

## Diocesan Notices

**Local Nature Reserve Survey:** As part of the preparation of the Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy, GMCA have launched a survey to engage the public, local community groups and organisations, with the strategy. Everyone can take part in the survey, which can be found by visiting [www.gmconsult.org/environment-team-policy-and-strategy/greater-manchester-s-plan-for-nature/](http://www.gmconsult.org/environment-team-policy-and-strategy/greater-manchester-s-plan-for-nature/)

**Diocesan Day Retreat:** Our diocesan day retreat programme continues in May with a closer look at the mystical text, The Cloud of Unknowing. Dating back to the 14th century, this profound work offers a spiritual guide to contemplative prayer. The retreat runs 11.30am - 3pm on Monday 13th May at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall, and costs £20 to attend. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-may-2024/>

**Young Adults Mass:** The Diocese of Salford's Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester on Sunday 14th April. Mass begins at 5.30pm, with opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.45pm. Join the team after for a catch up and bite to eat before we hear from the diocesan communications team for a short talk about faith and the media. All are welcome to attend!

**Cemetery Mass:** A special outdoor Mass will take place at St Joseph's RC Cemetery, Moston, on Monday 27th May. The Mass, led by Canon Paul Daly, will begin at 11am. An additional Mass is also due to take place at the cemetery on Monday 26th August, 11am. In the event of wet weather, Mass will take place at St Dunstan's church.

**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/>

**Talks on the Constitutions of Vatican II:** Our series of weekly talks on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council continue into April and May. The talks have been organised as part of our preparation for the 2025 Year of Jubilee, in response to Pope Francis' invitation to learn more about these important documents. To find out more and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/>

**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)

**Diocese of Salford's Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** There are still a few places available for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, taking place on Saturday 4th May, for both overnight and day options. If you would like to join, please fill out a booking form, available at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-2024> or you can get in touch by calling 0161 817 2214



DIocese OF  SALFORD

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## NEWSLETTER 14 APRIL 2024

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Sunday** – Third Sunday of Easter

Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

**Monday** – Easter Weekday

No Mass today

**Tuesday** – Easter Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am - morning Mass rather than evening

Launch Mass for Lourdes Pilgrimage 7pm at St Patrick's, Collyhurst

**Wednesday** – Easter Weekday

Requiem Mass for Marie Campbell at SL 10.30am

**Thursday** – Easter Weekday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

**Friday** – Easter Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Saturday** – Easter Weekday

Mass at SsPP 12 noon

Reconciliation 12.30-1.00pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

**Sunday** – Fourth Sunday of Easter - *Good Shepherd Sunday - Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life - Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund*

Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Live-stream: [www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/](http://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/)

### Parish Office Contact & Hours

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### Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before  
**Wednesday**  
Email:  
[newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

### Reflections for This Week

We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives: the Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive and no ghost by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples that he suffered and rose so the repentance for the forgiveness of sins could be preached to the whole world. The first reading shows us Saint Peter doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out. The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin, is our way of living the Resurrection.

**Marriage Matters: *Let peace reign in our hearts:*** There are times in life, as couples, when the demands of work, concerns about money and care of the children can seem overwhelming. In times like these let's acknowledge each other, take time out to clarify the issues and remind ourselves of the words of Jesus to the Apostles when they thought it was all over, "Peace be with you!"

**Think Vocation:** Today we hear that St Peter the first Pope bravely preaches the Easter message that Christ is Risen. The present Holy Father is the successor to St Peter and is the leader of the universal Church. As we receive the Eucharist today let us become aware of our place in the universal Church and let us always have a "world" dimension to our understanding of what it is to be Roman Catholic.

### Prayers Requested

**Sick:** Michael Gilbert and all who are sick.

**Lately Dead:** Marie Campbell, Kevin Hazeldine, Bill Potts, Mrs Green, Christina Miley, John Sheader, Ciaran McAny, George Devlin, Irene Beaver, Owen McGlaughlin

**Anniversaries:** Alan Chapman

**Masses Received:** Ann Middleton (B), Jess Argile, Sheila Archer, Tony Archer, Lil Brady, Personal Intentions, Alan Chapman (A) UCM

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Let us pray for the parishioners of the parishes of SS Aidan and Oswald, Royton, and St. Joseph, Shaw, and for Fr Stephen Doyle, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the chaplaincy to the Royal Oldham Hospital and Dr. Kershaw's Hospice.

### Vocations Sunday

Next weekend we have our annual day of prayer for vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. We also have our annual collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, which supports the training of future priests and deacons

### Parish Notices

**Funeral:** There will be a Requiem Mass for Marie Campbell on Wednesday 17 April at St Luke's at 10.30am. May she rest in peace.

**Slide Association:** Some years ago, Fr. Joseph came from Rome to St. Luke's to study for a degree at Salford University. He became part of the community and church. Fr. Joseph came from an area of India which was devastated by a tsunami in 2004. In a bid to support him when he returned to his homeland St. Luke's set up the SLIDE Association. SLIDE means St. Luke's for Integral Development, Empowerment. Parishioners who were able were asked to pay £12 a year and all funds would be sent out to Fr. Joseph in India to help with all educational needs. Every year the money sent out has been welcomed and used to its full potential and feedback has been sent to the parishioners from Fr. Joseph. At the moment he is hoping to fund a special needs teacher for each school in his area. The SLIDE Association has continued but now due to poor health and old age, all the committee members are retiring. We are now approaching both churches in the parish to see if we can recruit new subscribers to this vital work abroad and asking if anybody would be willing to join the committee to keep this valuable work continuing. It is not a big and onerous task but does need a registered Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Outside of 2 small meetings per year the majority of the work is reminding people to send their money in – a task that can now be easily automated unlike in our early days. If you would like to know more, please contact **Steph on 0161 737 6419** who would be happy to talk you through the process. Many thanks for reading.

**Social and Community Group:** Monday 15 April at SsPP 7pm. Please join us for tea and biscuits and a chat about how we can support our Parish. All welcome.

**St Joseph Penny Boxes:** UCM members will be available after each Mass on Sunday 14th April to collect boxes.. Thank you to all our Parishioners for your generous donations for Caritas Salford.

**Red Mission Box Holders:** Agents will be available after Mass at St Luke's on Sat & Sun 13 & 14 of April to collect Boxes. Could you please put your name on your Red Box before handing them over to the Agents.

**Prize Bingo Sunday:** 21 April at SL 1.30pm - 3.30pm Family Bingo Afternoon organised by SsPP UCM, £5 per bingo book, plus raffle. Proceeds to assist with funding a priest to attend Annual National UCM Pilgrimage to Walsingham in July. Light refreshments available, bar open.

**ABBA Tribute & 70's Disco:** Saturday 27 April (Abba costumes optional) presented by SsPP UCM. 7.30pm for 8pm, Parish Centre. Tickets £10, including pie and pea supper, available after Mass at back of church or contact **07961 247674**. Proceeds in aid of Loaves and Fishes and Caritas Salford. Come and join us for a fun evening!

**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)

### Financially Supporting Our Parish

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