

## Diocesan Notices

**Catholic Social Teaching (CST):** Caritas Salford is offering a free online webinar to introduce the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) in an accessible way, with a particular focus on building hope, homes and a positive future for all. This will take place on Thursday 30 April 2026 from 6pm to 7:15pm. With local elections approaching in May, the time is right to raise our awareness of CST and reflect on how it can help to inform the decisions and choices we make in life. Register for your free place or find out more at: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/events](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/events)

**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.

**Deaf Awareness and Conversational British Sign Language Course:** Caritas Salford has developed a brand new 12-week course for parishioners, to equip them with basic British Sign Language skills and greater awareness of accessibility and inclusion in parish life. The course will commence on 14 April and sessions will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings at St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M4 5HF (with parking available in the Caritas Salford car park adjacent to the church). Places for the course are strictly limited. To find out more and book a place, visit: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/deaf-awareness-bsl](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/deaf-awareness-bsl)

### ALL HALLOWS ARE LOOKING TO RECRUIT FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Working closely with the Headteacher, the main responsibility of the governing body is to determine the aims and overall conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement. The specific duties of the governing body include setting staffing levels, setting and agreeing the school budget, ensuring that a broad and balanced curriculum is delivered, as well as monitoring health and safety and the management of the premises. It is also of the utmost importance that our Governors fully support the Catholic ethos of the school. Please note that to become a foundation governor you will need to be a practising Catholic. This is a volunteer role.

If this varied and important role is something that you are interested in, please contact Gemma Perkins (PA to Headteacher/Clerk to Governors) [g.perkins@allhallowsrc.co.uk](mailto:g.perkins@allhallowsrc.co.uk) for further information

#### Financially Supporting Our Parish

Contactless: The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)  
Bank Details: TSDT Our Lady of Hope  
50317403 20 55 34  
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Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

#### 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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## NEWSLETTER 12 APRIL 2026

### Second Sunday of Easter

#### 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

#### Monday – Easter Weekday or St Martin

No Mass today

#### Tuesday – Easter Weekday

Requiem Mass for William Casey at SL 11am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm

Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

#### Wednesday – Easter Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

#### Thursday – Easter Weekday

Funeral Service for Peter Newton at Agecroft Crematorium 1.40pm

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

#### Friday – Easter Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Funeral Service for Sheila Williams at Agecroft Crematorium 2.20pm

#### Saturday – Easter Weekday

Mass at SsPP 12noon

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

#### Sunday - Third Sunday of Easter

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

Often people forget that Easter is not just a day, but a season - the longest in the Church's year, in fact! We are given fifty glorious days of Spring and Summer to prolong our baptismal joy, fifty glorious days of basking in the light of the risen Saviour. It seems a shame that after the efforts we put into Lent we don't celebrate Eastertide with the same enthusiasm. The readings of this Season have their origins in the instruction given to converts in the early Church: in Lent, the readings were the basis of catechesis on the forthcoming baptism; in Easter the readings are "Mystagogy" - a type of teaching where the newly baptised ("neophytes") learn through taking part in the celebration of the sacraments and hearing the word. On the Sundays we hear who Jesus is, and on weekdays hear about Baptism and the Eucharist. This "Mystagogy" is not just to nourish the neophytes, but to help all of us deepen our life in the risen Lord Jesus. This Sunday we are with the disciples in the Upper Room, where eight days after the Resurrection Jesus comes among them - as he comes among us.

**Marriage Matters: Togetherness:** Our 'togetherness' in what we do and say is a 'sign' of our love and a source of joy for us. Sometimes, like Thomas, we can be stubborn, with an attitude of 'I'll believe it when I see it' creating a sense of separation and distance. But together we have the power to stop, reflect, be forgiven, and begin again.

**Think Vocation:** We hear of the community spirit at work in the early Church. Community life centres around service and sacrifice. It is not easy being asked to live and work alongside people who are different to yourself. We pray for all the religious communities which have a presence in our diocese, that others may be called to join them and bring their own gifts and faith to them.

## Prayers Requested

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

**Lately Dead:** John Walsh, Deacon Stephen O'Connor, Peter Newton, Margaret Thacker, Rita Armstrong, William Casey, Sheila Williams, Brian Nolan, Martina O'Brien

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Bibby (A), Claire Faulkner (1st A), Daniel Dunne (A)

**Masses Received:** Baby Grace, Ann Middleton (B), OLOH UCM, Tomas Cusack (BM), Elizabeth Bibby (A), World Peace, Agatha & Walter Barnes (Wedding A) Mark Ford (Memories), Tom Riley (BM) Claire Faulkner (1st A), Josephine Warburton, Deceased Members of the Warburton & O'Donnell families, Dorothy & Patrick Jordan, Bill O'Brien, Daniel Dunne (A), John Walsh (LD)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** The next instalment of the Cycle of Prayer is awaited.

## Parish Notices

**Funerals:** There will be a Requiem Mass for William Casey on Tuesday 14 April at 11am at St Luke's. There will be a Funeral Service for Peter Newton on Thursday 16 April at 1.40pm at Agecroft Crematorium. There will be a Funeral Service for Sheila Williams on Friday 17 April at 2.20pm at Agecroft Crematorium. There will be a Requiem Mass for Margaret Thacker on Tuesday 21 April at 10.30am at St Luke's. May they rest in peace.

**Thank You:** A big thank you to all who helped to prepare our churches and our services for Holy Week and Easter. Thanks to all who took part in the Triduum which we celebrated in great style.

**New Catholics:** Congratulations to the eleven people (adults and children) who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Nine of them were baptised and two, who were already baptised in other Christian churches, were welcomed into the Catholic Church. All eleven were confirmed and received their First Communion. Please keep them all in your prayers as they settle into their new life as Catholics. There seems to be a significant increase in the number of people joining the Catholic Church this year, in our diocese, nationally and internationally - a very welcome development.

**Bingo Night and Parish Quiz:** The next Bingo night will be on **Friday 10 April at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Bar open. All welcome, please bring your friends and family for a great evening, all in aid of parish funds.

**St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP):** The monthly general meeting of the SVP is scheduled for Tuesday April 14 at 7pm at St. Luke's Church. New members are welcome. SVP is a Catholic voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty by providing practical assistance to people in need. We visit vulnerable or isolated people and offer them friendship and practical support.

**Music for a Spring Afternoon:** In aid of Parish funds. 2-4pm on Sunday 19 April in the Parish Centre. Bar open! Tea & coffee available. Tickets will be available at the back of both churches or ring Joan Sweeney on 07787 526972. All welcome!

**International Mass - Sunday 26 April (St Luke's):** Join us as we celebrate the rich diversity of our parish community at this Mass. If you can help represent your country in our prayers and singing, we would love to hear from you. Speak to Joan Sweeney or Paul Ashton or email [communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

**MIKRON THEATRE COMPANY:** 'Top of the Wold' at SsPP on Wednesday 13 May at 7.30pm. TICKETS £13.00. To book telephone 07793206251 / Email [rita@mcnassociates.org.uk](mailto:rita@mcnassociates.org.uk) OR buy on line [www.mikron.org.uk/](http://www.mikron.org.uk/) Tel: 01484843701. The proceeds from this event will raise money for Salford Loaves & Fishes.

**Summer Fair - calling all gardeners:** The Summer Fair will be on Sunday 28 June at SsPP, please pot up spare cuttings from your garden for the plant stall. This is a very popular money raiser on the day and it is all free, using nature's bounty!