Father Prayer Resources:** During this season of Lent, the Diocese of Salford has been sharing a series of short video reflections to help us further explore the words of the Our Father, in response to Pope Francis' invitation to go back to the basics of prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee. Head to <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-2024-rediscovering-prayer/> to find out more.

**Fundraising for Caritas this Lent:** Thank you to everyone who is fundraising for our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, this Lent. The support you give means that they can be there for even more local people experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. Their work spans right across our diocese and with the cost-of-living crisis continuing, has arguably never been more important. There are lots of ways you can still support and you can find out more on their Lent appeal website page here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/st-josephs-penny/>

**John Stainer's *The Crucifixion*** A special performance of John Stainer's *The Crucifixion* is heading to St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst this Lent. Taking place on Saturday 23 March at 4pm, this poignant piece will be performed by Salford Cathedral Choir, Salford Cathedral Girls' Choir and the Cambiata Boys' Choir. All are welcome to attend.

**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/>

## 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 (21 March) is at Height Methodist Church. 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 Journey of Prayer. To book or find out more, visit: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-prayer-programme-1/>

**Deanery Station Masses:** The final Mass for this year is on Wednesday 20 March at 7.30pm (with Reconciliation available from 7pm) at Lancashire Martyrs, Little Hulton and will be celebrated by Bishop John.

## Next Week's Newsletter:

Please send notices before Wednesday  
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