

Diocesan Notices

Mass to mark Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse: Tuesday 30th April is the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. Celebrated each year on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter, it is a day on which the Catholic Church in England and Wales holds in particular prayer all who have been abused, in whatever way, by another, whether within the Church or any other setting. It is a day not only to recommit ourselves as Church to learn from past mistakes and make the Church a safe setting for all but also a day to reflect on the Church's ministry of healing and welcome to Survivors/Victims. At 6pm on Tuesday 30th April Bishop John will celebrate Mass to mark this Day at St. Patrick's, Livesey Street. Collyhurst. All are warmly invited to join him.

Volunteer Registrations for Lourdes pilgrimage closing soon: There's not long left for volunteers to register for our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in our centenary year. Head to <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk> to find out more and register before 30th April. Aged 18-35? We'd love to welcome you along on our Young Adults Pilgrimage. Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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: Closes 30th April 2024 - 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. The last talk takes place this week: *Wednesday 1 May – The Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) – Phil Callaghan (Young Christian Workers)*. 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

Job Vacancies: For Current Vacancies please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am
 Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Monday – St Catherine of Siena (Feast)
 No Mass today

Tuesday – Easter Weekday or St Pius V - *Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse*
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm
 Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Easter Weekday or St Joseph The Worker
 Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – St Athanasius
 Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Ss Philip and James (Feast)
 Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – The English Martyrs (Feast)
 Mass at SsPP 12 noon
 Reconciliation 12.30-1.00pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday – Sixth 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

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

Marriage Matters: *Listening and discerning together:* Jesus says “Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.” Listening to Our Lord is essential for our fruitfulness. This can depend on how well we make the time to listen to each other, to discern together. Often God speaks to us through our spouse; some say ‘the closer we are to each other, the closer we are to God’.

Think Vocation: It is understandable how difficult the disciples found Saul’s radical change of heart and direction towards Christ. Even today the Lord can invite people to radically change their way of living to serve in the Church. Let us ask St Paul’s guidance and help for those who feel called to radically change the direction of their lives.

Prayers Requested

Sick: Michael Gilbert and all who are sick.

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

Anniversaries:

Masses Received: Susan Sumara (S), Special Intentions

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray this week for the parish of St. Marie and St. Joseph, Bury, and for Fr. William Foley, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for St. Gabriel’s High School and Holy Cross Sixth Form College, and for the chaplaincy to Fairfield Hospital and the Bury Hospice.

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

Next Week’s Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday
Email:
newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Parish Notices

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: Thank you for the collection last week which raised £577.17 for the fund that is used to train our future priests. A further £50 was given via Dona. The collection remains open for a few weeks for private donations.

SsPP UCM: We would like to thank all who supported us last Sunday and helped, we raised a fantastic £230

Mikron Show: Thank you very much to all who came to see the Mikron Show ‘Jennie Lee’. £1268. 80 was raised for Salford Loaves & Fishes. Donations for refreshments raised £54 for CAFOD

All Hallows: We congratulate our local high school which is now 25 years old (originally located on Weaste Lane, now on Eccles Old Road). On Thursday evening, Bishop John celebrated a Mass there, attended by current and former pupils, staff and governors. Let us keep the school in our prayers, along with St Ambrose Barlow and St Patrick’s, the three high schools that serve our young people in this area.

Eritrean Orthodox: The Christian community who use St Luke’s Church on a Saturday morning will be celebrating their Passion Week (Holy Week) and Easter this coming week and so they will be using the church for several hours each day. This will not affect our regular Mass times.

PACT: The Strategy and Governance group are due to meet this Wednesday evening. On this occasion we will start the meeting at 7.30pm (rather than 7pm).

Our Lady of Hope Parish Men's Fellowship: invites all men in the parish to our next meeting scheduled for this Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7.30pm at St Luke's Church. We look forward to meeting you. For further information please email icgifford@hotmail.com or calli.okafor@gmail.com

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!

SsPP UCM: Our next meeting is on Thursday 2nd May, after the 6.30pm Mass. We have a guest speaker from Caritas Schools Service. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us.

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