

Diocesan Notices

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse: Every year the Church in England and Wales keeps the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter as the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. This year it falls on Tuesday 5 May. Whilst we usually mark the Day of Prayer with a Diocesan Mass, this year we will postpone it until the Cathedral reopens, so that we may gather together in reflection, support, and hope. This year we pray particularly for those affected by Domestic Abuse and Violence.

National Deaf Awareness Week: Free Resources - From 4-10 May it's national Deaf Awareness Week. Did you know that Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, has a range of resources and tips on its website to help you make your parish even more accessible to people locally? You can access these and a range of other free resources, prayers and other documents on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/resources

Marriage Preparation Course - Love for a Lifetime: This course will be held on Saturday 5th September and Saturday 12th September 2026 from 2PM to 5PM at St John Fisher's Presbytery, Manchester Road, Kearsley. Attendance is required on both dates. For more information and to register please email Fr Bryan Cunningham at fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk or Fr Herbert Opara at fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk.

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

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.

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



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Monday – The English Martyrs (Feast)

No Mass today

Bank Holiday

Tuesday – Easter Weekday—*Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse*

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

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Easter Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Easter Weekday

Mass at SsPP 12noon

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

Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter - *International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians*

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Live-stream: 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 Way, the Truth and the Life

We continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ: in other words, we continue our 'Mystagogy' - our training in the mystery of Baptism and the other Sacraments. We hear more about 'who Jesus is', with another 'I am' statement: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". We are baptised into his way, his truth and his life. We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life they are called to by baptism, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a 'spiritual house' with Jesus as our cornerstone. The mystery of the Church is clearly before us today: the Church is the community of those baptised in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with Christ (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. Today's reading can perhaps make us think a little about how we form part of this 'spiritual house', the Church, as we journey to the Father.

Marriage Matters: *I am in you and you are in me:* Jesus says, "To have seen me is to have seen the Father". In our married life, through the visible sign of the way we love each other, when people meet one of us we can be a sign that 'when seeing me, you see the one I love, in me and with me', thus emulating Jesus' relationship with His Father.

Think Vocation: "Do not let your hearts be troubled", said the Lord, "Trust in God still, and trust in me". As Mass is offered today, let us unite in faith the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: James Woods, William Peter Lowry, Harry Jewkes, Tony Slade, Brenda Woods, John Walsh, Deacon Stephen O'Connor, Peter Newton

Anniversaries: Ann O'Brien

Masses Received: Nick Archer (Loving Memory), Ann O'Brien (1st A), Norman McKenzie (BM), Teresa McDonald, William Peter Lowry (LD), Tony Patterson, David & Pat McGrath (50th Wedding Anniversary)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of the Divine Mercy, Chadderton and Hollinwood, and for Fr. Lawrence Imoisili, CM. We pray for the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, for the parish primary schools and for St. John Henry Newman College.

Parish Notices

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: Thank you for the £656.24 raised in the special collection last weekend plus £80 from Dona. The collection remains open for a further three weeks for any private donations.

Congratulations: To David & Pat McGrath who have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Red Box 2025: In 2025 Our Lady of Hope raised £1,742.00 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. **Thank you!** Our Missionary community here at Our Lady of Hope is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this year's Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.

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 OR buy on line 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: Friday 12 June at the Parish Centre. Teams of six. £5 entry limited to 120 places. 8.00pm - doors open at 7.30pm. Bar open—bring your own snacks. Prizes for winning team plus raffle. All welcome!

All Hallows R.C. High School: We have been awarded the Bronze 'Moving On Well Award', recognising the work that we do for transition from our local Catholic primary schools to All Hallows secondary school. Last weekend pupils from All Hallows joined other Y8 pupils from across the Salford Deanery for a wonderful Retreat Day led by Sr. Anna in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next month. Pupils were fantastic in singing songs, having their confessions heard, celebrating Mass and presenting ideas for youth to be fully involved in their parishes.

Summer Fair: Sunday 28 June at SsPP. Calling all gardening Parishioners, please pot up spare cuttings from your garden for the plant stall. This is a very popular money raiser on the day and its all free, using nature's bounty!!