

We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel (like the others) has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. "Zebulun and Naphthali" was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus "settles" and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.

**Marriage Matters: *God has a stake in our marriage:*** Today, we see two aspects of God's plan for our marriage: '... (I will make) their joy increase' (Isaiah) and 'I will make you fishers of men' (Matthew). God wants us to make our love for each other as close to Jesus' love for us as possible, that all whose lives we touch might experience how much God loves them.

**Think Vocation:** "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Perhaps Jesus chose a number of fishermen as his disciples because fishermen need to be strong, trusting and courageous. Despite their weaknesses they all proved themselves to be up to the task eventually. The Lord continues to call men to be his priests today: they also need to be tough and resilient. Let us pray that the priests of our Diocese have the courage and strength they need to lead the Church and preach the Gospel.

<b>Masses / Services</b>	<b>St Luke's</b>	<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</b>
Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Sunday of the Word of God &amp; Caritas Sunday.</i> <i>Special Collection for Caritas Diocese of Salford</i>	Sat 6.30pm Vigil Mass 9.30am Mass	8am Mass 11am Mass
Monday - Weekday or St Angela Merici	No Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday St Thomas Aquinas	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration 11am Requiem Mass for Vincent Robino
Wednesday – Weekday	9.45am Funeral Service for William Banner 7pm Mass	9am Mass
Thursday – Weekday	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday – St John Bosco	9am Mass 10.20am Funeral Service for Betty Featherstone at Agecroft Crematorium	9am Mass & Adoration 11:30am Requiem Mass for Margaret Clarke
Saturday – Weekday	No Mass 6-6.20pm Confessions	11-11.20am Confessions 11.30am Mass
Sunday - The Presentation of the Lord	Sat 6.30pm Vigil Mass 9.30am Mass	8am Mass 11am Mass

**Sick:** Robert Livesey, Alcie O'Malley, Nuala Corrigan, Michael Kelly, Tomas Cusack, Kay Kimmins, Michael Henry Kehoe

**Lately Dead:** Terry Waldron, John Beswick, Norah Heavey, Mary Dolan, Robert O'Connor, Betty Featherstone, William Banner, John Giblin, Josephine Hobbs, Kenneth Buckland, Margaret Clarke.

**Anniversaries:** Alan James Bunting, Maureen Brannan, Rose McCourt, Keith Scott, Dennis Miles, Frank Griffin.

**Masses Received:** Kay Kimmins, Alan James Bunting (Anniversary), Terry Waldron (Lately Dead), John Giblin (Lately Dead), Maureen Brannan (Anniversary), Lesley Buckley, Sheelagh Byrne (Birthday Remembrance), Rose McCourt (Anniversary), Alan Roberts, Keith Scott (Anniversary), St Luke's UCM, Josephine Hobbs (Lately Dead), Mary Dolan (Lately Dead), Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Dennis Miles (Anniversary), Frank Griffin (Anniversary), Kenneth Buckland (Lately Dead), Margaret Clarke (Lately Dead).

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Let us pray for the people of the parish of The Good Samaritan, Burnley, for Fr David Featherstone, their parish priest, Fr Kevin Tierney and Fr Emmanuel Ugwake. We pray for their parish primary schools and for Blessed Trinity High School, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph and for the chaplaincy to Burnley General Hospital

**Sunday of the Word of God:** This Sunday, besides being Caritas Sunday in our diocese, is the first Sunday of the Word of God, called such by Pope Francis. Pope Francis hopes that this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year will be a Sunday given over entirely to the Word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people

**Caritas Sunday:** This Sunday we pray for the work of our diocesan charity Caritas Diocese of Salford. This year Caritas is asking all parishioners to support the goal of a 2020 with #NobodyLeftBehind and to help House the Homeless, Build Stronger Families and Communities, and Welcome Refugees. Our retiring collection after the Masses this weekend, together with any ongoing support, will allow Caritas Diocese of Salford to continue important work in our parishes and across the diocese.

**Changes to Our Sunday Liturgy:** Just a brief reminder that, from this weekend, we will discontinue the weekly second collection at St Luke's and replace it with a retiring collection on those weekends when we are asked to collect money for a particular cause (which this weekend will be Caritas). We will also begin our new format for the Offertory Procession at our Sunday Masses. This will be that the Offertory Collection will be taken immediately after the Bidding Prayers and then one or more of the collectors will bring that money forward to the Altar, along with the people who are bringing the bread and wine. At those Masses where there is a Children's Liturgy, the children will also join in the Offertory Procession and bring forward the work that they have been doing.

**Communion Under Both Kinds:** Catholic belief is that the bread and wine we bring to the Altar are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. They do not simply represent Jesus or make him present just whilst the service is going on. They become his body and blood permanently. This is why we treat them with great respect and keep what is left over in the tabernacle. The technical term for the change in the bread and wine is Transubstantiation. This means that they retain their outward appearance and all the material properties of bread and wine but their substance (what they are in essence) is changed. Obviously, this is a matter of Faith and not something that science can either prove or deny.

We also believe that Jesus is fully present in either the host or the precious blood, so in receiving either we receive Jesus "body, blood, soul and divinity" (as the Catechism says). However, the sign of receiving him fully is greater when we receive Communion under both kinds, so we should do so whenever that is possible.



### Children's Liturgy at Ss Peter and Paul

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again at the 11am Mass at Ss Peter and Paul on Sunday March 1st. It is primarily for children of school age (reception to year 3). Younger children and children with special educational needs should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with the liturgies on a rota. No special skills are required, but you will need to have a new DBS check completed (even if you have one for your work). If you are interested, please contact [Angelamcmanamon@outlook.com](mailto:Angelamcmanamon@outlook.com) or 07547 602 923

**Collection (Sunday 19 January): £1676.84**

### Ss. Peter and Paul 500 Club Winners

1st Prize 142.00 (36) Mrs P McGrath  
2nd Prize 71.00 (8) Mr James Theempalangadna  
3rd Prize 71.00 (129) Marie Murphy

Congratulations to all our winners at the start of the new year building up towards the Christmas Bonus

### Flower Arranging

The group meets at Ss. PP. It does not matter what state you are at or if you have never done it at all, it's just for your own personal use.

Bring what you need. Everybody is welcome  
Tea and biscuits, a get together to meet people even if you don't want to do anything.

Come and join us.

Times and dates are as follows:-

Wednesday	28 January	2pm – 4pm
Wednesday	5 February	2pm – 4pm
Wednesday	19 February	2pm – 4pm
Wednesday	4 March	2pm – 4pm
Wednesday	18 March	2pm – 4pm



**Thanks to everyone** who helped with the Parish Children's Party. There are some photographs in the porch at Ss Peter and Paul if you want to see what they were up to.!

### St Patrick's Celebration

Keep the date free -St Patrick's Celebration at St Luke's Parish Centre on March 14th with Cracked Flag, always a popular night. Tickets will be £8, available shortly.

### St Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting of the SVP will take place in the meeting room at St. Luke's on Wednesday evening after the 7.00pm Mass.

### Next Week's Newsletter: Margaret Haydock

Please send notices before Wednesday

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