

Diocesan Notices

Lenten School of Prayer: This takes place on the Tuesdays of Lent (10.30am-12.30pm) at Our Lady and the Lancashire Martyrs, Little Hulton (M28 ODL) with the overall theme Our Lenten Call. This week's session on 3 March is entitled God Calls us to Life-Giving Water. Please contact Sr Joan Kerley (joanfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816796) to reserve a place.

Permanent Diaconate 'Come and See' Event: Could you be called to serve the church as a Permanent Deacon? If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Salford, please come along to our 'Come and See' event. This is a chance to discuss and learn more about the ministry. This event takes place from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday 7 March at St Mary's Church, Hall Burnley, BB10 4AU. For more information about the Diaconate, please email diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/permanent-diaconate/

Laudato Si' Centre Parish Awards 2026: The inaugural Laudato Si' Centre Parish Awards will take place this year - the Year of St Francis. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, the awards are open to parish communities who take part in practical action that supports environmental stewardship and/or social justice, showing faith-filled care for God's creation. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a presentation at Wardley Hall where they will receive a certificate in recognition of their work, presented by Bishop John. Please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is Friday 27 March.

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? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's simple to sign up and you can join a new "group" led by the Diocesan Youth Department. The pilgrimage and travel dates are 29th July to 6th August. The cost is £695 and this includes coach travel and full board hotel accommodation (Astoria Hotel). Young people can join in 3 age groups 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17 and 18+. If you are interested, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for details of how to register.

Exploring our Lenten Gospels: Each Tuesday during our Lenten period, a series of reflections will be given online by various speakers, exploring the meaning of our Lenten Gospels and their implications for our lives today. The series will continue on Tuesday 3 March with Sr Maureen Murphy reflecting on The Woman at the Well, and will close with Bishop John reflecting on the Palm Sunday readings. For more information on how to book your free place, please visit the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/>

The National Novena to St Joseph: Will take place from the 10-18 March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. 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. Masses are at 10am every day of the Novena except Sunday when it is at 11am. These Masses will be available to follow on YouTube via www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. The Novena Prayer Booklet is available for a suggested donation of £1 to cover costs. You are welcome to send in your petitions and or to request a Novena prayer booklet. - Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ or email novenamhm@gmail.com



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Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday - Second Sunday of Lent—*Special Collection for CAFOD*

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8.00am & 11am

Monday – Lent Weekday

No Mass today

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm

Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Lent Weekday or St Casimir

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Deanery Station Mass at St Sebastian's, Pendleton 7.30pm

Thursday – Lent Weekday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Lent Weekday - *World Day of Prayer*

Stations of the Cross at SL 9am

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Lent Weekday or Ss Perpetua & Felicity

Mass at SsPP 12noon (Followed by CAFOD Lenten Soup Lunch)

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

Sunday - Third Sunday of Lent - *The First Scrutiny*

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

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

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: Beryl Crabtree, Jessie Collins, Pat Bentham, Martin O'Reilly, Michael Jordan, Fr Robert Morrow, Mary Jacques, John Ashfield, Winifred Thorpe, Michael Farragher, Dr. Alan Chapman

Anniversaries: Bridie & John Naughton, Matthew Kerrane, Maria Connor

Masses Received: Pat Bentham (LD), Bridie & John Naughton (A), Vincent Kavanagh, Matthew Kerrane (A), Maria Connor (A), Martin O'Reilly (LD), Michael Jordan (LD), Nick Archer (BM), Pauline Bryan (BM), Marie & Pete Lougheed (60th Wedding Anniversary)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Let us pray for the parishioners of St. Stephen's, Droysden, together with Fr. Bernard Wilson, their parish priest, Fr. Callistus Orjika, and their parish primary school.

Lent

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: The theme is *Help our neighbours grow enough food to eat*. This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting last Friday and giving what you saved, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Giving to our collection today (using a CAFOD envelope to gift-aid your donation if possible) will bless others with your support, or you can use the Dona machine. You can also donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

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 *The Final Week*. This week's lunch is on 5 March held at Holy Angels Church, Moorfield Road. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross: These will take place at St Luke's at 9am each Friday 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 second one will be on 4 March at St Sebastian's, Gerald Road, Pendleton (M6 6DW)

CAFOD—Join us for a Lenten Soup Lunch: We are inviting you to share a simple yet nourishing soup lunch, every Saturday throughout Lent, after the 12noon Mass at SsPP. The meal is free, but we encourage donations to CAFOD to support those in need. All welcome!

Parish Notices

Heating at SsPP: As explained at the Masses last Sunday, the heating is not working because someone has taken the stand-alone controller (which is both a timer and a thermostat). Without that, we have no means of turning the boilers on. Getting the situation remedied is complicated by the fact that we are not currently able to go into the church boiler house due to the presence of asbestos. We are in the process of getting quotes for having the asbestos removed but this will take time and will also be costly (though it needs to be done). Please bear with us as we seek to resolve this situation.

Social and Community Group: The next meeting will be at Monday 2 March at 7pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

Union of Catholic Mothers: The next meeting is Thursday 5 March at 7pm at SsPP. Ladies of the parish are welcome to join us for an evening of prayer and friendship.

Bingo evening and Parish Quiz: In aid of parish funds. The next Bingo Evening will be **Friday 13 March at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Bar open. All welcome!

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer: Takes place on 6 March 2pm at Mount Chapel (corner of Eccles Old Rd and Langworthy Rd). Join friends from local churches. This year's theme is Nigeria, all welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: We are pleased to announce that for this year's **Our Lady of Hope Parish Pilgrimage**, we are organising a group to join the **Salford Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from **30th July – 5th August 2026**. To make the journey as seamless as possible, we intend to arrange coach transfers to and from Liverpool Airport (dependent on the number of parishioners interested). If you would like to join the parish group or require further information regarding costs and booking, please register your interest as soon as possible to help us finalise transport arrangements. **Contact Kathleen:** Tel: 07910050514 Email: k18ucm@gmail.com

International Mass – Saturday 25 April: Join us as we celebrate the rich diversity of our parish community at this Mass, followed by a social evening in the parish with music and shared food from around the world. If you can help represent your country or contribute in any way, we would love to hear from you. Speak to Joan Sweeney or Paul Ashton or Email communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk

500 Club: Congratulations to our recent winners. **January winners:** Moira Boyce (85) £101; Kathleen O'Brien (143) £50.50; Pat McGrath (36) £50.50; **February winners:** Catherine Ball (52) £101; Patrick Buckley (252) £50.50; Sage Sebastian (171) £50.50. There are plenty of numbers available if anyone else would like to join the 500 Club.

All Hallows R.C. High School: On our return to school this week, each year group has taken part in a collective Lenten reflection. Our daily worship features a simple action (adapted from a calendar prepared by our SVP group) for pupils to undertake to promote acts of charity, prayer and fasting. Caritas Ambassadors have been writing and drawing their Lenten Thoughts for the Day with their intentions of what they will do more of and less of this Lent to become closer to God.

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

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