



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
22 August 2021

Failure, rejection and isolation: these are the themes of today's remarkable Gospel - but they are not all. In the face of them we see perseverance, fidelity and trust. Above all there is an adherence to the truth that is truly amazing. Jesus speaks the truth to all who will listen, and if they find that truth "intolerable" they are free to leave, just as they are free to believe. No one who reads this passage could accuse Jesus of being interested in fame or fortune or the simple accumulation of followers. He didn't play the 'numbers game'. Even more amazing is that when his followers seem to be down to their lowest ebb, he turns to the Twelve and gives them freedom to go as well. Peter's reply, when he speaks of their belief, is the only answer that matters; it is spirit and life that replies, not the flesh, which has nothing to offer.

Marriage Matters: Making Decisions - Being Open and Honest: The word 'submit' used in Ephesians today, raises many hackles in our equality sensitive society. 'Submit' does not mean obey. In fact the passage begins by saying we husbands and wives should submit ourselves to one another. In this context 'submit' is about choosing to relate openly and honestly with each other. Open, honest and trust-filled communication brings about intimacy.

Think Vocation: As the Church we are the living parts of the Body of Christ. Let us trust that the Lord Jesus who is the Head of the Church will always be faithful to his bride. Let us trust that he will continue to call people to serve in the sacred priesthood as well as the religious life.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray, this week, for the people of the parish of St Mary, Horwich, and for Fr Richard Howard. We pray for their parish primary school and for St Joseph's High School. May they too recognise Jesus as the Holy One of God, hear his message of eternal life and be nourished by his Body and Blood.

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.

Masses / Services This Week
We are asking people attending our churches to wear a face mask (unless exempt).
Sunday – Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am
Monday – Weekday or St Rose of Lima No Mass today
Tuesday – St Bartholemew (Feast) Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – Weekday or St Louis or St Joseph of Calasanz Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – St Monica Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – St Augustine Mass at SsPP 12noon
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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: Terrence Tomney, James Hayes, Edith Hamer, Mary Dereume (Martin), Zenek Handzel, Margaret Giles, Glyn Casey, William McGladdery, Mona Dunne
Anniversaries: Agatha Barnes, Percy Dunne, Sheila Hazeldine
Masses Received: Dolly Clooney (BR), Julie Webster, Mary Dereume (LD), Margaret Giles (LD), Glyn Casey (LD), William McGladdery (LD), Agatha Barnes (BR & A), Mona Dunne (LD), Percy Dunne (1st A), Sheila Hazeldine (A)

Next Week's Newsletter:
Please send notices before Wednesday
Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

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CAFOD Campaign: This weekend we are distributing cards about the campaign *The Eyes of the World Are On Us*. It relates to the forthcoming COP26 climate talks taking place in Glasgow in November. You are asked to sign the cards which are addressed to the Prime Minister, asking him (as host of this crucial meeting) to make sure that the world leaders are ambitious enough to put us on track for ending the climate emergency and to show prime concern to those most affected by this crisis. You can either post the cards off directly to CAFOD (Freepost) or bring them back to church next weekend and we will send them all off together. Thanks for your support for this.

Weddings: Congratulations to Olivia Markendale and Christopher Greene who married at St Luke's on 20 August. Congratulations also to Claire Folan and Lee Richardson who married at St Luke's on 21 August. We wish these couples long, happy and fulfilling married lives.

Silver Wedding: Congratulations to Margaret and Geoff Haydock who are celebrating 25 years of marriage this weekend.

Solemn Profession: Please pray for Sr Anna Yeo FDC, our Deanery Confirmation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, who is making her solemn profession next Saturday at 12noon in the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich.

Golden Jubilee Celebration: Monsignor Paul Smith will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee on Saturday 4 September with Mass at 12 noon in St Charles Church, Swinton. This will be followed by reception in St Mark's Hall, Pendlebury. This is a celebration postponed from the actual date of 24 July, due to Covid precautions. You are welcome to attend. Please advise Monsignor Smith if you intend to be present.

August Bank Holiday: The Mass in St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley will not be taking place this year, due to the continuation of Covid-19 restrictions.

World Emergencies: CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Flower Arranging at SsPP: Fortnightly classes will commence on 8 September from 1 – 3pm. Everyone is welcome, especially beginners. All materials will be provided. Come along and enjoy a demonstration, a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat.

Bereavement Group: Suffering bereavement can leave you feeling many different emotions but talking to others can really help. The Bereavement Group offers support in a safe, confidential space to share experiences of coping with loss. If you feel you would like to come along or know of anyone who would benefit from our meetings, we meet every second Friday at SsPP.

Our next meeting is Friday 10 September at 1pm. All are very welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Deidre Murphy 07970632462.

Toddler Group: This will reopen on Monday 13 September 2021 at 9am (until 11.30am). To reserve a place, please ring Ann on 0161 950 7265 as numbers will be limited to 15.

St Luke's Community Centre
 St Luke's Hall is available to hire for private functions
 For further information please contact
 Fran Woodcock on 0161 281 6485
St Luke's Friday Night Quiz
 Returns on Friday 3 September @ 8:30pm
 Support your Community Centre and join in the fun
 Small prize for the winning team

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Salford is currently advertising for a PA/Senior Administrator to work with the Chief Operating Officer. Full details are available on www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies. Caritas Diocese of Salford is advertising for two Senior Managers; see www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers.

Caritas Cornerstone's Big Sleep Out 2021: The Big Sleep Out is returning this autumn with a special hybrid event, asking people to raise funds to support rough sleepers by sleeping outdoors overnight at Xaverian College, Manchester, from 7pm on Friday 17 September, or by "boycotting their bed" from their own home. For more information see: <https://cornerstonecds.org.uk/big-sleepout>

Reopening of Cathedral Centre Facilities: We are delighted to announce that *Cathedral Centre Books* has now reopened (8.30am-3.30pm Monday to Friday). Orders can also be placed via <https://www.cathedralcentrebooks.com/> or over the phone on 0161 817 2208. The *Cathedral Centre Café* has also reopened and is open to the public 8.30am - 1.30pm Monday to Friday.

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

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