

## Diocesan Notices

**Mass for People who are Sick and People with Caring Responsibilities:** A special Mass to mark the Jubilee for People who are Sick and People with Caring Responsibilities will be taking place on Saturday 5 April. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, will also include an opportunity for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Mass begins at 2pm at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church. All are welcome to attend.

**Jubilee for the Missionaries of Mercy:** This March, we continue our Jubilee of Jubilees series by exploring the theme of mercy in relation to Lent and the traditions of Jubilee to better understand how we are called to respond in this holy year of grace. For our latest resources, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

**Holy Week Retreat at Stonyhurst:** A prayerful retreat focusing on the true meaning of Easter is taking place at Stonyhurst College this Holy Week. The retreat will run from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday and provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the resurrection of faith and foster a sense of community and spiritual renewal. A special Children and Young People's programme has also been developed for our young parishioners. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/stonyhurst-holy-week-retreat/>

**Laudato Si' Centre E-News:** The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre has created a new E-Newsletter to help you stay up to date on the latest events and activities at the Centre. Sign up now at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk>

**Stations of the Cross at Laudato Si' Centre:** Experience a reflective journey through the Stations of the Cross, contemplating the Passion of Christ in the midst of nature. Providing a serene setting for prayer and meditation, each station will have an ecological reflection and quotes from Pope Francis' Laudato Si' encyclical. All are welcome to join one of two sessions on Friday 11 April. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lsc-stations-apr-25>

**Eucharistic Healing Service:** There will be a Eucharistic Healing service at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church, Great George St, M3 6EH, led by Gary Stephens, Daniella Stephens and Fr Frankie Mulgrew, on Friday 11 April 7.30pm. All are welcome. For further information contact 0161 817 2210 or [enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk)

**Lourdes Diocesan Youth Group:** Are you a young person looking to take part in a pilgrimage this year? Do you want to make new friends, build community, and grow in your faith together as a pilgrim of hope? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes between 30th July to 7th August? Cost per person is £669, including travel by coach, hotel accommodation, and all meals. Young people can join one of three age groups made up of young pilgrims from across the diocese: 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17, and 18+. For more information or to register, email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

**Thank you from Caritas Salford:** Thank you to everyone who has already supported our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, during this year's Lent campaign. Services have continued to increase, and all of your prayers, kindness and generosity make a huge difference to the lives of people in our parish communities. To find out more about ways Caritas helps local people or to make a donation or support in another ways this Lent or beyond, visit [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk)

Next Week's Newsletter:

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

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## NEWSLETTER 30 MARCH 2025

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Sunday** - Fourth Sunday of Lent - *Laetare Sunday* - *Mothers' Day*

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

**Monday** – Lent Weekday

No Mass today

**Tuesday** – Lent Weekday

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

**Wednesday** – Lent Weekday or St Francis

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am  
Deanery Station Mass at St Sebastian's, Pendleton 7.30pm with Bishop John

**Thursday** – Lent Weekday

Requiem Mass for Mary Tomney at SL 10.30am  
Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

**Friday** – Lent Weekday or St Isidore

Stations of the Cross at SL 9am  
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Saturday** – Lent Weekday or St Vincent Ferrer

Mass at SsPP 12noon (followed by CAFOD Lenten Soup Lunch)  
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

**Sunday** - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

As today we hear the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son (or the Forgiving Father), the message is Reconciliation - the making new of relationships, the healing of past wrongs and the opening of ourselves to the "new creation". This is just as the Israelites opened themselves to the New Creation of the Promised Land, when under Joshua they ended their sojourn in the wilderness after forty years of hardship, and began to eat of the produce of the country. It is all God's work: it is God who calls us back, and God who welcomes us into the Promised Land of his mercy when we return. So today, let us think not so much of sin and offences, as the new creation God offers us, if we but turn back to him and embrace him as our Father.

**Marriage Matters: *The need for gratitude and trust:*** The Gospel illustrates the Father's amazing forgiveness but the elder brother reacts angrily and is resentful and self-righteous. At times when we feel hurt and resentful and life seems unfair, and tensions rise, we can blame each other. Jesus' message is to trust in our husband/wife, to look for their loving ways and to ask forgiveness for our own faults.

**Think Vocation:** "Father I have sinned against heaven and against you." The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great gift to the Church - it's often something many of us find difficult. St John Vianney is the patron of all priests and was renowned for his compassion and wisdom in the confessional. May we pray for our own priests to imitate their patron in his zeal and dedication to this beautiful sacrament of healing.

## Prayers Requested

**Sick:** Claire Faulkner and all who are sick (at home or in hospital)

**Lately Dead:** Mary Tomney, Bernadette Leach, Joe Brewer, Sr Christine Alderson CP, Frank Johnson

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Bibby, Patrick Walkin

**Masses Received:** Patrick & Dorothy Jordan (60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary) Dolly Clooney (MD), Thomas Cusack (BM), Elizabeth Bibby (A), Thanksgiving, Forgotten Souls, Bernadette Leach (LD), Maria Connor (MD), Norah Livesey (MD), Ellen Ryan (MD), Patrick Walkin (A), Maureen Walkin (MD)

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Let us pray for the parish of St. John Paul II, Padiham, and for Fr. Joseph Ojelabi OMD, their parish priest, and Fr. Chris Manu OMD. We pray for their three parish primary schools and St. Joseph's Park Hill School, together with the Sisters of Mercy and those resident in McAuley Mount.

**Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers at this time.**

## HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY



A Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers. Today is a chance to remember our mothers, living or deceased and to thank God for the love shown to us through them.



## Parish Notices

**Funerals:** There will be a Requiem Mass for Mary Tomney on Thursday 3 April at 10.30am at SL. There will be a Requiem Mass for Joseph Brewer on Tuesday 15 April at 11am at SL. May they rest in peace.

**The National Shrine at Walsingham:** Thank you for your support for the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, £463.33 was raised in the collection last weekend plus £15 from Dona.

**Congratulations:** We Congratulate Patrick & Dorothy Jordan as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 3rd April.

**SsPP Foundation UCM:** Our next meeting is on Thursday 3 April after the 6.30pm Mass. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend.

**Aid to the Church in Need:** Will be here at the Parish on Sat 5 April at SL 6.30pm Mass and Sun 6 April at SL 9.30am and SsPP 11am Mass to speak about their global work in helping persecuted Christians. They will be selling various religious items at the back of church including rosaries blessed by Pope Francis and items from the Holy Land.

**Men's Fellowship:** We wish to warmly invite you to join us for our Men's Fellowship at St Lukes Church on Tuesday 1 & 15 April at 7pm. For further information, please contact Ian ([icgifford@hotmail.com](mailto:icgifford@hotmail.com)) or Calli ([calli.onyebuchibe@outlook.com](mailto:calli.onyebuchibe@outlook.com)).

**St Vincent De Paul Society:** The monthly general meeting of the SVP is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 at 7:00pm at SL. New members are welcome. St. Vincent De Paul Society is a Catholic voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty.

**All Hallows R.C. High School:** A group of Y10 pupils graduated from the DWF legal and business company 5 star programme and delivered speeches at an awards ceremony in Manchester. Pupils openly thanked God for His direction during their acceptance speeches. Pupils have been praying for guidance and for each other across school, especially Y11 who received their mock results on Tuesday and Y9 who are making their GCSE options.

**Missio Red Boxes:** There will be a representative available after Mass today to collect monies from Red Box Holders. For further information on how you can support Missio please contact 07980292560 or [julie.chapmandk24@gmail.com](mailto:julie.chapmandk24@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.

## Lent 2025

**Ecumenical Lent Course & Lunch:** Organised by the Churches on the Height, these will take place on the Thursdays of Lent (12.30-2pm) using a resource entitled *Hope in Hard Places*. The fifth lunch is on 3 April Height Methodist Church. All welcome.

**Stations of the Cross:** These will take place at St Luke's at 9am on the Friday mornings of Lent.

**Deanery Station Masses:** There will be five Masses at various churches across the deanery at 7.30pm on the Wednesday evenings of Lent (with Reconciliation available from 7pm). The fourth Mass will be on the 2 April at St Sebastian's, Pendleton, M6 6DW, with Bishop John.

**Lent Talks:** Deacon Paul is presenting a series of four talks on Thursday evenings 7.15-8.15 at SsPP, the next and final talk on the **10 April** will be a talk on *Holy Week and the Triduum*. All welcome.

**CAFOD - Join Us for a Lenten Soup Lunch:** Throughout Lent, we invite you to share a simple yet nourishing Soup Lunch every Saturday after the 12noon Mass at SsPP. The meal is free, but we encourage donations to CAFOD to support those in need. All are welcome - bring a friend!