

Diocesan Notices

CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal: CAFOD (the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development) has shared details of its Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Funds raised for this appeal will provide much-needed water, food, solar lights, mosquito nets and water purification tablets to those devastated by this disaster. Your generosity will extend far and wide and will help the Catholic Church in Myanmar bring comfort and relief to families who are in urgent need. Visit cafod.org.uk/myanmar to find out more and donate.

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/>

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>

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

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.

Next Week's Newsletter:

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Monday – Lent Weekday or St John Baptist De La Salle

Stations of the Cross at SL 9.30am with St Luke's RC Primary School

Tuesday – Lent Weekday

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

Wednesday – Lent Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Deanery Station Mass at St Teresa's, Irlam 7.30pm

Thursday – Lent Weekday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Lent Weekday or St Stanislaus

Stations of the Cross at SL 9am
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Mass at SL 6pm - In celebration of Paul Duignan's retirement

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 - Palm Sunday

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

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

Reflections

There is a logical development in the readings this Sunday: In the Old Testament, God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do", when he will put "water in the wilderness"; we then see the new deed, which Paul talks about, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness"? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation (as we heard last week). We are driven on through Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for us.

Marriage Matters: *Let joy fill our hearts:* Today is the first day of the rest of our lives! It is vital that we don't carry past hurts with us, and are able to forgive and move on. We need to look at our faults and failings and seek forgiveness of each other first. This gives life and hope for our relationship. Let us strive for perfection – together.

Think Vocation: "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." The whole point of the Passion and Death of Our Lord was for the forgiveness of sins. Every one of us commits sins but, like the woman in the Gospel, we are to take the opportunities that are offered to us to change our ways. We pray for future priests and Religious for the Church to remind us of the Gospel message of hope for sinners and to be the compassionate face of Christ to us.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: Sam Quallsah, Moira Branagan, Mary Tomney, Bernadette Leach, Joe Brewer, Sr Christine Alderson CP, Frank Johnson

Anniversaries: Denis O'Malley

Masses Received: Brian & Brenda Walker (In Memory), Sam Quallsah (LD), Denis O'Malley (A), Moira Branagan (LD), Josephine Warburton (MD), Nick Archer (Loving Memory), The O'Donoghue Family, Special Intention, Special Intention

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the parishioners of Holy Apostles, Rawtenstall and Newchurch-in-Rossendale, and for Fr, Simon Stamp, their parish priest. We pray for their three parish primary schools, for All Saints High School and for The Teaching Sisters of St Dorothy, Daughters of the Sacred Hearts.

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

Parish Notices

SL RC Primary School - Stations of the Cross: Monday 7 April at 9:30am at SL Church our GIFT (Growing in faith together) Team will be leading their 2nd Stations of the Cross reflection. We warmly welcome parishioners to attend the service.

SL RC Primary School - Lenten Celebration: Tuesday 8 April at 9.30am, parishioners are warmly invited to school for a Lenten celebration, followed by Hymns and Hot Cross Buns.

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Catenian Memorial Mass: Our Tuesday evening Mass this week will be a Memorial Mass for two of our parishioners who were members of the Catenian Association who died in the latter months of 2024 – Gerald Mahon and Terence Simpson. Please remember them and their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

Retirement Mass: On Friday evening there will be a Mass at St Luke's Church at 6pm to celebrate Paul Duignan's retirement after a lifetime of teaching at St Luke's School.

Pastoral Letter: This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of England and Wales concerning the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

Chrism Mass: Each year we receive a number of tickets so that parishioners can attend the Chrism Mass (at which the Holy Oils are blessed) on the Wednesday of Holy Week – 11am on 16 April at St Patrick's, Collyhurst. If you would like to attend and represent the parish, please have a word with one of the priests.

SL UCM: The next meeting is 7pm Wednesday 9 April in the Parish Hall. Ladies of SsPP UCM are invited along with any other ladies of the Parish

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.

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: In our final week before breaking up for the Easter holidays, each year group has reflected on the events of Holy Week via readings by pupils and animations using rocks. We welcomed Fr. Emmanuel on Friday who very kindly celebrated Mass for the whole year group of year 9 pupils. Everyone at All Hallows school wishes you all a blessed continuation of Lent and a Happy and Holy Easter.

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 or 0161 281 0513 or 01484 843701. Proceeds for Salford Loaves and Fishes. All welcome!

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 10 April at Holy Angels Church (Moorfield Road). 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 fifth Mass will be on the 9 April at St Teresa's, Irlam, M44 6AB

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!