

Diocesan Notices

Lourdes Fundraiser Quiz Night: The Lourdes Committee would like to invite you to a fundraising event on **Saturday 7 February**. All funds raised will go towards arrangements for the 2026 Lourdes Pilgrimage. Tickets are £10, payable on the door, and this will include a pie and pea supper. The quiz begins at 7:30pm at St Luke's Parish Hall, Swinton Park Road, Salford, M6 7WR.

Racial Justice Sunday resources for 8 February: Caritas Salford has collated a set of resources for Racial Justice Sunday on 8 February, including the excellent Churches Together resource 'Love Your Neighbour' which has ideas on how parishes can take action. Read more and access the free resources, prayers and other information here now: www.caritassalford.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/

Talk from Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP: On 17 February, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP will be giving a talk as part of a series of guest lectures from Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy. The theme will be '*How we can keep our hope alive today.*' The talk will begin at 6PM at the Catholic Chaplaincy Church of the Holy Name, 339 Oxford Rd, Manchester M13 9PG. British Sign Language interpretation will be available. For more information please contact mucc@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Lenten Talks: School of Prayer - During Lent, a series of talks and prayerful reflections will be taking place every Tuesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm, led by Mgr Paul Smith, Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd. These will be held at Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church, Little Hulton, from 17 February to 24 March, and light refreshments will be served. For more information on how to book your place please visit the diocesan website by clicking the following link: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lenen-talks-school-of-prayer/>

Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology: Dr Finlay Malcolm from the University of Manchester will be delivering an interactive teaching session exploring how creation and the environment are integral to Catholic faith and theology. The session will involve theological and environmental teaching, spiritual reflection, and discussion of how we can be part of God's work, through the Church, in redeeming God's creation. The event will take place on 25 February 2026, 7-9pm, at Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church in Bury. Refreshments will be provided. For more information and to sign up for the event, please use the following link: [Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/exploring-gods-creation-within-catholic-theology-roman-catholic-diocese-of-salford/)

Caritas Salford Call for Volunteers: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is looking for parish volunteers to help with a range of activities. These are flexible roles that can be tailored in line with your availability, skills or interests. If you're able to give even a few hours to help, they would be hugely grateful. You can find out more at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/service/in-your-parish/



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass at SL (No live-streaming this weekend) Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am

Masses at SsPP Sun 8.00am & 11am

Monday – **The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)** - *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*

No Mass today

Tuesday – Weekday or St Ansgar or St Blaise

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm

Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Weekday

Requiem Mass for Bernard Hayward at SL 10am

Thursday – St Agatha

Requiem Mass for Colin Doyle at SsPP 11am

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Ss Paul Miki & Companions

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday or Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at SsPP 12noon

Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

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

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday

Email: 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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Reflections

Last week we heard Saint Matthew describing the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. This week Saint Matthew begins the most important summary of the proclamation of the kingdom of God - what we refer to as the 'Sermon on the Mount.' This great collection of Jesus' teachings begins with the Beatitudes - the Charter of the Kingdom. It is essential to understand these, if we are to understand what we will read in Saint Matthew during the rest of this year: the key, as underlined by the First Reading, is that the values of this world are not the values of the Kingdom of God - the Kingdom will see things turned upside down: happiness and blessing belong to those whom this world would ignore or mistreat. If we truly wish to live out the Gospel, we would do well to reflect on the virtues laid out in this familiar passage.

Marriage Matters: *Being human - we are human be-ings, not do-ings: With the ever-increasing pace of life, when do we get a chance 'to be'? Today, the Word of God is intended to relate more to the deeper aspects of our humanity and the inner essence of our being, and the qualities of our personhood. It's about the ways we relate to each other in our marriages, our families, our communities.*

Think Vocation: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." The Lord can work with people who are genuine and full of integrity. Young people can see through what is false and superficial: as Catholics, we need to be genuine and sincere in everything we do and this will draw young people to want to serve as priests and religious in the Church.

Prayers Requested

Sick: Beryl Crabtree and all who are sick (at home or in hospital)

Lately Dead: Fr Francis Austin, Fr Francis Frost Stewart Shields, Dennis Simcox, Colin Doyle, Bernard Hayward, David Ogden, Carmela Bartkiw, Michael Govin, James Collins, Margaret Connor, June Cusack, Margaret Barlow, Janis Kirkham, Anne Marie Galliano, Gavin Taggart, John O'Gorman, Fr Thomas Mullin, Mary O'Sullivan

Anniversaries: Dennis Miles, Mathew Vankey, Charles Raymond, Jean Middleton, Edward Bradbury, Maureen Brannan, Graham Marsden

Masses Received: Nick Archer (Loving Memory), C Eccleston, Dennis Miles (A), Mathew Vankey (11th A), Jimmy Collins (LD), Charles Raymond (A), Jean Middleton (A), Edward Bradbury (A), Maureen Brannan (A), Graham Marsden (2nd A), Josephine Warburton, Deceased members of the Warburton & O'Donnell Families, Stewart Shields (LD), Mark Ford (B)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Let us hold in prayer the people of the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. John Bosco, Blackley, with Fr Clement Kapor, CM, of the Vincentian Fathers, together with their parish primary schools. We pray for the Xaverian Missionaries and the Sisters of the Cross and Passion.

Parish Notices

Funerals: There will be a Requiem Mass for Bernard Hayward on Wednesday 4 February at 10am at St Luke's. There will be a Requiem Mass for Colin Doyle on Thursday 5 February at 11am at St Peter & Paul's. May they rest in peace.

Caritas Sunday: Thank you for the £775.23 raised in the special collection last weekend and £105 Dona machine. Caritas Diocese of Salford works to support local people experiencing poverty, homelessness and displacement. Copies of their newsletter, *Love in Action*, are available in church highlighting just some of the difference your support has made possible in the past year. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/caritassunday for more information.

Flower Arranging: Our first meeting this year is on Wednesday 11 February 1-3pm at SsPP. Demonstration by Veronica. Tea, coffee, cake and a chat, everybody welcome!

Bingo & Quiz Night: In aid of Parish Funds. Friday 13 February at 7pm in the Parish Centre, followed by the parish quiz at approx. 8.30-8.45pm. Bingo tickets £1 per book or £5 for 6 books. Prizes for 1 line and full house! Bar open, bring your own snacks. Bring your family & friends, all welcome!

Book Exchange. Following a parishioner's kind donation of a bookcase the Social Committee has established a Parish Book Exchange at SsPP church. Please feel free to borrow books (50p for two) and return when you have read them. Book donations also welcome.

Burns Night: To celebrate 70 years of Catholic Excellence, St Ambrose Barlow RCHS invites you to an unforgettable evening, full of music, poetry, bagpipes, dancing and the ceremonial address to the haggis. Enjoy a three course Scottish feast with entertainment from staff and pupils. Thursday 12 February 7-9pm, £20 per person which includes a commemorative gift. Please contact 0161 921 1570 or email office@stambrosebarlowswinton.org to book your place.

All Hallows RC High school: A group of pupils visited the relics of St. Carlo Acutis at St. Patrick's church this Friday, taking part in a wonderful Celebration of the Word. Pupils were selected from a Form whose Form Saint is St. Carlo Acutis. Staff and pupils, including prayer captains, wrote prayers of intercession which will be taken back to Assisi. Our Gold Award winners whose behaviour displays our gospel values were treated to a trip to the cinema this week.