



Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 August 2021

We now return to Saint Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which “externalism” and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true “internal” faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them “hypocrites”, as he condemns their “worthless worship”. He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.

Marriage Matters: Choosing what is best for us: Today, Jesus almost affirms His disciples’ rule-breaking. He talks of people honouring Him with lip-service, with hearts far from Him. In marriage, it’s the same when behaving ‘husbandly’ or ‘wifely’: saying/doing the right words/actions with hearts far from one another. Making listening to Jesus and each other a lifestyle choice enables us to choose what is best for ‘us’.

Think Vocation: “You must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves”. People can often feel unable to share their thoughts about a possible vocation with anyone else. Let us pray at this present time for those who feel called to the priesthood and Religious Life, but lack the courage to do anything about it

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray, this week, for the people of the parish of St John Fisher, Kearsley, for Fr Bryan Cunningham and the Schoenstatt Fathers, and for the work of the Schoenstatt Shrine. May they faithfully listen to God’s saving Word and submit to it.

Prayer During the Pandemic: O God, our refuge and our shield, even when we walk in the shadow of death you are there at our side. Be with your people in this time of danger: bring strength to the afflicted and protection to those untouched by disease. Give us love and courage that we may trust in your power to save and reach out to all who need our care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Masses / Services This Week

We are asking people attending our churches to wear a face mask (unless exempt).

Sunday – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am

Monday – Weekday or Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward
No Mass today *Bank Holiday*

Tuesday – Weekday or St Aidan and Saints of Lindisfarne
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – St Edmund Arrowsmith (Feast)
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – Weekday
Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – St Gregory the Great (Feast)
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday or St Cuthbert or Memorial of BVM
Mass at SsPP 12noon

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Live-streaming is via our Facebook page:
(<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford>)

Sick: All those who are suffering from the coronavirus and others who are sick at this time, including, Robert Livesey, Nuala Corridan, Tomas Cusack, John Ainsworth, Marie Campbell, David Pickup, Sue Remmer, Peter Carroll, Kathleen Broderick, Andrea Merrall, Patrick McEntee

Lately Dead: All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently: Mary Dereume (Martin), Zenek Handzel, Margaret Giles, Glyn Casey, William McGladdery, Mona Dunne, Mary Henderson, Julie Duignan, Regina Broadbent, Maria McCann, Mgr Tom Devany

Anniversaries: Wilfred Lyons, Tom Riley, Anthony Smith

Masses Received: Mary Henderson (LD), Wilfred Lyons (A), Julie Webster, Tom Riley (A), Julie Duignan (LD), Regina Broadbent (LD), Mary Dereume (LD), Anthony Smith (A), Alan Roberts, Sarah & Thomas McMannimon, Maria McCann (LD)

Next Week’s Newsletter: Jan McIntyre
Please send notices before Wednesday
Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

CAFOD Campaign: This weekend we are collecting in the cards for the *The Eyes of the World Are On Us* campaign. If you did not get chance to sign one last weekend, there are still some cards left. Thank you for supporting this campaign aimed at world leaders, asking them to put us on track for ending the climate emergency and to show prime concern to those most affected by this crisis. Bishop John will lead a short service for this campaign at Salford Cathedral next Friday (3 September) at 1.30-2pm, during which the cards from our deanery parishes will be collected in. The parish will be represented but the service is open to anyone.

August Bank Holiday: The Mass in St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley will not be taking place this year, due to the continuation of Covid-19 restrictions.

Union of Catholic Mothers: The Ss Peter and Paul UCM Foundation monthly Mass and meeting will take place at Ss Peter and Paul Church on Thursday 2 September at 6.30pm. All ladies from our parish are welcome to join us.

Golden Jubilee: Monsignor Paul Smith will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee on Saturday 4 September with Mass at 12 noon in St Charles Church, Swinton. This will be followed by a reception in St Mark's Hall, Pendlebury. This is a celebration postponed from the actual date of 24 July, due to Covid precautions. You are welcome to attend. Please advise Monsignor Smith if you intend to be present.

Flower Arranging at SsPP: Fortnightly classes will commence on 8 September from 1-3pm. Everyone is welcome, especially beginners. All materials will be provided. Come along and enjoy a demonstration, a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat.

Bereavement Group: Suffering bereavement can leave you feeling many different emotions but talking to others can really help. The Bereavement Group offers support in a safe, confidential space to share experiences of coping with loss. If you feel you would like to come along or know of anyone who would benefit from our meetings, we meet every second Friday at SsPP. Our next meeting is Friday 10 September at 1pm. All are very welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Deidre Murphy 07970632462.

St Luke's Toddler Group: Reopens 9am on Monday 13 September (until 11.30am). To reserve a place, please ring Ann on 0161 950 7265 as numbers will be limited to 15.

AA Groups: These groups will resume their meetings at Ss Peter and Paul Church from this week. Thursday 12.30 to 2pm and Saturday 7.30 to 9pm.

St Luke's Community Centre

St Luke's Hall is available to hire for private functions
For further information please contact
Fran Woodcock on 0161 281 6485

St Luke's Friday Night Quiz

Returns on Friday 3 September @ 8:30pm
Support your Community Centre and join in the fun
Small prize for the winning team

Urgent Caritas Appeal

Help for those seeking sanctuary from Afghanistan

As the principal domestic social action agency of the diocese, Caritas Salford is playing a very active role in supporting Afghan nationals who have been evacuated to our diocese. In addition to its existing commitments to refugees and asylum seekers, the charity is working closely with Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and in collaboration with other local and national agencies, to do all it can to make the most difference. This includes collecting and providing emergency essentials. Based on the latest identified needs of refugees accommodated in temporary provision on their arrival, you can help by donating the items below:

- Aptimil 200ml made up bottles please. This is a specific ask due to dietary requirements
- Nappies size 2 and 3
- Pull-up nappies size 6 and 7
- Nappy sacks for disposal
- Nappy cream (Sudocreme or similar)
- Sanitary products
- Tenna lady pants
- Blankets – babies and all ages
- Socks / Slippers / Shoes
- Paper / crayons and similar toys for children

These can be delivered to a number of our Caritas services where we will arrange for them to be transferred to those in need now and in the coming weeks and months. We continue to purchase what we can with money donated so far, but these specific items are needed RIGHT now.

To find out more about the crisis, to get details of the drop off points or to make an online donation, see:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/afghanistan-appeal-2021

There is also a link on the site if you wish to purchase any of the required items via their Amazon wish list.

Thanks for your prayers and your support at this time.

Caritas Cornerstone's Big Sleep Out 2021: The Big Sleep Out is returning this autumn with a special hybrid event, asking people to raise funds to support rough sleepers by sleeping outdoors overnight at Xaverian College, Manchester, from 7pm on Friday 17 September, or by "boycotting their bed" from their own home. For more information see: <https://cornerstonecds.org.uk/big-sleepout>

Our Lady of Hope Online Choir: You are welcome to join the choir: www.ourladyofhope.org.uk/index.asp?t=onlinechoir

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