



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 September 2019



This is a very difficult set of readings. The Gospel itself starts with a saying which many find hard to understand: must we really “hate” our family to be the Lord’s disciples? The point is that it is *relative*: what are we prepared to give up for the Gospel? Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given? Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowing round him. He wants real disciples, who are aware of the possible cost: not like the incompetent builder, or the useless king. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then, “who can know the intentions of God?”

Marriage Matters: *Consent to love God above all else: seek to not force anything:* Today, Jesus sets out the cost of discipleship: “*none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions*”. Throughout His life and in dying for us, Jesus demonstrated a self-emptying way of loving. As His disciples, our call is to follow Him by putting each other first; thereby dying to selfishness and setting ourselves free.

Think Vocation: “Who can divine the will of the Lord?” Those who work within the field of vocations, discernment and formation do not have an easy task. A vocation within the Church is something that goes on within the heart of a person. Let us pray for those who are charged with this task, that the Holy Spirit may guide them and help them to make wise decisions.

Masses / Services	St Luke’s	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Education Sunday - Special Collection for the Catholic Education Service.</i>	Sat Vigil 6:30pm 9:30am Mass	8am & 11am Mass
Monday - Weekday or St Peter Claver	No Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday - St Ambrose Barlow (Feast)	12:15 Requiem Mass for Maureen Slade	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - Weekday	7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday – Weekday or The Most Holy Name of Mary	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday - St John Chrysostom	No Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	11.30am Mass followed by Adoration and Confessions	11.30am Confessions followed by 12noon Mass
Sunday - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Home Mission Sunday - Special Collection for Evangelisation</i>	Sat Vigil 6:30pm 9:30am	8am & 11am Mass

Sick: Julie Webster, Alsie O’Malley, Elsie Pearce, Anne Naughton, Patrick O’Regan,

Lately Dead: Duncan McKenzie, Edie Smith

Anniversaries: John Duffy

Masses Received: John Duffy (Anniversary), Fran Nigel & Family, The Martin Family, Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Duncan McKenzie (Lately Dead), Patrick O’Regan (sick).

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parishes of Our Lady and St Patrick, Walton-le-Dale, and St Mary and St John Southworth, Sablesbury, for Fr Philip Nathanael, their parish priest and for the parish primary school

Offertory Collection: The Sunday Mass collection for the 1 September was: **£1445.61**

Education Sunday: This year’s theme is “Form and Flourish”. On Education Sunday, Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church’s enormous contribution in this country and pray for all those involved in Catholic education. The second collection today supports the Catholic Education Service (CES) which is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting our remarkable network of successful Catholic schools. The CES represents Catholic education to the Government, Ofsted and other national bodies to ensure Catholic schools are empowered to flourish

Diocese of Salford Vacancy: Caretaker

Location: Cathedral Campus, Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Working hours: 35 hours per week to be worked over 5 days between Monday and Sunday. Salary, pension and benefits: Competitive dependent upon the skills and experience of the candidate

The diocese is recruiting for a Caretaker to integrate and unify maintenance support across the Church, House, Centre and a building currently under development (the former Education Office). The Caretaker will be a reliable and self-motivated individual who will provide general caretaking support to the interior and exterior of the campus. The Caretaker will ensure a safe, secure and welcoming environment for all and maintain facilities to the highest standards.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Monday 30 September 2019. To find out more visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies

To request an application pack or for more information on this post please contact: The Director of Administration and Personnel.

Email: personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Telephone: 0161-817-2203

Home Mission Sunday: Next weekend we pray for the spread of the Gospel in our own country and support this Home Mission work with a special collection.

SVP Awareness: September is the annual month for raising awareness about this organisation. Please see the posters in the church porches. On the weekend of 21/22 September, a representative of our parish SVP will speak at each of our Masses and we will have a special collection to support their work.

Family/Community Voices this Sunday at 9am we are starting to rehearse then new to be Sung Gloria. For 9.30 Mass at St Luke's.

We would like to invite all parishioners who can join us at 9am in rehearsals for the next few weeks.

Our expectations are for us all collectively to enjoy learning a lovely version of the Gloria.

Sunday 13th October, One World Day celebrating our heritage, diversity and care for our Common Home. Mass of celebration, afternoon of music, song, dance, children's games and a shared table, with food from round the world.

As a run up to this event there will be an opportunity over the next few weeks to think about how our Families arrived in Salford, to map and talk about the journeys undertaken, to celebrate our heritage and to consider the responsibility we have to care for our Common Home (Papal Encyclical Laudato Si) There will be displays at both Churches, we hope you will spend a minute or two to take part and tell us your Family story.

St Luke, Swinton Park Rd, Irlams o'th' Height, M6 7WR Tel: 0161 736 2696

Ss Peter and Paul, Park Road, Pendleton, Salford M6 8JR Tel: 0161 789 4555

Parish Priest: Canon Michael Cooke VG (resident at St Luke's)

Assistant Priests: Canon David Ryder & Father Mark Paver

Email: priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Children's Liturgy – Ss Peter & Paul

We would like to ask if anyone would like to join our team of volunteers. We work on a rota basis and approx. would do one in 4 Masses taking either the younger or older groups. If you would like to know more, please contact Jan McIntyre on 07887 922584 or any of the Children's Liturgy helpers. Thank you to Jane Bailey for everything you have done over the years

Mikron Theatre Production of Redcoats. 2nd October 2019 Tickets now available after weekend Masses at St. Peter and Paul, price £10. The shows are always popular and frequently sell out, so don't delay in getting or reserving your tickets. Proceeds to Parish Funds

St. Luke's UCM meeting this Wednesday 11th September after 7pm Mass. There will be a presentation from a member of the Stroke Association.

The Churches on the Height are celebrating Peace One Day on Saturday 21st September with a FREE FUN DAY at the Height Methodist Community Church, King Street. Please see the notice board for details.

Churches & the Climate Emergency. Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly 2019 at Salford Cathedral Centre 5pm - 9pm on Monday 30 September. Book your free ticket online through Eventbrite. Please see the notice for details

Owen Patton celebrated his 90th birthday on 7th Sept, he served as an altar boy at St Luke's in 1942 and has been a parishioner for 42 years so his family, (daughter Marie, grandchildren Antony and Louise and great granddaughter Marlie) will be at Mass on Sunday to wish him a very happy special birthday. Also Birthday memories of Theresa Patton on 10 Sept

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Meetings are held weekly at St PP

Thursday 12.30 - 2.00, Saturday 7.45 - 9.15 pm

Meetings last for 1 hour 30 minutes

Yoga Class – St Luke's

There will be a yoga class taking place in St Luke's parish centre on Saturdays, 9.30-10.30am. Beginners welcome.



Next Week's Newsletter: Margaret Haydock

Please send notices before Wednesday

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