

## Diocesan Notices

**Young Adults Mass:** Our Young Adults Mass returns to St Augustine's in Manchester this September after our summer break! Join us at 5.30pm on Sunday 8 September as we gather together for our Mass and the start of a series of talks entitled "The Thrill of Orthodoxy", based on G K Chesterton's "Orthodoxy". The series will unpick how an exploration of religious, philosophical, social, and political ideas leads us to embrace our Christian faith.

**Invocation at Adoremus:** You can now register to join us at Invocation at Adoremus this September! Taking place at St Mary's College, Oscott, on 15 September, this beautiful day is designed specifically for adults discerning a particular vocation or direction; providing them with an opportunity to pray, to talk about their journey, and to find support and resources to help them along the way. Find out more and register online at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/invocation-adoremus-2024/> If you would like to enquire about transport options, please email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Family Beekeeping sessions:** The Bee Together Community Centre and Garden, of the Parish of the Nativity in Failsworth and Limeside, is organising Family Beekeeping sessions. The next session will take place on 8 September 2024 at Church of the Holy Family, Roman Rd, Hollinwood, Oldham, OL8 3PY. Interested participants are requested to email [beetogetherhollinwood@gmail.com](mailto:beetogetherhollinwood@gmail.com) to book their place. Everyone is welcome.

**World Youth Day Rome 2025:** Are you aged 16-35? Are you looking for an unforgettable opportunity to share your faith with other young Catholics? Pope Francis has announced a special World Youth Day in Rome next summer to celebrate the Church's Year of Jubilee and our diocesan Youth Ministry team invites you to be part of this once-in-a-25-year event! The pilgrimage will take place between 28 July and 3 August. For more information and to register your interest, please email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Centenary Window:** Our Salford Lourdes Coordination Team is delighted to announce the commission of a beautiful stained-glass window, which will be installed in our newly-restored cathedral, commemorating the centenary of this much-loved pilgrimage. You can be part of this wonderful legacy by donating in memory of a loved one, as a gift, or in your family name, with names being recorded in a special commemorative book. To find out more, visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/centenary-window>.

**Job Vacancies:** The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Maintenance Operative and a Skilled Maintenance Operative. Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>



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## NEWSLETTER 01 SEPTEMBER 2024

### Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday** – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; beginning of Season of Creation*

Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am  
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

**Monday** – Weekday

No Mass today

**Tuesday** – St Gregory the Great (Feast)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm  
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

**Wednesday** – Weekday or St Cuthbert

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Thursday** – Weekday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

**Friday** – Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Saturday** – Weekday or Our Lady on Saturday

Mass at SsPP 12noon  
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

**Sunday** - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - *Education Sunday – Special Collection for the Catholic Education Service*

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

We now return to Saint Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which “externalism” and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true “internal” faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them “hypocrites”, as he condemns their “worthless worship”. He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.

**Marriage Matters: *Choosing what is best for ‘us’:*** Today, Jesus almost affirms His disciples’ rule-breaking. He talks of people honouring Him with lip-service, with hearts far from Him. In marriage, it’s the same when behaving ‘husbandly’ or ‘wifely’: saying/doing the right words/actions with hearts far from one another. Making listening to Jesus and each other a lifestyle choice enables us to choose what is best for ‘us’.

**Think Vocation:** “You must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves”. People can often feel unable to share their thoughts about a possible vocation with anyone else. Let us pray at this present time for those who feel called to the priesthood and Religious Life but lack the courage to do anything about it.

### Prayers Requested

**Sick:** All who are sick (at home or in hospital)

**Lately Dead:** Fr Derek Woodhead, Phillip Gresswell, May Cavanagh, Eric Crook, Breda Marnane, Irene Ullman, John Nolan, Darren Prentice

**Anniversaries:** John Duffy

**Masses Received:** John Duffy (A)

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** The next instalment of our Hope in the Future Cycle of Prayer will begin again in September.

#### 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

#### Next Week’s Newsletter:

**Could you please send notices before Wednesday**  
Email: [newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

### Parish Notices

**Season of Creation:** In 2015, Pope Francis established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The annual Day of Prayer is inspired by his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si’*, which calls on “every person living on this planet” to care for our shared earth. This World Day of Prayer also falls at the beginning of the Season of Creation, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Established in 1989, this is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

**Education Sunday:** Next weekend is our annual day of prayer for all those involved in education. It is a good chance to pray for all those in our schools, colleges and universities who are returning for the start of another academic year. We pray also for those who are moving on to the next stage of their education or into the world of work. We will have a special collection for the Catholic Education Service which is the agency of the Bishops’ Conference that supports our Catholic educational institutions and our diocesan education services, as well as negotiating with Government on educational matters.

**Social & Community Group:** The next meeting will be on Monday 2 September 7pm SL Parish Centre. All welcome!

**SsPP UCM:** Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5 September after 6.30pm Mass. Everybody welcome!

**Men’s Fellowship:** We wish to warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming Men's Fellowship gathering taking place at St Lukes Church on Thursday 5th September 2024 at 7:30pm. Our Men's Fellowship is a dedicated time for men to come together to strengthen our faith, build meaningful relationships, and support one another in our daily lives. Whether you are looking for spiritual growth, encouragement, or simply a time of fellowship with like-minded individuals, this gathering is the perfect opportunity. For further information, please contact Ian ([icgifford@hotmail.com](mailto:icgifford@hotmail.com)) or Calli ([calli.okafor@gmail.com](mailto:calli.okafor@gmail.com)).

**Bingo and Quiz Night in aid of Royal Manchester Children’s Hospital:** Saturday 14th September at the Parish Centre, Swinton Park Rd. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 per person (includes pasty and peas) Raffle also on the night. Please contact 07931381406 or email [andyjmartin2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andyjmartin2002@yahoo.co.uk) for tickets or see poster at back of church.

**Parish Newsletter:** Due to annual leave, the Diocesan Notices have not been updated this week. Any Masses received this week will be included in the next week’s newsletter.

**Parish Newsletter Mailing List:** If you would be interested in joining the Parish Mailing List to receive the Parish Newsletter via email, please send an email with subject - Mailing List to [Jane.Wareham@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Jane.Wareham@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)