

Diocesan Notices

Quarant'ore at St Mary's, the Hidden Gem: The parish of St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, invites you to join them at the end of November for a special time of prayer - 40 hours of Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It begins with Holy Mass at 8am on Friday 22nd November and ends with 12 noon Mass for the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday 24th), followed by a short Blessed Sacrament Procession and Solemn Benediction. Call 0161 834 3547 for more details.

Concert for Mary's Meals: Step in from the winter chill for an evening of joyful music to raise funds for a fantastic charity! St Bede's College will be hosting a wonderful concert featuring The Sacred Heart Choir on Saturday 23 November, from 6.30pm. All proceeds will help the charity Mary's Meals serve nutritious school meals to children around the world experiencing poverty. Tickets and info at <https://tinyurl.com/concertmarysmeals>

Becoming Pilgrims of Hope: Advent Talks: A series of talks exploring the theme of hope is set to begin this Advent as we embark on the 2025 Year of Jubilee. Join Sr Joan Kerley, FMSJ, and Maria Kidd as they unpick our Advent readings to explore some of the themes that are central to the concept of Jubilee. The talks will take place on 29 November, 6 and 13 December between 10am and 12.30pm at Wardley Hall. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/advent-hope-talk-1>

Remembering our loved ones - A Moment of Prayer: The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones in a special way. Names will be written down and hung in the centre's willow dome. They will also be remembered in a special prayer service on 29th November. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered in this way, or would like to join the prayer service, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Caritas is buzzing about new launch: Have you seen the special short animation and new campaign for Advent from our diocesan charity Caritas Salford? This year they are asking people to make a real difference this Christmas and not make it all about the tinsel, the parties, and the supermarket queues. Watch the specially created animation, find out more, donate, or take part in the appeal in another way: www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere

New Lectionary Resources: With the new edition of the Lectionary for Mass coming into use on the First Sunday of Advent, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has signposted us to some useful resources introducing the new edition, what changes have been made, and why. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>

Job Vacancies: The Diocese is currently recruiting for a **Cleaner** - Parish of Corpus Christi (replacement role), **Parish Hall Supervisor** - Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Francis of Assisi and a **Project Administrator** - Cathedral Centre. Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>



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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - *World Day of the Poor*

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Monday – Weekday or the Dedication of The Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul

No Mass today

Tuesday – Weekday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm

Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Requiem Mass for David Brian Evans at SL 2pm

Thursday – The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – St Cecilia

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday or St Clement or St Columbanus, or Our Lady on Saturday

Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Financially Supporting Our Parish

Contactless: The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)

Bank Details: TSDT Our Lady of Hope
50317403 20 55 34

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Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

Reflections for This Week

As always at this time of year, we begin to contemplate the end of the world - a theme that carries us over next Sunday's feast (Christ the King) and so into Advent. Such a contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages (and especially in the early days) Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen, and in fact we earnestly desire it to come: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: "Then... he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds." This gathering of God's children together will be a truly wonderful event, when we will all be completely enfolded in that love of God that we talk so much about.

Marriage Matters: *We do not know the hour or the day:* The world will not last forever, and marriage too will end when one spouse dies. This week, we married people are reminded to reflect on the treasures of love in our life: romance, warmth, tenderness, joyful celebrations, intimate moments and the fruitfulness of our love. Let's celebrate each other, reconcile past hurts and continually praise God for His blessings.

Think Vocation: We all have a part to play in vocations. We can look for qualities and signs in someone we think would make a good priest. We should tell them about what we see in them and we should pray for them. Such involvement will help those who are discerning what the Lord is asking them to do with their lives.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: Margaret Hudson, Christy Patterson, Anne Masterson, David Brian Evans, Matilda, Julia, P C Vargese, Abi Joe, Issac, Anname, Terrence Shepherd, Joelyn Godfrey, Susan Jones, Doreen Davies, Pete Robinson, Susan Morrissey

Anniversaries: John Greaves, Kathleen Naughton, Bob Sullivan, Paul Threader

Masses Received: John Greaves (A), Rose Morris (BM), Kathleen Naughton (A), Christy Patterson (LD), Bob Sullivan (1st A), Anne Masterson (LD) Samuel Horton (BM), Paul Threader (A), Margaret Hudson (LD), Bob Connor (B), Special Intention, Matilda (LD), Julia (LD), Jose Mathew, Jeevan Mathew

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, Westhoughton, for Fr. Christopher Dawson, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

World Day of the Poor

For this eighth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis has chosen the theme of "The prayer of the poor rises up to God." This is based on Sirach 21:5 and the Holy Father reiterates that "the poor hold a privileged place in God's heart" and invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with the poor, with humility and trust.

Parish Notices

Funeral: There is a Requiem Mass for David Brian Evans on Wednesday 20 November at 2.00pm at St Luke's. May he rest in peace.

New Lectionary: This weekend we have a pastoral letter from Bishop John talking about the new Lectionary that will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent.

Assisted Dying: Please take time to write to your MP about this issue before it is debated in Parliament at the end of this month. There are some cards available at the back of church to help communicate this message.

Social and Community Group: The next meeting will be held 7pm Monday 18 November at the Parish Centre. All welcome. Please come to the meeting to help supporting our Parish

PACT: There is a meeting of the Building Community and Outreach group on Wednesday at 7.30pm at St Luke's.

Diocesan Synod Theme Gatherings: Our next gathering will take place on Sunday 8 December (3.15-4.45pm at SsPP) and will focus on themes 3 & 4: "Enabling Access" and "Fostering Christ-like Care". The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. There are some copies of the summary information about each of these themes at the back of church and they are also available (together with the full report on the Big Listen) on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/

SsPP UCM - Save the Date: We are holding a Bingo afternoon in aid of our charities Loaves & Fishes and Caritas, Sunday 8 December 1.00pm - 3.00pm in the Parish Centre

Altar Servers: We are looking for more Altar Servers to join our team for both Churches. If you have made your First Holy Communion and are in year 4 or above and would like to join, there will be a short training session on 17th November after 9:30 Mass at St Luke's.

Missio: We are looking for volunteers to act as Coordinators for the Missio Red Box appeal for St Luke's Church. If you are interested please contact either Phillipa Roberts 07747410 908 or Jane Leader 07854723801 for further details.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30 November 1 - 3pm in the Parish Centre

Donations: Please could you start bringing your donations for the Christmas Fair to church. Donations of bottles, chocolates, toiletries and bric a brac will be very welcome. Thank you.

Sweet Jars: Please could you fill an empty jar with chocolates or sweets for the Christmas Fair and decorate it. Please bring back to Church and leave on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

Christmas Draw: Books of tickets for the Christmas Draw are now available in the porch at both churches, £2 a book. There is also a box for their return (in an envelope if possible please). If you can provide a prize for the Draw please sign the list in the porch - many thanks for your support. All proceeds to Parish and our School!