



Second Sunday of Christmas
2 January 2022

Today we hear the Prologue of St John's Gospel, the same reading that we hear at the Mass During the Day on Christmas Day. John doesn't tell us the details of Christ's birth – no mention of a stable in Bethlehem or visits from shepherds or wise men. But his message is very clear, that the eternal Son of God has been born into our world: "The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory". Those three lines sum up the essence of the Christmas event and its significance in terms of all that follows from it. The Prologue also talks about the battle between light and darkness. Christ is the light coming into our world, a light that the darkness cannot overpower; he comes to illumine the way for us to live, that we might become children of God.

Marriage Matters: Married wisdom: Paul's letter tells us "...the Father of glory give you a spirit of wisdom and perception". We married couples need wisdom to be our guide through our life together. We need a wisdom that can grow and affect those around us, providing a unique joy if we are open to experience "...the rich glories..." that have been given to us.

Think Vocations: The Christmas period provides us with many characters who each played their part in God's plan for bringing his son into our world. It is a good opportunity for us to consider what part God wants us to play so that his son can be made known better in the world today.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with St John Bosco, Blackley, and for Father Emmanuel, their parish priest. We pray for the sisters of the Cross and Passion and for their parish primary schools. May Mary, Mother of God, confirm them all in their mission.

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.

A New Year Blessing

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year. Amen.

Masses / Services This Week

The Government require those attending church to wear a face covering (unless exempt)

Sunday – Second Sunday of Christmas **No 6.30pm Mass this weekend**
Mass at SL & live-streamed Sun 9:30am
Mass at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am

Monday – Christmas Weekday or Most Holy Name of Jesus
No Mass today

Tuesday – Christmas Weekday
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Christmas Weekday
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – **The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)**
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Christmas Weekday or St Raymond of Penyafort
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Christmas Weekday
Mass at SsPP at 12noon

Sunday – **The Baptism of the Lord**
Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am
Mass at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am

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

Latently Dead: All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently: Graham Fielding, John Cousil, Winifred Sykes, Michael Armstrong, Anthony Moran, John Paul Buckland, Walter Prince, Tilly Dunne, Cait Clynych, Harry Gill

Anniversaries: Frances McGrath, Eric Bickley, Maureen Gordon, Herbert Gooden

Masses Received: John Paul Buckland (LD), Julie Webster, Cath & Terry McDermott, Sheelagh & Nick Byrne, Beatrice & Roy Ravenscroft, Tom Ravenscroft, Tony Whitacker, Brian Hudson, Josephine Warburton, Deceased Members of the Warburton and O'Donnell families, Francis McGrath (A), In honour of Our Lady for Julie Martin, In honour of Our Lady for Maria Connor, Fr Leo Heakin (S), Chris & Anna Milne, Alan Roberts, Clare Cinch & Family, Nuala Corridan, Fr Michael Cooke, Fr Mark Paver, Fr John Coe, Mary O'Regan (S), Walter Prince (LD), Tilly Dunne (LD), Connie Taylor Basshaw, Cait Clynych (LD), Eric Bickley (A), Maureen Gordon (A), Fr Joseph (Silver Jubilee), Sheila Hazeldine (BM), Harry Gill (LD), In Thanksgiving, Herbert Gooden (A), Special Intentions, In Thanksgiving for all the blessings of 2021

Happy New Year

From Fathers Michael and Mark

6 January – The Epiphany of the Lord



In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the “Time of Manifestation” or Showing. On Thursday we celebrate the ‘Feast of the Manifestation’, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men that travelled from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: “All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.” The same is true of the key word in the second reading: “Revelation”. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God’s plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour’s birth revealed at last to us.

Marriage Matters: Gifts to each other: Epiphany means manifestation or revealing. The Wise Men brought Jesus gifts: gold, revealing his kingship, frankincense his Priesthood and myrrh his dying. On our wedding day, and every day since, we have ‘gifted’ ourselves to each other, and to others, unwrapping daily the ‘gold’ of our love, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our dying to self.

Think Vocations: The wise men travelled far in order to bear witness to Christ as the Saviour of the whole world. Our basic vocation, through baptism, is to make Christ known in the world around us. Some have a more specific vocation but each one of us, at the end of Mass, is invited to manifest Christ as we “Go and announce the gospel of the Lord.”

Funeral: This week there is a Requiem Mass for Anthony Moran at 10.45am on Thursday at Ss Peter and Paul. May he rest in peace.

White Flower Appeal: Next weekend we will hold our annual appeal to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

SLIDE: *This is an email received from Dr Arogyamary at the Immaculate Heart School in India. We send them a yearly donation. How are you? How are all your family members? And how are the members of the SLIDE foundation? Hope all are fine and doing well. My prayers and gratitude are always there for you all. I will never ever forget your love and support and help. I take this opportunity to wish you and all members of the SLIDE foundation and all your beloved family members A VERY HAPPY AND JOYFILLED XMAS AND BRIGHT, PROSPEROUS AND GRACEFILLED NEW YEAR. May the infant Jesus bless you all and grant you all abundant blessings and good health. Thinking of you all and praying for you all and for your families. Hope to hear from you and see you all when God permits. Please keep us in your prayers. With lots of love and prayers. With heart full of gratitude. Your ever loving sister. Dr Arogyamary.*

Thank You: To all who helped prepare our churches for Christmas. Also, thank you from Fathers Michael and Mark for all your kind wishes, cards or gifts.

St Luke's Foundation UCM: Invites all existing members and any other ladies interested from the Parish to their first Meeting of 2022, held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 19:30. We will be looking at ideas for our monthly meetings calendar. Subscription fees to the UCM are due in January and existing members are asked to remember to bring their fees with them to this meeting. It would be appreciated if any existing member that is not able to attend lets Rosemary (Secretary) or Steph (Treasurer) know in advance.

Attention Parents and Carers of Children in Year 7: Your child will be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when they are in year 8. In anticipation of their preparation, we have organised a day retreat for them. This retreat will be run by NET ministries and will take place at St Patrick’s high school, Eccles on Saturday 12 February 2022. The retreat will start at 10am and end with Mass for the Sunday at 4pm. There are limited places available, which will be offered on a first come first served basis. To register for the retreat, please contact our Confirmation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, Sr Anna Yeo (anna.yeo@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or speak to your parish priest. The final day for registration is Friday 21 January 2022.

Regular Activities in the Parish	
Monday	Mums & Tots: 9-11.15am in the Parish Centre Salford Heart Club: 1.30-2.30pm in the Parish Centre Beavers: 6.30-8pm in the Parish Centre
Tuesday	Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre Cubs: 6.30-8pm in the Parish Centre RCIA: After the 6.30pm Mass in the Parish Room SVP: Fortnightly after the 6.30pm Mass at St Luke Monton Voices (Choir): 7-9pm at Ss Peter & Paul
Wednesday	Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre SVP Drop-In: 10.30am-12noon at Ss Peter & Paul Flower Arranging: Fortnightly at 1pm at Ss Peter & Paul PACT: Second Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Room UCM (SL): Second Wednesday at 7.30pm in Parish Centre Salford Angels WI: Last Wednesday 6.45pm in Parish Centre
Thursday	Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre AA Support Group: 12noon-2pm at Ss Peter & Paul Scouts: 6.30-8.30pm in the Parish Centre UCM (SsPP): Second Thursday at 7.15pm at Ss Peter & Paul
Friday	Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre Bereavement Group: Second Friday 1pm at Ss Peter & Paul Quiz Night & Bar: 8.30pm in the Parish Centre
Saturday	AA Support Group: 7.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul

Next Week’s Newsletter: Liz Connolly
Please send notices before Wednesday
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