

Diocesan Notices

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 Four Constitutions of Vatican II: In response to Pope Francis' invitation to revisit the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council, the Diocese of Salford is holding a series of four evening talks after Easter. The first talk takes place on Wednesday 10th April when Bishop John will explore a little more about *Lumen Gentium*. The talk begins at 7pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Find out more about the series and register your interest at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/constitutions-talks/>

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

Job Vacancies: Please click link for Current Vacancies <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

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Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before

Wednesday

Email:

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday – Second Sunday of Easter - *Divine Mercy Sunday*

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Monday – **The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)**

Mass & Cenacle Prayers at SL 6.30pm

Tuesday – Easter Weekday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm

Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Easter Weekday

Requiem Mass for Kevin Hazeldine at SsPP at 11.30am

Thursday – St Stanislaus

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Easter Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Easter Weekday or St Martin I

Mass at SsPP 12 noon

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

Sunday – Third 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

After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses. We also spend time hearing about how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of Saint John, which ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith and strengthening ours as we listen to the account.

Marriage Matters: *Doubt no longer:* Sometimes we are asked to trust our spouse implicitly despite the doubts that plague us. Can we believe them when something really important depends on it? Thomas needed proof of Jesus' wounds before believing. Jesus said: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe [and]...Doubt no longer but believe." It's important to believe and to decide to trust.

Think Vocation: St Luke tells us that the apostles were given great respect. They were respected because they had been personally chosen by Our Lord Jesus. Let us reflect upon the respect we give to our bishop, a successor to the apostles, also chosen by Christ. Let us be aware of the responsibility he has in his pastoral care for the diocese. Let us ensure we find time to pray for our bishop and the work he has to do.

Prayers Requested

Sick: Michael Gilbert and all who are sick.

Lately Dead: Kevin Hazeldine, Bill Potts, Mrs Green, Christina Miley, John Sheader, Ciaran McAny, George Devlin, Irene Beaver, Nick Archer, Peter Golaglee, Owen McGlaughlin

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Cusack-Bibby

Masses Received: Patrick Quigley, George Devlin (LD), Anne Ward, Pam (B), Mrs Green (LD), Thomas Cusack (BM) Elizabeth Cusack-Bibby (A), Bill Potts (LD), Gabrielle Jones (S), Eveline Edwards, James Edwards

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: In our Diocese this week we pray for the people of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi, Oldham, for Fr. Kevin Tierney, and for their parish primary schools.

Parish Notices

Funeral: There will be a Requiem Mass for Kevin Hazeldine on Wednesday 10 April at Ss Peter and Paul at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations: To Liam Isokariari and Matthew Bennett who were baptised, confirmed and made their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil, together with Victoria Bubak who also made her First Holy Communion. Please pray that they may continue to grow in faith.

SVP: Thank you for the £196.35 raised at the Mass on Maundy Thursday for the parish St Vincent de Paul Society and the work they do with those in need.

Shrines of Palestine: Thank you for the £465.43 raised on Good Friday to support the Holy Places associated with the events we have been celebrating, as well as supporting the small Christian community that lives in the Middle East. A further £65 has been given via Dona.

Offertory Envelopes: The new sets of envelopes come into use this weekend.

500 Club: Congratulations to our March Winners: Frederick Seed (47) £120; Marie Fry (67) £60; Ann Lloyd (14) £60

Divine Mercy Sunday: Our neighbouring parish of St James and All Souls (Heywood Way, Salford, M6 5UJ) will have Divine Mercy Devotions this Sunday (7 April) from 2pm - 4pm. There will be a priest available for confessions and the blessing and veneration of the image will take place after 3pm.



St Luke's UCM: Our next meeting will be Wednesday 10th April at 7.00pm in St Luke's Community Centre. All those going to Staffordshire Arboretum on Sat 18 May please bring monies.

St Peter & Paul's UCM: Our next meeting will be Thursday 11th April after the 6.30pm Mass. Everybody Welcome

St Joseph Penny Boxes: UCM members will be available after each mass on Sunday 7th & 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 the Sat & Sun 6 & 7 and 13 & 14 of April to collect Boxes. Could you please put your name on your Red Box before handing them over to the Agents

Dates for your Diary: Prize Bingo Sunday 21 April at SL 1.30pm—3.30pm and ABBA Tribute & 70s Disco Saturday 27 April - details to follow.

The Mikron show: 'Jenny Lee' on 17th April at 7.40pm at St Peter & Paul's Church is now SOLD OUT. Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets and supported Salford Loaves & Fishes.

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