

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent – these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

Marriage Matters: Avoid independence: Today, both Eve and Jesus are tempted to become independent, to turn away from the love of God. In marriage, we can think we have a right to fulfil our own desires without considering our partner, but we need to share these deepest hopes and dreams, and be prepared to hear the impact on our loved one and our relationship.

Think Vocation: Today, at the Cathedral, the Bishop will accept catechumens and candidates to become new Catholics at Easter. We all have a part to play in spreading the faith. May we ask ourselves each day of Lent what it is that we need to do to ensure that our lives fully radiate the loving warmth of Christ so that others may be drawn to the Lord and his Church through our witness.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – First 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
Monday – Lent Weekday	No Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass
Wednesday – Lent Weekday or St Casimir	7am Mass & 7.30-8.30am Adoration	No Mass
Thursday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday – Lent Weekday– <i>CAFOD Lent Fast Day; World Day of Prayer</i>	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday – St Perpetua and St Felicity	No Mass 6-6.20pm Confessions	11-11.20am Confessions 11.30am Mass
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

Sick: Robert Livesey, Alcie O'Malley, Nuala Corrigan, Michael Kelly, Tomas Cusack, Kay Kimmins, Stephen Smith, Fr Peter Gooden, Clare McGovern, Peter Lea,

Lately Dead: Renee Tyldesley, Paul Binyon, Carmel Barnard, Brian Halpin, Eileen Smith, Margaret Jennings.

Anniversaries: Matthew Kerrane, Annie & Austin Eagleton

Masses Received: Matthew Kerrane (Anniversary), Annie & Austin Eagleton (Anniversary), Pauline Bryan (Birthday Remembrance), Paul Binyon (Lately Dead), Carmel Barnard (Lately Dead), Brian Halpin (Lately Dead), Roman Lyzniak, Connie Moss, Lucy "Pat" Barlow, Fredrick Owen Moss, Pauline Halpin, Jim Thorpe (Birthday Remembrance), Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Renee Tyldesley (Lately Dead), Father John Coe, Canon David Ryder, Salford Diocese Union of Catholic Mothers.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St John Southworth, Nelson, with Christ Church shared Catholic and Methodist Church. We pray for Fr Gerard Kelly, their parish priest, and for their parish primary.

Collections: Offertory Collection (Sunday 23 February): £1461.14

Pastoral Letter: This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop John reminding us to keep the Climate Change crisis in mind as part of our growing understanding of our need to care for creation. He says, "Perhaps the Season of Lent is the right time to consider again our practical and personal response to this urgent situation" and reminds us, with Pope Francis, that every gesture of care for our environment, however small, is of significance.

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.

Early Morning Mass and Adoration: Wednesday 4 March at 7am at St Luke Church, followed by one hour of Adoration from 7.30-8.30am.

Deanery Station Mass: Wednesday 4 March at 7pm (preceded by Confessions from 6.30pm) at Our Lady & the Lancashire Martyrs, Hallstead Avenue, Little Hulton M38 0DL. 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 5 March from 12 to 2pm at Holy Angels Church (Hosted by Elim).

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.

Enviolent: This week's focus is on Reduce. 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 Ss PP 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 Ss PP 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.

Safeguarding Reps: We need some new Safeguarding Reps for the parish. We currently have one rep and ideally (for the size of our parish) we should have three or four. If you are interested in finding out about the role, please have a word with one of the priests or email priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk. This is an important role, so do please consider whether or not you could undertake it.

Gift Aid: Please note with the amalgamation of our two parishes to Our Lady of Hope Parish all present donors will need to sign a new **Gift Declaration Form** in the next two weeks. Many thanks for your ongoing support which is always greatly appreciated.

St Luke's 9.30 Sunday Mass: If you would like to join our informal group of singers and musicians to help lead the congregation, please just come along. We meet at 9am before Mass to practice. This is open to adults and children (every week).

Student Led Mass: The University of Salford Chaplaincy is starting a Student led Young Adults' Mass at Salford Cathedral (Chapel Street, M3 5LL) at 5.30pm each Sunday throughout term time starting this Sunday (1 March). The Mass will be followed by refreshments and a social. All young adults are welcome.

World Day of Prayer: The annual day of prayer is on Friday 6 March. There will be a prayer service at 1pm at Mount Chapel, Eccles Old Road, M6 7AF. All are welcome to attend.

Union of Catholic Mothers – SsPP

Foundation Mass followed by a meeting, Thursday 5 March at 7pm. All ladies from the parish are welcome.

St Patrick's Celebration with 'Cracked Flag' at St Luke's Centre. Saturday 14 March at 8pm. Tickets £8 incl. pie & peas supper on sale after weekend Masses or phone 0161 786 5768. All welcome – tickets are going fast!

Salford Loaves & Fishes:

Firstly we would like to express our deep gratitude to the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope, for your generous support over many years.



What we provide:

- Support, guidance and hope for needy, vulnerable and homeless people in the City of Salford, in a warm and safe environment.
- Food, clothing, showers, laundry, social contact and medical support and advice, for an average of 100 people a day.
- A centre that is open for 4 days a week and we are aiming to open for 5 days.

The future:

- The trustees are asking each parish to consider how they could financially support this expansion in opening times.
- At Our Lady of Hope it is proposed that the Advent Appeal becomes an annual one alongside the proceeds from one of the Mikron productions, this should raise about £3,500 p.a.
- Many parishioners also contribute regularly by **standing order**. If you would like to contribute in this way please contact Peter McNamara on 07800567987 petermartinmcnamara@gmail.com
- Volunteering – if you would like further information please contact us on 0161 737 8775 or speak with Joan Sweeney or Jane Leader 07854723801.

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

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