

## Diocesan Notices

(Have not been updated this week, next update is 6 September)

**St Mary's RC Cemetery Bank Holiday Mass:** This annual Mass will take place on Monday 31 August at 11am at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley. It will be held outside the Chapel and there will be limited seating.

**Outdoor Mass at Laudato Si Centre:** Mass will be held at 10am in the gardens of the Laudato Si' Centre on Tuesday 1 September to mark the start of the Season of Creation, and all are welcome to attend. Laudato Si' Centre, Wardley Hall Road, Worsley, M28 2ND

**A Talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer:** Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ will be giving an online talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer on Thursday 17 September from 7pm. Please visit the diocesan website to register your place: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/talk-on-franciscan-prayer/>

**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 the next 'Come and See' event. There will be opportunities to talk to some of our deacons and find out more about their journey and the ministry without committing to anything further. For more information please email [diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Resources from University of Manchester:** Salvation and Creation Care As we approach the start of the Season of Creation on 1 September, the Diocese of Salford and The University of Manchester have launched a new collection of Catholic formation resources designed to help parishioners, schools and other groups deepen their understanding of creation care and translate faith into practical action. The resources include a ready-to-use, three-session course built around three short videos, a participants' booklet and a detailed leader's handbook. These resources and more information about the course can be found using this link: <https://research.manchester.ac.uk/en/projects/formation-and-training-resources-salvation-and-creation-care/>

**Caritas Conference: Tackling poverty and injustice in the Diocese of Salford** Caritas Salford invites you to join them for a free day of learning and reflection on the social teaching of Pope Leo XIV. This conference will be held on Saturday 10 October from 11AM to 3.30PM. Guest speakers will be present with a free lunch provided. For more information and to book your place please visit [www.caritassalford.org.uk/CaritasConference](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/CaritasConference)

**Vacancy - Parish Administrator Roles:** To find out more about the roles and how to apply, please visit the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>



**DIOCESE OF Salford**

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## NEWSLETTER 30 AUGUST 2026

### Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Sunday** - Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am  
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

**Monday** – Weekday or St Aidan & Ss of Lindisfarne  
No Mass today Bank Holiday

**Tuesday** – Weekday - *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; beginning of Season of Creation*  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm  
Mass at SL 6.30pm

**Wednesday** – Weekday  
Mass at SL 9.30am

**Thursday** – St Gregory the Great (Feast)  
Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

**Friday** – Weekday or St Cuthbert  
Mass at SL 9.30am

**Saturday** – Weekday or St Teresa (of Calcutta)  
Mass at SsPP 12noon  
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

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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

A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.

**Marriage Matters: *The 'sign' of growth is change:*** St Paul urges us to think of God's mercy and change the way we behave so that the will of God is visible in us. As husbands and wives, we can help each other in this endeavour, so that a renewed and deeper love is revealed in our relationship and, in turn, reflected out to our family, friends and community.

**Think Vocation:** We pray that none of us will stand in the way of the men and women who are called to take up their cross and follow Jesus.

## Prayers Requested

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

**Lately Dead:** Mary Byrne, David Fletcher, James Mulgrew (Jimmy Cricket), Margaret Binyon

**Anniversaries:** Andrew Riley, Theresa Flanigan, Thomas Riley, Thomas Cusack, Mary Chesworth, Anthony Smith

**Masses Received:** Vincent Ogbechie, Andrew Riley (A), Theresa Flanigan (A), Thomas Riley (A), Thomas Cusack (A), Mary Chesworth (1st A), Mary Chesworth (B), David Fletcher (LD), Anthony Smith (A), Mary Byrne (LD)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** This week we pray for the parish of St. Margaret Clitherow, Rochdale, and for Father Simon Firth, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and St. Cuthbert's High School.

### Financially Supporting Our Parish

**Contactless:** The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)

**Bank Details:** TSDT Our Lady of Hope  
50317403 20 55 34

**Cheques:** Payable to Our Lady of Hope  
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)

## Parish Notices

**Season of Creation:** The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrated on 1 September, is the official start of the Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days (till 4 October). During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

**Ss Peter & Paul Church:** Those who attend SsPP will have noticed that another ceiling tile has come down from an area where there has previously been a lot of water leaking in. You may also have noticed another leak further back in the church on that same side. When that previous leak was originally noticed we got someone out to try and repair a section of the roof but the conclusion was that it couldn't be done because too many of the roof tiles are either broken or brittle. We are in the process of getting quotations from three companies for replacing the whole church roof. This will not be cheap. When we get the prices, we will need to have a consultation about how best to proceed.

**UCM:** Ladies of the parish are welcome to join our next UCM meeting at 7pm on Thursday 3 September at SsPP.

**Parish Bingo Night:** The next Bingo Night will be 7pm Friday 11 September in the Parish Centre. Bar is open! All welcome, please bring your friends and family for a great evening.

**Family Bingo and Quiz Night:** In aid of Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charities.. Saturday 17th October 2026 at St Luke's RC Parish Centre, Swinton Park Rd, Salford. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 per person (includes pie and peas) Raffle also on the night. Please contact 07931381406 or email [andyjmartin2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andyjmartin2002@yahoo.co.uk) for tickets. Please see poster at back of church for further details.

## International Peace Day Competition.

The International Day Of Peace And Non Violence is marked each year on September 21 and The Height Churches have arranged a competition for children and adults to celebrate the day. We all long for peace in the world - in our country, in Salford, on our streets, in our schools and in our homes. This year's theme is '*Invest in Peace, for Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day*'. There are two things that you may like to do:-

You can design a 'Peace Poster' to advertise the day. Please do this on A4 paper using crayons, felt tipped pens or paints or You can write a poem about Peace in the world. Please do this on A4 paper. [You may choose to illustrate your poem]

Children please write your name, age and phone number on the back of your poster or poem. Adults, please put your name and phone number on the back of your poster or poem - please indicate that you are an adult [i.e. over 18] but you don't need to put your age!

For children, prizes will be given according to age.

**Good luck everyone - Closing date is Friday 4th September**

*(Please hand entries to Church Stewards after Mass)*