

## Diocesan Notices

**Good Shepherd Sunday - Prayer for Vocations:** As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, we invite you to join us in praying for priestly vocations to our Diocese as we say: *Heavenly Father, in the great love you have for your people, we ask you to inspire men in our diocese to respond to your call to love and to serve. Mould their hearts, Lord, after the Sacred Heart of Your Son, so that they may grow in love and serve with joy. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

**Diocesan Vocations Newsletter:** Please pick up the latest copy which is available at the back of church. Please note that there will be a day of recollection for people who are at the early stages of discerning a vocation to the priesthood at the Schoenstatt Shrine on Saturday 13 June from 10am to 2.30pm. Details are on the newsletter.

**Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for Priests:** Copies available at the back of church.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 2nd May 2026. There are a few spaces left for the day trip picking up in Salford, Collyhurst and Oldham The cost is £40. To book your place please contact the pilgrimage office at: [walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or on 0161 817 2209 by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. No bookings can be taken after this date.**

**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)

**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 30th 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 Notre Dame Association May Mass :** Mass will be celebrated for past pupils and staff on Saturday May 23 at 11am at St John Bosco's Church, 197 Charlestown Road, M9 7BD, followed by refreshments in the hall. Any enquiries please contact Margaret Dolan on [marlydolan@aol.com](mailto:marlydolan@aol.com).

### Financially Supporting Our Parish

Contactless: The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)

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### 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 26 APRIL 2026

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday - Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life - Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund**

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

**Monday – Easter Weekday**

No Mass today

**Tuesday – Easter Weekday or St Peter Chanel or St Louis Grignon De Montfort**

Funeral Service for Harry Jewkes at SsPP 10.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm

Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

**Wednesday – St Catherine of Siena (Feast)**

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Thursday – Easter Weekday or St Pius V**

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

**Friday – Easter Weekday or St Joseph The Worker**

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Saturday – St Athanasius**

Mass at SsPP 12noon

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

**Sunday - Fifth 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/)

**Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic? If so, please send us an email, give us a call, or speak to one of our priests after Mass**

## Reflections

### *I am the gate of the sheepfold*

*This Sunday is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd Sunday', because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great 'I am' statements of Jesus from Saint John's Gospel. Today he says 'I am the gate of the sheepfold'. Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we go through Jesus, the gate, by baptism. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.*

**Marriage Matters: Feeding your sheep:** John 10:10 describes us as 'sheep'. God watches over and feeds us with his Word, and in the Eucharist. With God's help we have created a few more sheep, so we pray for His help, read books, use the internet to protect our children from the harm done by the 'media' and many of today's 'addictions'. That's being good shepherds.

**Think Vocation:** "The sheep recognised the voice of their loving shepherd." We pray that young people may recognise the voice of the Lord amidst the materialistic messages with which the world overpowers them.

## Prayers Requested

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

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

**Anniversaries:** Helena Derbyshire, Bernadette O'Reilly

**Masses Received:** John Walsh (LD), Mark Ford (Memories), Helena Derbyshire (A), Michael Gamotin, Bernadette O'Reilly (1st A), Helena, André & Andrea, Praying for God's Grace, Favour, Mercy & Protection, Settlement in Canada

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** This week we pray for the parish of the Holy Cross and St Helen, Ashton, and for Fr Jude Lemeh, and Fr. Joachin Nwaorgi, of the Vincentian Fathers, together with the Missionary Sisters of St. Michael the Archangel. We pray for the chaplaincy to Tameside General Hospital, for the parish primary schools and for St. Damian's Science College.

## Vocations Sunday

This weekend we have our annual day of prayer for vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. We also have our annual collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, which supports the training of future priests and deacons. Please see Diocesan Notices for the Prayer for Vocations.

## Parish Notices

**Funerals:** There will be a Funeral Service for Harry Jewkes on Tuesday 28 April at 10.30am at St Peter & Paul's Church. May he rest in peace.

**Music for a Spring Afternoon:** Thank you to everyone who participated in any way or attended the Spring Concert. We certainly have some very talented parishioners! £320.80 was raised in support of Parish Funds.

**Lost Bank Card:** A debit card was found in SsPP church last weekend. If you have lost a card and think this might be yours, please have a word with Fr Michael or Fr Paul.

**Finance Committee:** There is a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee on Tuesday evening at 7pm at St Luke's.

**Quiet Day:** There will be a "Quiet Day" on a theme of "Older Women in the Gospels and what we can learn from them" at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Kearsley on Saturday 9 May 1.30-4.30pm. Cost is £5. If interested please contact Vera on 07842361624.

**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.

**Bingo Night and Parish Quiz:** The next evening will be at 7pm on Friday 15 May at the Parish Centre. All welcome - bring your family and friends! Donations of prizes also welcome if you're unable to attend. Thank you.

**Christian Aid Coffee Morning:** The Height Methodist, King St, M6 7GY, will host a Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Saturday 16 May at 10am-12pm. All welcome!

**Parish Quiz Night: Hold the date!** Quiz Night 12 June at the Parish Centre. Teams of six. Prize for the winning team. Further details to follow.

**500 Club:** We congratulate the March winners: Jonathan Palmer (207) £101; Christina Nixon (66) £50.50; Bridget Griffin (11) £50.50

**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!

**All Hallows R.C. High School:** – Bronze Award recipients (pupils who have displayed Gospel values throughout the Spring term at school) were treated to a chocolate fountain at lunchtime this week. We also celebrated the Centenary of the wonderful City of Salford with a special menu in the canteen of 'Lancashire hotpot' on Tuesday. A Y8 group celebrated Mass in the Chapel and benefitted from a wonderful homily from Fr. Paul around faith. Pupils in form time prayed with this month's 'Pray with the Pope' video, remembering all our fantastic local priests.