

Diocesan Notices

Sick and Retired Clergy Fund: Our Sick and Retired Clergy Fund is a vital resource that provides key provision for our priests after years of dedicated service to our diocesan community. As the number of priests reaching retirement age has grown, this fund has never been more needed to ensure our clergy can enjoy the happy and dignified retirement they so deserve. We invite you to find out more about this fund and read our newsletter by visiting: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/sick-and-retired-clergy-fund/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Our diocesan pilgrimage office is now taking bookings for its next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. Our pilgrimage in this Holy Year of Jubilee will take place on Saturday 3 May 2025, with an option to extend your visit by staying overnight on Friday 2 May. For more information, prices, and details on how to book, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2025> or call 0161 817 2209

Accessible Prayer Walk: The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with diocesan charity Caritas Salford to host an accessible prayer walk. The session offers an opportunity to explore the beautiful, accessible grounds of the Laudato Si' Centre along with a peaceful prayer reflection. The retreat takes place between 10am and 11.30am on Friday 14 March. Find out more and register by mailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Diocesan Synod: The End of the Journey - Last weekend, our Diocesan Synod drew to a close with the final stage of the journey. On Saturday, clergy and lay synod members gathered to vote on the 40 recommendations that will form our Pastoral Plan to guide our diocese in the years to come. To find out more about the process, the recommendations, and results, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocesan-synod-end-of-the-journey>

Jubilee for Missionaries of Mercy: This March marks the Jubilee for Missionaries of Mercy. Taking inspiration from the Our Father, explore the theme of reconciliation and opportunities to forgive and be forgiven in this Season of Lent. <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

Vacancy: Senior Trust Fundraiser - Diocese of Salford. Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

The National Novena to St Joseph: will take place from **10-18 March 2025** at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead**. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able to attend, Masses are at **10am** every day of the Novena except **Sunday** when it is at **11am**. These Masses will also be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill Website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. The Novena Prayer Booklet is available on request for a suggested donation of £1 per booklet to cover costs. You are welcome to send in your petitions and or to request a Novena Prayer booklet. Please write to the **Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ** or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday
Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

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First Sunday of Lent

Sunday – First Sunday of Lent - *Special Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund*
Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Monday – Lent Weekday
No Mass & Cenacle Prayers Today

Tuesday – Lent Weekday
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Lent Weekday
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Sacramental Programme Reconciliation Service at SL 6pm
Deanery Station Mass at Lancashire Martyrs, Little Hulton 7.30pm

Thursday – Lent Weekday
Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Lent Weekday - *CAFOD Family Fast Day*
Stations of the Cross at SL 9am
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

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

Sunday - Second Sunday of Lent - *Special Collection for CAFOD*
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 with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the example of Jesus when it comes to dealing with temptation. Choosing to follow God's path is the first characteristic of the Christian: this is underlined in the two other readings, which outline the two "creeds" or statements of belief - one of Israel and one of the Christian. Both of them emphasize "believing in the heart and confessing with the lips": both creeds underline the Salvation that God has achieved - for Israel it was freedom from Egypt, for the Christian freedom from death in Jesus.

Marriage Matters: *We seek each other:* *Today's Gospel reminds us that there is more to our life as married couples than we see. Our desire for each other has a deeper yearning – to be loved and accepted for who we are. In this season of Lent let us be led by the Spirit to resist the temptation to lead individual and separate lives within our marriages.*

Think Vocation: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Those who are called to the priesthood or Consecrated Life are responding to Christ in order to receive the promise of eternal life for their souls. May we ask ourselves at the beginning of this holy season of Lent what we need to do with our lives to respond to that offer of salvation.

Prayers Requested

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

Latently Dead: Dennis Wardel, Arthur Rowlinson, Obieze Osudguu, Cecilia O'Neill, Peter Hovington, Dennis Nicholson, Pat Gaffey, Lucy Watts, James McKeown, Lily Ortega, Joyce Hilton, Jacob Sebastian, Denis Wardle, Maureen Keating, Terence Milnthorp

Anniversaries: Nick Archer, Sarah Horton, Samuel Horton, Anthony Horton, Samuel & Elizabeth Fernandes,

Masses Received: Nick Archer (1st A), Sarah Horton (A), Samuel Horton (A), Anthony Horton (A), Samuel & Elizabeth Fernandes (A), Ged Webster, SsPP UCM

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of St. Marie, Haslingden, for Fr. Martin Broadley, their parish priest, and for their two parish primary schools.

Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers at this time.

Parish Notices

Special Collection: Sorry that notice wasn't given last weekend about the special collection for our Sick and Retired Priests Fund. We will have the collection this weekend and then keep it open for the rest of Lent for any further donations. Please see Diocesan Notices for more information about this fund.

500 Club: Congratulations to our recent winners. **January:** Emily Parker (108) £120, Cathy Bruce (40) £60, Stephen Garratt (138) £60; **February:** Oliver & Francesca McGrath (37) £120, Liz Eccles (25) £60, Michael Smith (60) £60.

St Vincent De Paul Society: The monthly general meeting of the SVP is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 11 March at 7pm at SL. New members are welcome.

SL UCM AGM: St Luke's UCM AGM takes place Wednesday 12 March at St. Luke's Community Centre commencing 7 pm - new members are welcome.

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Sacramental Programme: Reconciliation will take place at SL on Wednesday 12 March at 6pm.

Youth Choir: Children and Youth Choir Rehearsal Friday 14 March 6-7pm at SL. New members welcome, ages 7 upwards. More details on <https://ourladyofhope.org.uk/children-and-youth-choir/> and Facebook

All Hallows R.C. High School: Everyone at the school are thankful to Fr. Emmanuel and Rev Paul Chisnall who kindly came into school on Ash Wednesday to bless and distribute ashes. Over 240 pupils volunteered to attend the service so our seating was at capacity. Pupils reflected on God's forgiveness and mercy. Y10 pupils participated in the World Day of Prayer service at St. James and All Souls, with a particularly outstanding reading of Mii's story by one of our pupils. We wish everyone in the parish a blessed start to Lent. "

Missio Red Boxes: We have now handed over SL Red Boxes to Julie Chapman who is the new coordinator for the Parish of Our Lady of Hope. There will be a representative available after Mass at SL on the weekends of 22/23 & 29/30 March to collect monies from Red Box Holders. For further information on how you can support Missio please contact 07980292560 or Julie.Chapman24@gmail.com. Thank you for your support - Jane Leader & Phillipa Roberts

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Walk With Me: The booklets are now available for you to take (free of charge). These are a wonderful resource to accompany us on our Lenten journey.

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 second lunch is on 13 March at Holy Angels (Moorfield Road). We are hosting it at St Luke's on 20 March. 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 first one will be on 12 March at Lancashire Martyrs, Little Hulton. The following week (19 March) will be at St Luke's.

Lent Talks: Deacon Paul will present a series of four talks on Thursday evenings 7.15-8.15 at SsPP, beginning on 13 March with a talk on *The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus*. 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. The first meal will be on offer on **Saturday 8 March**. All are welcome - bring a friend!

CAFOD Annual Family Fast Day: The Family Fast day takes place on Friday 14 March, we are all encouraged to eat a simple meal on this day and to think of people who do not have as much food as us. We are encouraged to make a donation to CAFOD which will make a difference to people in need. Next weekend is the Special Collection For CAFOD, envelopes are being distributed and will be collected in then.

Day Retreat For Lent: A day retreat for Lent is taking place on the 29 March 10am-4pm at SsPP. The retreat is aimed at helping parishioners reflect on our relationship with God and to gain a deeper understanding of our faith. There will be talks, praise & worship and adoration. Lunch will be provided and Tea & Coffee available.