

“Once a sinner, always a sinner.” That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: “Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.” All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.

Marriage Matters: *Maintain a common purpose:* Remember our courting days and the long, thrilling conversations we had about our future together. They were part of our falling in love and of establishing a common purpose in married life. St Paul reminds us of the mark of a Christian: “Be united in your convictions and your love, with a common purpose and a common mind.”

Think Vocation: St Paul speaks today of the need to have a common purpose and a common mind. Our Christian vocation should lead us to discover and carry out God’s purpose for us. Our minds should be focused on Christ which will lead us to put other people first and purify ourselves of conceit.

This Week	Masses / Services
Sunday - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Harvest Sunday – World Day of Refugees & Migrants</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our churches have now re-opened and parishioners are welcome to join us for the following services:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Luke Sunday Masses: Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Monday to Friday 9.30am Mass Also Wednesday 6.30pm Mass <i>All Masses from St Luke are live-streamed</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter & Paul Sunday Masses: 8am & 11am Monday to Saturday 11.30-11.55am Private Prayer & Adoration 12noon Mass</p> <p>Government guidelines require people attending places of worship to wear a face mask (unless exempt for some reason)</p>
Monday – Weekday or St Wenceslaus or St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions	
Tuesday – St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael, Archangels (Feast)	
Wednesday – St Jerome	
Thursday – St Therese of the Child Jesus	
Friday – The Holy Guardian Angels – <i>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i>	
Saturday – Weekday	
Sunday - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Collection for Peter’s Pence</i>	

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

Sick: All those who are suffering from the coronavirus and others who are sick at this time, including, Robert Livesey, Nuala Corridan, Michael Kelly, Tomas Cusack, John Ainsworth, Emily Martin (a sick child), Marie Campbell, David Pickup, Sue Remmer, Julie Webster.

Lately Dead: All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently; Fr John McKeown, Betty Galvin, Denis Joseph, Brenda Boardman, Elaine Hess, Winifred Wood, Peter Lea, Margaret Greer, Eugene Rafferty, Dana Baniel, Sister Alphonsus

Anniversaries: William Jackson, Rita Chapman, Mary O’Sullivan, Bob Haydock, Elekutty Joseph

Masses Received: Dana Baniel (Lately dead), Rita Chapman (anniversary), Mary O’Sullivan (anniversary), Chris Roberts (birthday memories), Sarah and John Connolly, Sally and Ray, Julie Webster (sick), Bob Haydock (anniversary), Matthew Kerrane (birthday memories)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of The Nativity, Failsworth and Limeside, with Fr Michael Job, their parish priest, and Fr John Adio. We pray for their parish primary schools.

Churches Reopened for Public Worship

There is absolutely no pressure on anyone to begin coming to church until they feel comfortable doing so. Please remember that **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is currently suspended**, so there are plenty of Masses spread right across the week for those who wish to come, as well as opportunities for private prayer. Please observe **social distancing of 2 metres** and **wear a face mask** (unless exempt for some reason).

Baptisms at the Present Time

If you are hoping to arrange a baptism, please contact the priests at St Luke by email priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or phone on 0161 736 2696 or at Ss Peter and Paul by phone on 0161 789 4555. The priests will explain the necessary preparation and assist you in your planning.

Harvest Sunday: This weekend we pray in thanksgiving for the Harvest, the fruits of the earth that sustain us. Let us also pray for farmers and for all who work to bring food to our tables. Let us also remember those who go hungry and pray for a more just distribution of food both in our society and across the world.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: This Sunday, Pope Francis has invited us to consider the theme of 'Forced like Jesus Christ to flee' reminding us that the Holy Family were also victims of forced displacement. For more information on World Day of Migrants and Refugees or to read stories from those people whom Caritas has helped, please visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/news/world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-2020/

Walsingham: On Sunday (27 September) there will be a virtual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham. It can be accessed via YouTube on Walsingham Catholic TV or at the Basilica live stream www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/ Full details are available on the website, including the programme for the day: www.prolifepilgrimage.org/

Fr John McKeown RIP: The Requiem Mass for Fr John McKeown will take place in Salford Cathedral at 10am on Monday 28 September. Due to the current Covid restrictions, only 30 people can be present, so the funeral will be live streamed and you can access it at www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: The Fast Day on Friday gives us opportunity to reflect further on those who are in need and to make some personal sacrifice in order to support them. We will collect any donations you wish to give to CAFOD in a special collection in two weeks' time.

Peter's Pence: This annual collection for the Pope's charitable work normally takes place around the feast of Ss Peter & Paul at the end of June. This year, due to the disruption caused by the pandemic, the special collections have been moved to new dates set by the

Bishops' Conference. We have been asked to have our collection for Peter's Pence next weekend, so we will have baskets available in our churches for this purpose (as well as the usual baskets for our parish collection). Donations can also be put through the letterbox at either presbytery in an envelope clearly marked "Peter's Pence". Thank you for whatever you are able to give to support this charity.

Diocesan Holy Hour – Hope in Difficult Times

Sunday 4th October, 3:00pm, the day we would usually launch the new stage of Hope in the Future, Bishop John will lead a Holy Hour from Salford Cathedral which will be livestreamed on ChurchServices.TV at 3pm (www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral).

Sacramental Programme 2019-2020

Over the weekends in October we will be offering 6 additional Sunday Masses so that our children who took part in the sacramental programme this year can make their First Holy Communion.

Because of the government restrictions attendance at these Masses is limited to the children and their household or bubble. This is, of course, disappointing as it will mean that we will not, at this time, be able to have the traditional community celebrations that we all enjoy and look forward to, not least the children themselves and their families. We will be sure, however, to celebrate with our children on a suitable special occasion in the future when it is safe for extended families and the wider community to join in. For those children who are ready due to their hard work it is right that they should benefit from the gift of Our Lord in the Eucharist coming to them with special significance in this challenging year. The sharpest among them have already noticed this arrangement means they will get two parties, of sorts!

500 Club (SsPP): We hope to catch up the missing months of the 500 Club shortly, (i.e. March - Sept,) The majority of members are paying by Standing Order or Annual Cheques but there are a handful who pay monthly. We appreciate that not all parishioners are able to attend Mass, stream or receive the newsletter electronically, please spread the word to all that subs need to be handed in at the Presbytery in an envelope with their name by October 1st if they wish to be included in the BIG DRAW in time for Christmas! The 500 Club makes a major contribution to Parish Funds and will be particularly important this year when so many other social and fundraising activities have had to be curtailed. Thanks everyone!

[We will also arrange to hold the outstanding draws for the 500 Club at SL in the near future]

Next Week's Newsletter: Margaret Haydock
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before Wednesday