

## Diocesan Notices

The next Diocesan Communications Team update will be on 8 January

**Crisis support over the Christmas period:** If you or anyone in your local community requires support over the Christmas period, Caritas Salford has put together a page on their website which includes information on when their services are open, as well as signposting to other organisations who might also be able to support those in urgent need. You can read more here: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-christmas-opening-times/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-christmas-opening-times/)

**Christmas Tree Recycling:** Our Laudato Si' Centre is once again joining forces with a Christmas Tree recycling project in a bid to care for community and common home. The project raises funds for local charities by collecting used Christmas trees, while chippings from the trees will be repurposed across the Laudato Si' Centre. Find out more: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/christmas-tree-recycling-24>

**Pilgrims of Hope and A Popular History of the Diocese of Salford books on sale:** Two brand new books, Pilgrims of Hope, and A Popular History of the Diocese of Salford, written by Monsignor John Allen have gone on sale - with proceeds going to our diocesan charity Caritas Salford. The books, which give fascinating insights into the Catholic history of Greater Manchester and Lancashire can be purchased from the Caritas Salford website using the following links: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook) and [www.caritassalford.org.uk/historybook](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/historybook)

**Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee in our Diocese:** Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years and offers the faithful an opportunity to renew their relationship with God, each other, and all of creation. Over the coming months, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to observe this special year of grace in our own diocese. To find out more about the Jubilee and how to get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/>

**Advice as energy bills continue to rise:** If you, anyone you know, or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford has put together some helpful advice on their website. You can find out more by visiting <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fuel-poverty-challenges/> and can also find details on the website page on how to arrange a session with their energy advice service team. .

**Job Vacancies:** The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Parish Administrator for St Mary and St John Fisher. Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>



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## NEWSLETTER 5 JANUARY 2025

### The Epiphany Of The Lord

**Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity) - Special Collection for SPUC**  
Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am  
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

**Monday – Monday after the Epiphany**  
No Mass today

**Tuesday – Tuesday after the Epiphany or St Raymond of Penyafort**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm  
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

**Wednesday – Wednesday after the Epiphany**  
Mass at SL & live-streamed 10.00am

**Thursday – Thursday after the Epiphany**  
Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

**Friday – Friday after the Epiphany**  
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Saturday – Saturday after the Epiphany**  
Mass at SsPP 12noon  
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

**Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord (Feast) - The Christmas Season ends with this Feast**  
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

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the “Time of Manifestation”, or Showing. Today is the ‘Feast of the Manifestation’, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men that travelled from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: “All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.” The same is true of the key word in the second reading: “Revelation”. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God’s plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour’s birth revealed at last to us.

**Marriage Matters: *Gifts to each other:*** Epiphany means manifestation or revealing. The Wise Men brought Jesus gifts: gold, revealing his kingship, frankincense his Priesthood and myrrh his dying. On our wedding day, and every day since, we have ‘gifted’ ourselves to each other, and to others, unwrapping daily the ‘gold’ of our love, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our dying to self.

**Think Vocation:** The magi were guided by a star to be shown the Prince of Peace in Bethlehem. As Christians, we have a responsibility to make Christ known to all those whom we encounter. We do this by living lives that show that Christ is alive within us. May our love for the Lord grow in this Jubilee Year and lead others closer to Christ.

### Prayers Requested

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

**Lately Dead:** Larry Dunne, Margaret Lawton, Marie Duddle, Paul Barlow, Hannah O’Toole, Izabela Major, Sylvia Connor, Jason Platt, Ray Lappin, Jimmy Tracey, Daniel Hind, Patricia Seale, Peggy Keating, Ben Ellicott

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Gordon, Eric Bickley, Maureen Roberts

**Masses Received:** Margaret Lawton (LD), Larry Dunne (LD), Maureen Gordon (A), Eric Bickley (A), Olwen Lambert, Carole Ogden, Eddy Lambert, Amy & Jim Rodgers, Ethel & Ted Lambert, Mike Fahy, Michael Gilbert, Maureen Roberts (A) Jim McCormick (S)

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Peter, Stonyhurst, and for Fr Timothy Curtis, SJ, their parish priest. We pray for their primary school and for Stonyhurst College and St. Mary’s Hall.

### Parish Notices

**Dona Machines:** Apologies for some technical problems with the Dona machines over the Christmas period. These have now been resolved and so the machines should be working properly once again. They are a very worthwhile addition to the other ways of collecting funds for the parish or for special collections.

**500 Club:** The Bonus Draw for 2024 took place last Sunday morning. Congratulations to our winners: Frederick Seed (47) £360; Jonathan Palmer (107) £180; Pat Farr (59) £180. If you are not yet a member of the 500 Club, please do consider joining. It costs £5 per month per number. The prize money increases as the number of members goes up and it is a good source of income to the parish.

**SPUC:** We will have our annual White Flower Appeal this weekend to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Spuc’s vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable, they work to protect unborn human lives at the local, national and international level to build a world free from abortion and euthanasia, promoting a culture of life and dignity for all. To read more about their current campaigns please follow the link [SPUC – Making abortion unthinkable](#).

**Diocesan Yearbook:** The Yearbook for 2025 is now on sale for £5 at both churches.

**Missio Red Box SL:** We are looking for volunteers to act as Coordinators for the Missio Red Box appeal for SL. If interested please contact either Phillipa Roberts 07747410908 or Jane Leader 07854723801 for further details.

#### Next Week’s Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday

Email: [newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

#### Financially Supporting Our Parish

**Contactless:** The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)

**Bank Details:** TSDT Our Lady of Hope

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**Cheques:** Payable to Our Lady of Hope  
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