



**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**9 January 2022**

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Strange if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but not if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

**Marriage Matters: *Being what we promised to be:*** Today's feast tells us who Jesus really is; it calls us to be what we promised at our wedding – a sign to the world of God's love for all of us. At the core of this commitment is the undertaking to trust our spouse with who we really are – feelings, thoughts, ideas; all that makes us who we are today.

**Think Vocation:** At baptism, when we entered the family of God, we received the gift of faith as well as the promise of eternal life. Let us try to find out the name of the priest or deacon who baptised us and pray for them whether they are living or deceased.

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** We pray for the people of the parish of St Chad and for the Oratorian Fathers and brothers who serve them. We pray for their ministry at the North Manchester General Hospital and Her Majesty's Prison Manchester, and for their parish primary school. May God's favour rest on them.

**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
<b>The Government require those attending church to wear a face covering (unless exempt)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> – The Baptism of the Lord Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am Mass at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am
<b>Monday</b> –Weekday (Week 1) No Mass today
<b>Tuesday</b> –Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> – Weekday or St Aelred of Rievaulx Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b> – Weekday or St Hilary of Poitiers Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b> –Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> –Weekday or Memorial of BVM Mass at SsPP at 12noon
<b>Sunday</b> – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - <i>Peace Sunday</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am Mass at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am
<b>Live-streaming is via our Facebook page:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford">https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford</a>
<b>Sick:</b> All those who are suffering from the coronavirus and others who are sick at this time
<b>Lately Dead:</b> All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently: Winifred Sykes, Michael Armstrong, Anthony Moran, John Paul Buckland, Walter Prince, Tilly Dunne, Cait Clynch, Harry Gill, Margaret Jennings, Chris Kennelly, Philip Dunning, Fred Barnes
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Maura Murray, Jack & Bridget Sloyan
<b>Masses Received:</b> Argile & Caponpon Family & Holy Souls, Chris Allen, Rita Chapman (BM), Chris Kennelly (LD), Philip Dunning (LD), Maura Murray (A), Jack & Bridget Sloyan (A), Fred Barnes (LD)

The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you.

**St Hilary of Poitiers**

**White Flower Appeal:** This weekend we will hold our annual appeal to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

**Funeral:** This week there is a Funeral Service for Margaret Jennings at 10am on Tuesday at St Luke. May she rest in peace.

**Social and Community Group:** There will be a meeting on Monday 10 January at 7.30 in the Parish Centre at St Luke's - all welcome to join us planning the year ahead!

**My Parish: My Mission:** We are asking that parishioners take time over the coming weeks to pray for the parish and to begin reflecting on how they can personally get involved in the mission of the parish. What can I offer? Where is God calling me to help?

**Synod:** Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission using the QR code or following this link: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2). Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1 March 2022 to make our submissions then, after national and continental gatherings, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember the Synod in your prayers. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.



**St Luke's Foundation UCM:** Invites all existing members and any other ladies interested from the Parish to their first Meeting of 2022, held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 12 January at 19:30. We will be looking at ideas for our monthly meetings calendar. Subscription fees to the UCM are due in January and existing members are asked to remember to bring their fees with them to this meeting. It would be appreciated if any existing member that is not able to attend lets Rosemary (Secretary) or Steph (Treasurer) know in advance.

**Attention Parents and Carers of Children in Year 7:** Your child will be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when they are in year 8. In anticipation of their preparation, we have organised a day retreat for them. This retreat will be run by NET ministries and will take place at St Patrick's high school, Eccles on Saturday 12 February 2022. The retreat will start at 10am and end with Mass for the Sunday at 4pm. There are limited places available, which will be offered on a first come first served basis. To register for the retreat, please contact our Confirmation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, Sr Anna Yeo ([anna.yeo@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:anna.yeo@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)) or speak to your parish priest. The final day for registration is Friday 21 January 2022.

**School Governors:** At St Luke's School, we have two vacancies for Foundation Governors. These are governors appointed by the bishop to support the Catholic ethos of the school. If you are interested in knowing more about the role or applying for one of the vacancies, please have a word with Fr Michael.



**Young Adults Retreat**  
In preparation for Lent, a retreat will take place on 26-27 February at Theodore House (Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe BB7 9PZ). It is being subsidised to keep the cost down to £40 (including bed, breakfast, lunch and evening meal). To register, please scan the QR code or email [SalfordYoungAdults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:SalfordYoungAdults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**PACT:** There is a meeting this Wednesday at 7pm at St Luke.

Regular Activities in the Parish	
<b>Monday</b>	Mums & Tots: 9-11.15am in the Parish Centre Salford Heart Club: 1.30-2.30pm in the Parish Centre Beavers: 6.30-8pm in the Parish Centre
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre Cubs: 6.30-8pm in the Parish Centre RCIA: After the 6.30pm Mass in the Parish Room SVP: Fortnightly after the 6.30pm Mass at St Luke Monton Voices (Choir): 7-9pm at Ss Peter & Paul
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre SVP Drop-In: 10.30am-12noon at Ss Peter & Paul Flower Arranging: Fortnightly at 1pm at Ss Peter & Paul PACT: Second Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Room UCM (SL): Second Wednesday at 7.30pm in Parish Centre Salford Angels WI: Last Wednesday 6.45pm in Parish Centre
<b>Thursday</b>	Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre AA Support Group: 12noon-2pm at Ss Peter & Paul Scouts: 6.30-8.30pm in the Parish Centre UCM (SsPP): Second Thursday at 7.15pm at Ss Peter & Paul
<b>Friday</b>	Pre-School: 9am-3pm in the Parish Centre Bereavement Group: Second Friday 1pm at Ss Peter & Paul Quiz Night & Bar: 8.30pm in the Parish Centre
<b>Saturday</b>	AA Support Group: 7.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul

**Next Week's Newsletter:**  
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