

## Diocesan Notices

**Rosary around the Campfire:** Please join us for a peaceful hour of prayer and reflection as we host a special praying of The Rosary at our Laudato Si' Centre on Monday 20th May at 1pm. All are welcome to join as we settle on our tree trunks around the campfire to share in an ecological reflection on the Sorrowful Mysteries. Please register your interest at <https://tinyurl.com/rosaryLSC> and feel free to bring your own chair or blanket for additional comfort.

**Laudato Si' Awards:** The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for its inaugural Laudato Si' awards aimed at recognising and rewarding school children who have demonstrated exceptional care for the environment. Schools are invited to send in nominations of any student who has gone above and beyond for the Laudato Si' message. Find out more and send in your nominations at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lsc-awards-2024/>. Deadline for submissions is 24th May.

**Young Adults Mass:** The Diocese of Salford's Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester on Sunday, 12th May. Mass begins at 5.30pm, with opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.45pm. Guest celebrant will be Fr Gerard Fieldhouse Byrne, Director of St Luke's Centre, who will also join us after Mass for an insightful talk on mental health in this month of mental health awareness. All are welcome to attend!

**Day Retreat Programme: The Cloud of Unknowing:** Our Day Retreat Programme is continuing with its third session of the year, taking place on Monday 13th May at the usual location of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall. This session's theme is "The Cloud of Unknowing". It will explore this incredible mystical text that dates back to the 14th century. The text is a profound guide on prayer. It starts at 11.30am and finishes at 3pm, costing £20 to attend. Places are limited, so please do book ahead by contacting the parish office on 01772 335387 or email [office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.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>

**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.

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



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## NEWSLETTER 5 MAY 2024

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Sunday** – Sixth Sunday of Easter - *International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians*  
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  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm  
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

**Wednesday** – Easter Weekday  
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Thursday** – **The Ascension of the Lord - Holyday of Obligation**  
Mass at SL 9.30am  
Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

**Friday** – Easter Weekday or St John Avila  
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** – Seventh Sunday of Easter - *World Communications Day - Special Collection for Catholic Communications Network*  
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/)

### Reflections for This Week

**A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.** There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus' life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

**Marriage Matters: Called to reflect God's love:** "Love one another as I have loved you". With these words Jesus spells out God's plan for marriage. As husband and wife, we are called each day to give our lives to each other as completely as we are able. From today let us decide to reflect this 'sign' of God's love to our children, our family and our friends.

**Think Vocation:** St John tells us that the Lord does the choosing. He sometimes chooses quite unlikely people to serve him in the Church. Let us always be alert when we are speaking of the faith that the Lord may be using us to draw others towards him.

### Prayers Requested

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

**Lately Dead:** Laurence Barton, Mrs Murphy, Cheta Emmanuel Osuagum

**Anniversaries:** Phylis Nolan, George Ollieuz

**Masses Received:** Norman McKenzie (BM), Phyliss Nolan (A), George Ollieuz (A), Liz Barton, Laurence Barton (LD), Joan Greaves (BM), Drew Youd , UCM

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** We pray this week for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Heywood, with Fr. Augustine Frankin and Fr. John Okeme, of the Missionaries of St. Paul. We pray for their parish primary schools and Holy Family RC/CE College.

### 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](mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

### Parish Notices

**Ecclesiastical Education Fund:** Thank you for a further £20 received this week. This fund is used to train our future priests and deacons. The collection remains open for a few weeks for private donations.

**Caritas:** We have received a "thank you" from Caritas Diocese of Salford for our support of their Lenten Appeal: "Thank you so much for your parish's fundraising efforts through our St Joseph's Penny campaign as well as the kind donation of clothing, both of which were dropped off today by one of your parishioners. Once we have banked the St Joseph's Penny donations, I will send another email confirming the amount raised. We are so proud of the important and transformative work being carried out as a result of your support."

**SsPP UCM Disco Night:** We would like to thank all who supported this event in any way. We raised a fantastic £509.24 which goes towards our Charities for the year Caritas Salford and Loaves and Fishes.

**Ascension:** Thursday is the feast of The Ascension, a Holyday of Obligation. We will have a 9.30am Mass at St Luke's (which the school will attend) as well as our usual 6.30pm Mass at Ss Peter and Paul.

**Advance Notice:** It is likely that there will not be a 12noon Mass on Saturday 18 May, since both Fr Michael and Fr Emmanuel will be attending the Diocesan Synod gathering that day. We will confirm this in next weekend's newsletter.

**SL UCM:** Next meeting will be 7pm on Wed 8 May in the Parish Centre. All women welcome.

**Summer Fair (7 July):** Now that Spring has finally sprung it's time to start potting on /splitting up your surplus garden plants for sale on the plant stall at the Summer Fair - always a popular stall!

**100<sup>th</sup> Salford (St Luke's) Scouts:** The Scout Group, based at St Luke's, are growing and looking for new volunteers to help out at Section meetings, trips away or as part of the Trustee Board. Volunteers don't need to be Bear Grylls, but an interest in learning new skills as little as a hour a week ensures we can continue to support over 100 children in Salford. Contact [gsl@100thsalford.org.uk](mailto:gsl@100thsalford.org.uk) to learn more.

**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)