

While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith – to be a people of “good deeds”, as Jesus teaches in today’s portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world’s criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with “the world” – we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world’s gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found – their way to the Father.

Marriage Matters: *Unity is the Key:* When we married, a new flame was lit in our Church, signified by the lighting of a new candle as we made our vows and became “Little Church” together. Now, as we think of our life up to now, we can see how our love has been reflected on to our children, our family and our Church community.

Think Vocation: “Share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor.” Those in need and those who have nothing are very close to the Lord. He wants no one to suffer and he will judge us on how we who have more than we need, have treated those who have nothing. Let us count our blessings each day and open our eyes and our hearts to those we come across who need our help.

Masses / Services	St Luke’s	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Day of Prayer for Racial Justice</i>	Sat 6.30pm Vigil Mass 9.30am Mass	8am Mass 11am Mass
Monday -St Scholastica	No Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – Weekday or Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day for the Sick	9am Mass 11am Funeral Service for Mavis Dearden	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday – Weekday	6:30-6:50 Confessions 7pm Mass	9am Mass
Thursday – Weekday	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday – St Cyril and St Methodius, Patrons of Europe – Day of Prayer for Europe	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday – Weekday	No Mass 6-6.20pm Confessions	11-11.20am Confessions 11.30am Mass
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Sick: Robert Livesey, Alcie O’Malley, Nuala Corrigan, Michael Kelly, Tomas Cusack, Kay Kimmins

Lately Dead: Betty Featherstone, William Banner, John Giblyn, Josephine Hobbs, Michael Henry Kehoe, Ernest Piper, Margaret Clarke, Kitty Lavelle, Michelle Bell, Matthew, George Dailly, Eddie Bradley.

Anniversaries: May Rice, Eileen Crossland, Mary Connaughton, Wilfred Morris

Masses Received: May Rice (Anniversary), Eileen Crossland (Anniversary), Mary Connaughton (Anniversary), George Dailly (Lately Dead), Eddie Bradley (Lately Dead), Wilfred Morris (Anniversary), Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Michael Noronha (RIP Birthday), Michael Kehoe (Lately Dead), Mark Ford (Birthday Memories), Daniel Jameson and Family, Frank Connor (Birthday Memories), Eric Burke (Anniversary), Betty Brierley, (Birthday Memories), Peggy Krinks (Anniversary), Isabelle Lyons (Birthday Memories).

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Anne and St Joseph, Accrington, with Fr Simon Stamp, their parish priest, for their primary school and the Accrington Victoria Hospital

Meeting Jesus in our Listening: This weekend we receive the second pastoral message and worksheet as part of Stage 3 of Hope in the Future. This urges us to reflect on the Liturgy of the Word and how we prepare ourselves to be more open to hearing God’s Word not as ancient texts but as a living message for us today. As the bishop writes: “Our attentive listening to the Word of God, in the Scriptures, will help us to be all that God wants us to be in our mission.”

Collections: (Sunday 2 February): **£1353.87**

SPUC White Flower Collection at the Masses in our parish on Sunday 12 January raised: £804.68. Thanks for your generosity.

Racial Justice Sunday: The theme of this year's *Racial Justice Sunday* is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales". Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church. The aim of this *Racial Justice Sunday* is to celebrate the contribution that the Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background.

FACT: The Parish Advisory and Co-ordinating Team are due to meet on Wednesday after the 7pm Mass at St Luke's.

Engaged Couples: Just a reminder that Bishop John will celebrate the Liturgy of Blessing for Engaged Couples at Salford Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 15 February, the day after St Valentine's day. This service is for those getting married in the churches of our diocese or those preparing for marriages elsewhere during the coming year. We have sent the bishop's personal letter of invitation to the two couples that we know about from this parish. If there are any other engaged couples here who would like to attend the service, please do let us know. Just a reminder to anyone thinking of getting married in Church that we need six months' notice in order to help you prepare for your marriage and to complete necessary paperwork. Please keep all engaged couples in your prayers.

Communion Under Both Kinds: "...the custom of receiving Communion under both kinds has been re-introduced. The cup and its contents - "*poured out*" for us - reinforces our understanding that it is the risen, yet crucified Christ that we receive: "*The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?*" (I Cor 10:16) wrote St Paul; and to take the chalice and drink, can be a powerful reminder to us of the cost of our discipleship. Remember Jesus' words to James and John after their request to have places on his right and left: "*You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?*" (Mk 10:38)" (*From a talk given by Bishop Brian Noble in Lent 2004 for the Year of the Eucharist*).

Children's Liturgy at Ss Peter and Paul

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again at the 11am Mass at Ss Peter and Paul on Sunday March 1st. It is primarily for children of school age (reception to year 3). Younger children and children with special educational needs should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with the liturgies on a rota. No special skills are required, but you will need to have a new DBS check completed (even if you have one for your work). If you are interested, please contact Angelamcmanamon@outlook.com or 07547 602 923

St. Luke's UCM meeting this Wed, 12 February at 7:30 pm in St. Luke's Church Centre, following 7 pm Mass – why not pop in to see what we do? Any suggestions for our 2020 calendar?

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

ST LUKE'S 500 CLUB

The January winners of the 500 club are:

184	G. Mahon	£50.00
181.	P Scarsbrook	£25.00
169.	M. Hill	£25.00

Congratulations to you all.

Please continue to put your renewal money (£12) into the collection at any Mass. Thank you

St Patrick's Night Celebration at St Luke's Parish Centre on Saturday, March 14th at 8pm with live music featuring Cracked Flag. Tickets £8 including a pasty and pie supper. Tickets available after weekend Masses in both churches, from any member of the Social and Community Group or ring 736 5768. Always a popular evening, everyone welcome.

ST. LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELL BEING CO-ORDINATOR: GRADE: 3B 23-26

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, approachable individual who will promote wellbeing within our school.

This role is an opportunity for the right individual to really make a difference to children's lives.

Closing date: Friday 21st February 2020 by 12 noon

Shortlisting: Week Beginning 24th February 2020

Interviews: Monday 2nd March 2020

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER AND SENCo TO START 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020

Salary Scale: L8-L12 Leadership Scale.

Two form entry school

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, non-class based Deputy Headteacher/SENCo who can support the Headteacher in leading our school

Only Catholic Education Service (CES) application forms will be accepted.

Closing date: Monday 24th February 2020 by 12 noon

For further details for both posts contacts are:

e-mail: stlukes.rcprimaryschool@salford.gov.uk

Web: www.stlukesrc.co.uk/keyinformation/vacancies

Your completed electronic application form should be returned electronically to:

stlukes.rcprimaryschool@salford.gov.uk

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Flower Arranging

The group meets at Ss. PP. Come and join us.

Times and dates are as follows: -

Wednesday 19 February 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday 4 March 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday 18 March 2pm – 4pm

Next Week's Newsletter: Łukasz Łukasiewicz

Please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

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