

## 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 0DL) with the overall theme Our Lenten Call. This week's session on 10 March is entitled *God Calls us to Healing*. Please contact Sr Joan Kerley ([joanfmsj@gmail.com](mailto:joanfmsj@gmail.com) or 07934 816796) to reserve a place.

**Connecting Communities Through Integral Ecology:** The University of Manchester is hosting this two-day event on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 March, aimed at bringing faith, academia and communities together to make a positive impact on our world. On Day One, a conference will be held and presentations will be given by several guests including Diocesan Head of Environment, Dr. Emma Gardner, and the Laudato Si' Centre's Environment and Learning Officer, Emily Cahill. For more information and to book your place, please visit the Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/connecting-communities-through-integral-ecology-laudato-si-tickets-1981427440814>

**Manchester Chinese Catholic Community (MCCC):** MCCC would like to invite you to their monthly Mass. This takes place on the second Sunday of the month at 2pm and is held in Salford's temporary Cathedral on Great George Street, M3 6EH.

**Youth pilgrimage to Lindisfarne:** Following on from the success of last years pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, we are offering young people in Years 7, 8 and 9 another opportunity to go to Lindisfarne from Friday 22 May – Sunday 24 May 2026. The cost is £120 which includes travel by coach and full board accommodation. We will be staying on the island at the SVP Camp. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Young Adults Hub:** The diocesan Youth Team are delighted to share news of the Young Adults Hub, created especially for those aged 18–35 across the Diocese of Salford. The Hub offers a welcoming space for young adults to deepen their faith, build authentic friendships, and grow together through prayer, formation, and social gatherings. If you would like more information, please reach out to Mikey [hub.president@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hub.president@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk) and Edward [hub.chair@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hub.chair@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) for details of how to register.



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### Third Sunday of Lent

**Sunday** - Third Sunday of Lent

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8.00am & 11am

**Monday** – Lent Weekday or St Frances of Rome

No Mass 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

Deanery Station Mass at Holy Cross, Patricroft 7.30pm

**Thursday** – Lent Weekday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

**Friday** – Lent Weekday

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** - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday - Mothers' Day

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/)

## Reflections

The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This reading forms part of the catechesis given before Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into the water are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. Even if your Church does not have any candidates preparing for Baptism, we will all renew our baptismal promises at Easter: we should take this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.

**Marriage Matters: Find our 'living water':** Jesus' message to the woman at the well reminds us of His first miracle at Cana where He changed water into wine. Today, He promises us "living water where we will never be thirsty again...a spring inside...welling up to eternal life". When His grace is poured into us, into our marriages, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others.

**Think Vocation:** Our Lord kindly reveals himself to the Samaritan woman as she routinely fetches water. There are many people who search for direction and meaning in their lives. May we always imitate Our Lord in his eagerness and patience with those who want to know more about our faith and our Church.

## Prayers Requested

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

**Lately Dead:** Marjorie Rice, 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:** Nick Archer, Tom O'Brien

**Masses Received:** Nick Archer (2nd A), Tom O'Brien (A), Peter & Marie Lougheed (60th Wedding A), Marjorie Rice (LD), Union of Catholic Mothers, Mark Ford (Loving Memory)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** This week we pray for the parish of St. Clare, Blackley, for Fr Jeremiah Budau, OFM Conv, and the Franciscan community. We pray for their parish primary school and Our Lady's High School, for the Good Shepherd Sisters and for the chaplaincy to the Romanian community.

## Parish Notices

**CAFOD:** Thank you for the special collection last weekend, which raised £1,105.35 plus £212 given via Dona. You can still donate online [www.cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

**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!

**Craft Cupboard at SL Church:** We have reorganised and tidied the cupboard (next to the parish room) in order to free up much needed storage space. If you have anything stored there could you contact Bernice Green ASAP on 07305306978. Thank you.

**Fairtrade:** Easter Eggs (including 24 page Easter Story) £5.50 each, on sale at each Mass this week.

**Dear Friends of Missio:** The Spring Edition of Mission Today is now available at the back of the Church which focuses on the role of Missio in supporting the training of future priests and sisters in mission dioceses all over the world. The magazine also highlights the Pope's prayer intentions for each month of 2026. Please take a copy.

**Hold the date!:** Music for a Spring Afternoon, 2-4pm, 19th April, Parish Centre. Tickets available soon.

**All Hallows R.C. High School:** Pupil Prayer Captains and pupils from the Faith in Art group represented the school at the World Day of Prayer service at Mount Chapel. Pupils of Nigerian heritage read beautifully with one pupil praying 'Our Father' in Igbo and another delivering a testimony from the perspective of a Nigerian schoolgirl. Pupils had prepared in advance with resources around this year's theme of "I will give you rest, come." We were very warmly received and appreciated the opportunity to participate in such a wonderful service.

## Lent

**Day Retreat at SsPP:** A day retreat for Lent is taking place on **Saturday 28th March 2026 - 10am to 3pm**. 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.

**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 third one will be on 11 March at Holy Cross, 370 Liverpool Road, Patricroft (M30 8QD) celebrated by Bishop John. We will be hosting the Station Mass next week at SsPP.

**Ecumenical Lent Course & Lunch:** No meeting this week but will resume next week.

**Stations of the Cross:** These will take place at St Luke's at 9am each Friday of Lent.

**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!

### Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday

Email: [newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

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