

Diocesan Notices

Good Shepherd Sunday: This weekend, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and to mark this year in a special way, we're delighted to share with you a newsletter from our Vocations Team. Please scan the QR code for the latest updates on vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate in our diocese.



Diocesan Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood: The Diocese of Salford's Vocations team invites you to join our next Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood. The Mass will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd April, at St Catherine's Didsbury. All are very welcome to attend as we pray together for the future of the priesthood in our diocese.

Northern Dioceses' Environment Group: The Northern Dioceses' Environment Group (NDEG) invites parishes and individuals to a workshop to find out more about how our food supply system links to our faith. The event, titled "Faith in Food - Thinking and acting both locally and globally about our food system" takes place on Saturday 18th May between 11am and 3:30pm at St Wilfrid's Church, Preston, PR1 8BU. To register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-in-food-tickets-879396337117>

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/

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/>

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.

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

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 or emailing walsingham@pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



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NEWSLETTER 21 APRIL 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Monday – Easter Weekday
 No Mass today

Tuesday – **St George, Patron of England (Solemnity)**
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm
 Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Easter Weekday or St Fidelis or St Adalbert
 Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – St Mark (Feast)
 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 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am
 Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

Reflections for This Week

Today is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Gospel narratives (from John 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. A general theme to the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising): the first reading talks of his name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save: one of the results of the power of this name is that in him we are all God's children and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by his dying and rising he has truly saved his flock.

Marriage Matters *We lay down our lives, we go beyond:* Couples can relate to the notion of 'shepherding' with regards to their children: "I know my own and my own know me". Even in crowds, our children will recognise our voices and we theirs. Also, just as Jesus spoke today of 'laying down His life', when marrying, we made a solemn vow to lay down our lives for one another.

Think Vocation: May we put our trust in Jesus the Good Shepherd to provide dedicated and loyal men to serve the Church of today in the sacred priesthood.

Prayers Requested

Sick: Michael Gilbert and all who are sick.

Lately Dead: Mrs Murphy, Cheta Emmanuel Osuagum, Marie Campbell, Mrs Green

Anniversaries: Pauline Bryan, Mr & Mrs Michael Gamotin, Edward Moran, Colin Ferguson

Masses Received: Pauline Bryan (A), Mr & Mrs Michael Gamotin (A), Edward Moran (A), Colin Ferguson (A), Colin Ferguson (BM) Cheta Emmanuel Osuagum (LD), Mrs Murphy (LD), Eugene Rice (BM)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: This week we pray for the people of the parishes of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Guardian Angels, Bury, and St. Hilda's, Tottington, with Father Paul Cannon, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

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
Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

Parish Notices

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 **07961247684**. Proceeds in aid of Loaves and Fishes and Caritas Salford. Come and join us for a fun evening!

Parish Craft Group: The next meeting of the group will be on Tuesday April 30th 1pm - 3pm at SsPP where we will be making items for sale at the Summer Fair, everyone welcome to come and share/learn new skills. Tea, coffee, cake and a chat always on offer!

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

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. In his message this year, Pope Francis reflects on the theme "Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace". Please pray for all people who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, those who are preparing for ordination or religious profession and for all priests and consecrated men and women. We are asked to pray especially for those who are preparing to serve as priests and deacons here in the Diocese of Salford.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund

At our Masses this weekend, we will have a special collection for the fund that is used to train future priests and deacons. You can also donate via the machines in each church. The collection will remain open for the next four weeks for any private donations you might like to make.

Vocations Enquiries

Have you ever thought about being a priest or joining a religious order? Why not have a word with a priest you know or make contact with the Diocesan Vocations Directors, Fr Michael Deas (on 0161 523 1816) or Fr Mark Paver (on 0161 432 4412).

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Next Week's Newsletter:

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