Diocesan Notices

Advent Talks 2026: During Advent, we are pleased to be joined by Mgr Paul Smith and Sr Joan Kerley for a series of talks on an exploration of Pope Leo's recent Encyclical Letter "Magnifica Humanitas" Join us every Tuesday between 24 November and 15 December as we consider Exploring Human Dignity with Pope Leo in the age of AI. The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, and the talks will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest. For more information please click use this link to visit the Diocesan 'What's On' page https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/

Child Poverty in our School Communities: Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, is calling for urgent action after carrying out research with our diocesan schools that have shown a staggering increase in child poverty in our area in recent years. This was the second time our schools have contributed to the survey, and shows a stark picture with many families in our parishes in need of urgent support. You can read more about the findings and discover what changes Caritas is calling for from local and national government too, at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/SchoolPovertySurvey2026

Advent Prayers, Resources and Information: As part of its annual Advent Bee There campaign, our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has a range of free resources which can be downloaded via their website. You can find out more and access them at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere

Schools Singing Programme's Advent Carol Concerts: The Salford Schools Singing programme is hosting a series of Advent Carol Concerts next month, with one-hour services performed by schoolchildren from around the diocese. Please see below for dates and locations, and for more information please visit the diocesan website here: https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/ Thursday 3 December - **Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church, Middleton,** Tuesday 8 December - **St Mary's RC Church, Burnley,** Thursday 10 December - **Salford Cathedral,** Tuesday 15 December - **St Alban's RC Church, Blackburn,** Wednesday 16 December - **Sacred Heart RC Church, Colne**

Caritas Advent Appeal 2026: The Caritas Salford #BeeThere bees are retelling the story of the Nativity and asking us to help **change the script** for local people facing hunger or homelessness. This Advent, could you #BeeThere for a child or adult in need? Watch the animation, created with Doodledo and featuring the voices of local children, at http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere or donate at http:// www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

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First Sunday of Advent

Sunday - First Sunday of Advent (Year B)
Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Monday - St Andrew (Feast)
No Mass today

Tuesday - Advent Weekday
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm
Mass at SL 6.30pm

Wednesday - Advent Weekday
Mass at SL 9.30am

Thursday - St Francis Xavier - *United Nations International Day of Disabled Persons*
Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday - Advent Weekday or St John Damascene
Mass at SL 9.30am

Saturday - Advent Weekday or The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Mass at SsPP 12noon
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent
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 Catholic? If so, please send us an email, give us a call, or speak to one of our priests after Mass

Reflections

Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down!" is the cry, of a people who need God. "The master is coming" is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless, we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

Marriage Matters: ***Thanking God for each other:*** "Stay awake for you never know when the time will come…!" Today's Gospel reminds us to remember that our lives together will not go on for ever. It is therefore so important to thank God every day for the wonderful gift that we are to each other, indeed one of the greatest gifts that the Father has given us.

Think Vocations: It might seem a little daunting to know that we all have a vocation. But this is simply to say that God has a plan for each one of us. That is what a vocation is - a call from God, to become the saint that he wants us to be. As we begin a new year in the life of the Church, we can resolve to discover that vocation or, if we know it already, to live it to the full.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: Frank Beckitt, Sam Broome, Darren Ferguson, Tommy Chinnery, Sr. Mary Frances, John Joe Wright, Teresa Lindley, Freda Green

Anniversaries: Kathleen Naughton, Bob Sullivan, Connor Taylor Bagshaw

Masses Received: Bennet Family, Kathleen Naughton (A), Tommy Chinnery (LD), Bob Sullivan (A), Kathleen Johnson, Connor Taylor Bagshaw (A), Teresa Lindley (LD), Paul Fletcher

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the people of St Mary's parish, Horwich, for Fr. Richard Howard, their parish priest, for the parish primary school and for St. Joseph's High School.

Parish Notices

Parish Property Maintenance Fund: We have received a further donation of £2000 which was also gift aided (making it worth £2500). Thank you. This fund will remain open permanently. Please consider whether you might be able to make a one-off or a regular donation (gift-aided wherever possible) to help sustain our buildings for the present and the future.

Parish Bingo Evening: The next Bingo Night will be **11 December in the Parish Centre.** All welcome! If you haven't been yet why not come along and give it a go?

OLOH UCM News: We would like to sincerely thank parishioners for their generous support of our fundraising events throughout October and November. Following our soup lunches and the amazing effort by three of our members who completed a sponsored walk along Hadrian's Wall, we raised an incredible total of **£1,275.00** for Caritas. Additionally, our Autumn Raffle raised **£260.00** for Loaves and Fishes. Thank you once again for your ongoing support, generosity, and kindness.

UCM Meeting: All ladies of the parish are warmly invited to join us for our December meeting, Christmas social evening on **Wednesday, 9th December, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** in the Parish Centre at St Luke's

All Hallows R.C. High School: Some of our Y8 GIFT group visited Pendleton Court care home this week and helped residents with an arts and crafts activity whilst engaging them in conversation and creating connections between different generations. The vote for the Fruit & Veg scheme at Tesco has been extended until January so please vote for All Hallows with a blue token in store so we can offer more support for families in need via our St. Peter's Gate scheme.

Advent and Christmas

Walk with Me: Booklets are available at the back of both churches - please do take one.

Advent Evening: There will be a quiet, reflective Taize Advent Evening at Holy Angels Church,Moorfield Rd, M6 7QD, on Sunday 6 December from 5.30pm-6.45pm. All are invited, this is a chance to meet with other Christians in our area before the busyness of Christmas takes over!

All Hallows R.C. High School Community Christmas party: All senior parishioners are invited to our Christmas party on Wed 9 December 10.30am- 12:15pm. Refreshments are provided with entertainment and prizes. To confirm your attendance, please contact Lisa Teasdale on 0161-9211900 or email l.teasdale@allhallowsrc.co.uk

Three Schools Carol Service: This annual event will take place on Thursday 10 December 9.30am at St Luke's Church. All welcome.

St Ambrose Barlow R.C. High School - Over 65's Christmas Party: Tuesday 15 December at 3.30pm-7.30pm. Please ring 0161 921 1570 or email office@stambrosebarlowswinton.org to book your place. Afternoon tea, bingo, raffle and a concert performed by students & staff.

Carol Singing: The Churches on the Height will be Carol Singing at Aldi on Saturday 19 December 11.30am to 1pm.

Parish Christmas Carol Concert: Sunday 20 December 5.30pm at St Luke's Church. Please join us in the Parish Hall afterwards for refreshments. All welcome!

Christmas Masses: There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve (5pm at SL & 7pm at SsPP) and two Masses on Christmas morning (9.30am at SL & 11am at SsPP)