

## Diocesan Notices

**Assisted Suicide:** Following the Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Nichols last weekend, we are reminded of the need to write to our MPs to ask them to vote against the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which is currently going through Parliament. There are postcards available at the back of church which you might prefer to use for this purpose, though you can of course write in your own words.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell:** Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. Situated on the doorstep of our diocese, this day pilgrimage presents a wonderful opportunity to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage without travelling too far away from home. The pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pilgrimage-2025>

**Mass to Celebrate Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries:** Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on Tuesday 3 June at 7pm at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful Sacrament. Friends and family are welcome and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass. For more information please email: [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Two-Child Benefit Cap Survey:** Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has recently launched a lived experience survey to better understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap on Catholic families in England and Wales and to explore how parishes are supporting families in need. Your responses will contribute to a short report/briefing, and insights gathered will inform further advocacy work to support families affected by the cap, as well as other financial hardship. You can find the survey here: <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/>

**Mercy in the Holy Year:** The Diocese of Salford has produced a number of resources to help us learn more about the theme of mercy and reconciliation in the Jubilee Year, including an FAQ sheet on Plenary Indulgences. To find out more, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/plenary-indulgences>

**Caritas Salford E-newsletter:** Did you know that Caritas, our diocesan charity, now has a monthly e-newsletter providing updates, free resources, news and event details, plus much more? To begin to receive it, visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/newsletter/>

**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>



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## NEWSLETTER 20 APRIL 2025

### Easter Sunday

#### Sunday - Easter Sunday

Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 8pm (Easter Vigil) & Sun 9.30am  
Masses at SsPP Sun 8.00am & 11am

#### Monday – Easter Monday

No Mass today

#### Tuesday – Easter Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday – Easter Wednesday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

#### Thursday – Easter Thursday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

#### Friday – Easter Friday - *No Abstinence*

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

#### Saturday – Easter Saturday

Mass at SsPP 12 noon  
No celebration of Reconciliation today

#### Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

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/)

#### 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  
50317403 20 55 34

Cheques: Payable to Our Lady of Hope  
Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

## Reflections

When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!



**Marriage Matters: *Giving each other new life:*** Today's theme is new life. It reminds us of our promise to be a source of life to each other every day in tenderness, understanding, encouragement and praise, yet also by forgiving our spouse particularly when he/she is vulnerable and full of self-doubt. Today is a good day to thank God for all the life we have received.

**Think Vocation:** It is the Risen Lord Jesus who calls men to follow him and prepare for the sacred priesthood. On Maundy Thursday all the priests were invited to renew their priestly promises made on their ordination day. Therefore, they are able to celebrate the Easter Sunday Mass today with renewed joy and commitment. As we renew our baptismal promises may we all truly celebrate our belief in the new life that comes through the Risen Lord Jesus.

## Prayers Requested

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

**Lately Dead:** Mary Byrne, Claire Faulkner, Olwen Lambert, Maire McAlister, Sam Quallsah, Moira Branagan, Mary Tomney, Bernadette Leach, Joe Brewer

**Anniversaries:** Colin Ferguson

**Masses Received:** Claire Faulkner (LD), Mary Byrne (LD), Colin Ferguson (A), Colin Ferguson (BM)

**Easter Masses Received:** Howard Family (In Memory), Pat Howard (In Memory), Susan & Stan Sumars (Blessings), Anne Ward

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** We pray for the people of the parish of St. Mary and St. Anselm, Whitworth and Bacup, and for Fr. Christopher McGrane, their parish priest, together with their two parish primary schools.

**Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he continues to recuperate.**

**FATHERS MICHAEL, EMMANUEL, FRANK &  
DEACON PAUL  
WISH A VERY HAPPY & HOLY EASTER  
TO YOU ALL  
AND TO YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS**



## Parish Notices

**CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal:** Thank you for the £614.56 raised in last weekends collection, plus £153 given via Dona, which will help provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Donations will still be accepted online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](http://cafod.org.uk/myanmar) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

**500 Club:** We congratulate the March winners: Angela Garner (161) £120; Phil Denton (187) £60; David Cordner (260) £60

**Youth Group:** Meets every last Friday of each month, next meeting Friday 25 April 6-7pm in the Parish Centre. This group is open to school years 7-11, join us for Faith, Food & Fun!

**SsPP UCM Charity Disco:** Saturday 10 May in the Parish Hall in aid of CAFOD and our charities for the year. Pastie & Pea Supper. Tickets on sale soon.

**Mikron Theatre:** Mikron Theatre Company are coming to us again with their production of "Operation Beach Hut" a musical seaside adventure on Wed 14 May 7.30pm at SsPP. Tickets £13 can be ordered on line at [rita@mcnassociates.org.uk](mailto:rita@mcnassociates.org.uk) or 0161 281 0513 or 01484 843701. Proceeds for Salford Loaves and Fishes. All welcome!

**Summer Fair:** The Summer Fair will be on Sunday 29 June at SsPP. Calling all gardening Parishioners, please pot up spare cuttings from your garden for the plant stall. This is a very popular money raiser on the day and its all free, using natures bounty!!

**Red Box 2024:** Thank You! In 2024 Our Lady of Hope raised £1,645,40 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Our missionary community here at Our Lady of Hope is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Glenn MHM working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk) to find out more.

## Diocesan Synod Implementation

I am grateful for the positive discernment in our Diocesan Synod, which produced valuable recommendations for the future of our Diocese. Mgr John Dale has accepted the role of Episcopal Vicar for Synodality, and the implementation work is beginning. Parish Priests have been asked to nominate individuals with expertise in the four recommendation categories: "Community and Outreach," "Leadership and Collaboration," "Spirituality and Formation," and "Young People and Schools," so that we can build a vision and direction, and share best practice, for our future. And for this continuing work, let us pray, "Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey."

*Bishop John*

Further updates will be provided as we continue on the implementation.