

Lent is a season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special ‘calling’, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

Marriage Matters: *Transformed by our love:* Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed!

Think Vocation: Temptation is a very powerful force at work in our world. It is as strong today as it ever was. Society can make us narrow minded and think only of ourselves and what we can get out of life. This can lead to destruction of the spirit of generosity needed to foster vocations within the Church. Temptation can make us closed to the promptings of the Holy Spirit that lead us closer to God. If we are tempted to despair over the future of the Church, then let us reconnect during this Holy Season of Lent with the New Covenant established in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent – <i>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments – Special Collection for CAFOD</i>	Sat 6.30pm Vigil Mass 9.30am Mass	8am Mass 11am Mass
Monday – Lent Weekday or St Frances of Rome	No Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass	Requiem Mass for Eileen Smith.
Wednesday – Lent Weekday or St Casimir	7am Mass & 7.30-8.30am Adoration	No Mass
Thursday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass	10:15am Requiem Mass for Margaret Jennings. 7pm Novena & Mass
Friday – Lent Weekday - <i>Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis</i>	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday – Lent Weekday	No Mass 6-6.20pm Confessions	11-11.20am Confessions 11.30am Mass
Sunday – Third Sunday of Lent – <i>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	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, Stephen Smith, Fr Peter Gooden, Clare McGovern, Peter Lea, Joanne Scanlon

Lately Dead: Renee Tyldesley, Paul Binyon, Carmel Barnard, Brian Halpin, Eileen Smith, Margaret Jennings, Natasha Reddican, Will Stanley, Maureen Lord.

Masses Received: Paul Binyon (Lately Dead), Will Stanley (Lately Dead), Maureen Lord (Lately Dead), Patrick Dolan, Canon David Ryder, Fr John Coe, Sally & Ray, Michael Walker, Shaun Stephen Brannan (Birthday Remembrance), Natasha Reddican (Lately Dead), Salford Union of Catholic Mothers.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Joseph, Todmorden, and their primary school, with Fr Peter McGiveron, their parish priest.

Collections: Offertory Collection (Sunday 1 March): £1334.80

Coronavirus Precautions: Whilst we have not yet received formal advice to do so, we think it is appropriate to temporarily cease certain liturgical practices in order to minimise the possibility of anyone who is carrying the coronavirus handing it on to other parishioners. So, until further notice, we will not have the Sign of Peace or Communion under both kinds. Please also note that you will need to receive Communion in the hand and not on the tongue. Holy Water stoups will be emptied. These are precautionary measures already implemented in a number of parishes around the diocese and beyond.

Lent Activities This Week

Stations of the Cross: Before Daily Mass at St Luke Church and every Friday during Lent at 6.30pm at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

Short Course on the Mass: Tuesday 10 March from 7pm to 8.30pm in the Lounge of St Luke's Centre.

Early Morning Mass and Adoration: Wednesday 11 March at 7am at St Luke Church, followed by one hour of Adoration from 7.30-8.30am.

Deanery Station Mass: Wednesday 11 March at 7pm (preceded by Confessions from 6.30pm) at St Joseph the Worker, Cutnook Lane, Irlam M44 6JX. There is a list at the back of each church for anyone requiring a lift to this Mass or anyone willing to offer a lift.

Ecumenical Lenten Lunch on the Height: Come together with other local Churches to reflect on Scripture, share fellowship and enjoy lunch together. Thursday 12 March from 12 to 2pm at St John's Church.

Sycamore Lenten Pathway: A short film based course for practicing Christians, or for people with some Christian background, who wish to renew their faith in the Season of Lent. The focus of these sessions is on knowing God and the salvation he offers in Jesus Christ and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love. Come yourself, invite family or friends who are searching. Comes with free coffee and continental breakfast! Saturdays during Lent (29 February to 4 April) at Ss Peter and Paul Church, 9.45am to 11.15am.

Enviroilent: This week's focus is on Reuse. The resources are on the diocesan website.

DBS Clinic: Parish volunteers require a DBS check in order to undertake roles that bring them into contact with children and vulnerable adults. For a good number of our volunteers, especially in the SsPP part of our parish, it has been some time since they were re-checked (which the diocese recommends every three years). To facilitate the DBS application process for those that need a re-check or for any new volunteers, our Diocesan Safeguarding Team will put on a DBS Clinic at SsPP on Saturday 28 March between 12.15pm and 3pm. You will just need to call in for a few minutes; bringing some documentation with you (details will be on a subsequent newsletter). Please note the date.

FACT: Our meeting this month takes place on Thursday (12 March) at 7.30pm in SsPP Presbytery.

Union of Catholic Mothers - St. Luke's Wednesday (11 March) at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Why not come along to observe what we do?

Next week's newsletter: Margaret Haydock Please email to newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk by Wednesday

Salford Loaves & Fishes - Since the launch of SLnF in 1987, Our Lady of Hope has provided many volunteers and several trustees over the years. This included the fantastic contribution of Renee Tyldesley who sadly died recently. She will be remembered in our prayers.

St Patrick's Celebration with 'Cracked Flag' at St Luke's Centre. 14 March at 8pm. Tickets £8 incl. pie & peas supper on sale after weekend Masses or phone 0161 786 5768. All welcome - **last chance to get tickets!**



500 Club - February winners:

- **St Luke's** J Ball (20) £50.00, P Dawson (2) £25.00, C Bell (228) £25.00. There will be representative after the 9.30 Mass next week for anyone who would like to join or renew their membership.
- **SsPP** - D Morley (137) £143.00, P Lea (155) £71.00, N Concannon (63) £71.00. Half the proceeds support the maintenance of our church including work needed on the main roof.

Flower Arranging at SsPP - The next session will be on 18 March, 2-4pm. Everyone is welcome, please bring what you need for your personnel use or just come and join us for a chat.

Laudato Si Group meeting - Monday, 9th March 7pm in the SsPP Presbytery,. All welcome, come along to share ideas on how to support our Common Home. Contact Joan Sweeney 736 5588.

Responding to Climate Change

Following on from the Bishop's Pastoral Letter, please consider even small measures which, if kept in mind and in our daily routine, will make a considerable impact.



- Eating less red meat (without the need to become vegetarian or vegan)
- Buying more local, seasonal food products
- Reduce central heating, even a couple of degrees contributes to the good
- Waste less water - not leaving the tap running when washing hands, teeth etc. (The same when showering)
- Using public transport more, or walking the shorter distances, instead of using the car
- Car-sharing journeys where possible
- Never leaving the car engine running when parked
- Being sure not to waste food by over purchasing or cooking too much food. (Using leftovers can be done with a bit of imagination)
- Turning off lights in empty rooms
- Turning off computers and electrical gadgets and not leaving them on stand-by mode

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