

Diocesan Notices

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

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>

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.

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 Thursday 23rd May, at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Moss Side. All are very welcome to attend as we pray together for the future of the priesthood in our diocese.

Whit Walk: The annual Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk is set to return for another year of prayerful celebration. Taking place on Monday 27th May, the walk will begin at 10am from Manchester Cathedral Gardens, and the group will process to St Peter's Square for an Act of Worship. Individuals, families, and groups are all 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.

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.

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



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Monday – Easter Weekday or Our Lady of Fatima

Mass & Cenacle Prayers at SL 6.30pm

Tuesday – St Matthias Apostle

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 – Easter Weekday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Easter Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Easter Weekday or St John I

No 12noon Mass today because of the Diocesan Synod

Reconciliation 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday – Pentecost Sunday

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

As the joyous season of Easter draws to a close, this Sunday's Scripture brings our focus onto Christ's loving relationship with us. We see how the very early Church decided that the person who was to replace Judas needed to be someone who had known Jesus personally from the very start of his ministry, and had witnessed his suffering, death and resurrection. We can pray with great joy the Psalm of thanks for all the blessings of God's love – a love that is calling all of us into a deeper personal relationship. John's letter (Second Reading) is like a summary of the Good News and the mystery of the Resurrection. We are encouraged to love one another. It is through our loving relationships that we will come to know God more fully. God is love, and God shares the Spirit of love with us when we die to ourselves and give ourselves fully to love. In John's Gospel we hear Jesus praying to the Father for his followers. Jesus wants us to share fully in his joy. It is in this spirit of Easter joy that we are sent out into the world to draw all people into that relationship of love of which each and every one is invited to be a part. Let us pray for the grace to be able to live out the joy of the Gospel of love in every part of our life!

Marriage Matters: *Strive for Unity:* Since even before we were married, we have worked to bring about our unity in our love relationship. Today we are reminded that by loving one another; "God will live in us and His love will be complete in us". Let's take a moment to hold hands, look at each other and say "you are my beloved 'till the end of time".

Think Vocation: We are called to live in accord with the calling we have received, whether as priest, religious, married or single; encouraging one another by the example of our lives.

Prayers Requested

Sick: Michael Gilbert and all who are sick.

Lately Dead: Drew Youd, Trish Fahey, Fr Billy Molloy, Gabrielle Jones, Lawrence Barton, Gwendolyn Lindo, Mrs Murphy, Cheta Emmanuel Osuagum

Anniversaries: Patsy Griffin, Fr Peter Gooden, Peter Kerr, Alcie & Joe O'Malley, James & Eileen White

Masses Received: John Greaves (BM), Patsy Griffin (A), Deceased members of Griffin & Armstrong Family, Drew Youd (LD), Trish Fahey (LD), Gwendolyn Lindo (LD), Eric Ball (BM), Sally Somers, Michael Wood (BM), Special Intentions, Fr Peter Gooden (A), Peter Kerr (A), Alcie & Joe O'Malley (A), Gabrielle Jones (LD), James & Eileen White (A), Mike Hogan

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray this week for the parish of Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal, and Fr. Vincent Coyne, of the Servite Friars, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, St. Monica's High School, the Faithful Companions of Jesus, the Sisters of Nazareth and the residents of Nazareth House, together with their chaplain, Fr. Anthony Dearman.

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

Communications: This Sunday between Ascension and Pentecost is World Communications Day. We pray for the work of the Church in spreading the Good News through the Media and we have a special collection to support the Catholic Communications Network.

Fr Frank: Following a further cataract operation, Fr Frank is taking things easy for the next few weeks and so will not be with us at Ss Peter and Paul. He is doing fine but please keep him in your prayers at this time.

Diocesan Synod: As noted in last week's newsletter, 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, together with our parish Synod Members (Lisa Walker and Ian Gifford). Please pray this week that the gathering on Saturday will be a great blessing for the diocese.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: This fund is used to train our future priests and deacons. The collection remains open for a few weeks for private donations.

Our Lady of Hope Parish Men's Fellowship: Invites all men in the parish to our next meeting scheduled for this Thursday 16th 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

Salford Diocese UCM Day Trip to The National Arboretum Stafford: To all the ladies and parishioners who are joining us on this trip, the coach leaves St Luke's at 9.00am and Manchester Victoria at 9.30am Saturday 18th May. Looking forward to a lovely day.

UCM News: Parishioners are welcome to join the Salford Diocese UCM for their annual Rosary Rally at SsPP on Sunday 19th May at 3pm. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

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!

100th 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 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