



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 September 2021

As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?" these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.

Marriage Matters: Love in Action: Jesus invites us "to love as He loves". We hear this so often in the Scriptures that there is a risk the words become so familiar that we stop really hearing them. We can say the words "I love you" to our spouse but without the relevant actions the words may mean little or nothing: 'actions speak louder than words'.

Think Vocation: As Roman Catholics, we are invited to add our name to Peter's profession of faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. We are asked to not only say who we believe Jesus is for us, but to show it by the way we live our lives. This will inevitably lead occasionally to criticism and conflict, but it is then that we unite ourselves with the sufferings of Christ.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray, this week, for the people of the parish of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, Westhoughton, for Fr Barry Lomax, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May they profess, by their lives, that Jesus is the Christ.

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.

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Masses / Services This Week
We are asking people attending our churches to wear a face mask (unless exempt).
Sunday – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Education Sunday - <i>Special Collection for the Catholic Education Service</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am
Monday – St John Chrysostom No Mass today
Tuesday – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast) Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Our Lady of Sorrows Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – Ss Cornelius and Cyprian Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – Weekday or St Robert Bellarmine Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Weekday or Memorial of the BVM Mass at SsPP 12noon
Sunday – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Home Mission Day - <i>Special Collection for Home Missions</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am Masses 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, 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 Henderson, Julie Duignan, Regina Broadbent (Heakin) Maria McCann, Mgr Tom Devany, Imelda Dolino, Dennis Taboclaon, Ged Aitken, John Hyett, Alison Peden, Eileen Harrison
Anniversaries: Deceased member of the Fay family, Tomas Cusack, Molly Franco
Masses Received: Sophia Kermokai, Special Intention, Ged Aitken (LD), Eileen Harrison (LD), 100 years of the Canonesses of St Augustine (Boarbank Hall), Julie Webster, Imelda Newbery, Julie Duignan (LD), Deceased member of the Fay family (A), Josephine Wallis, Tomas Cusack (A), Tomas & Fiona Cusack, Alan Roberts, Deceased members of the Sloyan & Roberts family

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Caritas Update: "What is happening about the donations we have made to the Afghan Refugee Crisis Appeal?"

Caritas Diocese of Salford is absolutely delighted and so grateful for every single item collected by you, your parish and local community.

The local authorities hosting evacuated people in quarantine are now regularly assessing the specific needs of individuals and their families, and then requesting only those exact items from us.

Our dedicated members of staff, assisted by wonderful volunteers in each of the drop-off centres, are currently sorting through items and arranging deliveries based on these requested needs.

For this reason, we are able to accept the donated items you have already collected in your area with sincere gratitude, and politely ask that no more appeals for further items are made just at this time please.

The medium to long-term needs of these most welcome of new neighbours will be ascertained in due course and communicated to all, for those still wishing to help in any way. Or, you may prefer to make a financial gift, and can do so here:

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

Thank you for your continued support and your prayers. God bless you and your loved ones.

Education Sunday: This weekend, just after the new academic year starts, we have the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness. This is all the more poignant as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers, pupils and leaders in our schools have suffered 18 months of disruption and uncertainty.

On 12 September, we pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education and vocational training.

Parish Census: We are asking for your help in putting together a basic Parish Census. This will give us a more accurate picture of the age profile of our parish and will assist us in communicating with parishioners. During the period of pandemic there were many people we could not keep in contact with simply because we did not have their details. The information you provide will be stored securely. It will only be accessible to the priests in the parish or shared with those who are assisting them with particular aspects of parish life. Please provide the basic information we are seeking for your household either using the paper copies of the census form (being distributed in church today) or online at www.ourladyofhope.org.uk

SVP: There will be a meeting for all members of the SVP this coming Tuesday in the parish meeting room after the evening Mass.

Confirmation 2022: The programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2021-2022 for the Deanery of Salford will begin in the autumn. As was the case last year the programme will be based in the parish and will be led by Sr Anna Yeo FDC, the Deanery Confirmation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, assisted by our parish catechists. If your child is in year 8 or above and has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation they are eligible to register for the programme. Please contact the priests to obtain a registration form either in person after Mass, by email at priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or phone on 0161 736 2696..

Season of Creation: This is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October. Pope Francis has called on Catholics to take action for our common home during the Season of Creation. In the Pope Video for the month of September, he encourages everyone to question the way we live, and to turn "towards lifestyles that are simpler and more respectful of the environment." The Holy Father has also stressed that the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are becoming increasingly serious and alarming," urging Catholics to take "decisive, urgent action to transform this crisis into an opportunity.

Home Mission Sunday: Next weekend we pray for the work of the Church in spreading the Gospel here in our own land, our own neighbourhoods, and we have a special collection to support the Evangelisation work of the Bishops' Conference.

Vacancies: The Diocese of Salford are replacing two roles within the Chancery and Tribunal.

- **Chancery & Tribunal Administrator:** A permanent, full-time position (35 hours per week. 30 hours per week will also be considered) based at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Salary: £22,000 - £24,000 per annum.
- **Chancery & Tribunal Assistant:** A permanent, full or part-time position based at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. We can be flexible in how we fill this role and are open to applicants interested in applying for a full-time (35 hours per week) role, or part-time position (please visit the website for further details). Salary: £20,000 - £22,000 per annum.

For further information and to apply, please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

Music Workshop: Alex Patterson, the musical director for the Salford Diocese, has agreed to visit our parish and share his expertise. It will be an opportunity for people who enjoy singing to get some coaching. The workshop will be held on Monday 20 September at 10.00am in St Luke's Church and is open to anyone, not just choir members.

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