

There is no room in a good field for weeds and rubbish: so in the Kingdom of Heaven, there is no room for “all things that provoke offences, and all who do evil”. They must be got rid of, for the sake of the good wheat, for the sake of the good subjects of the kingdom. But this weeding out will not take place until harvest time - in case one piece of good wheat is destroyed with the weeds. This shows the mercy of God: everyone has chance after chance to prove that they are wheat, not darnel; there are no quick judgements in the kingdom of heaven, and things are never as black and white as we think. Only at the end of time will evil stand out clearly, so that it can be disposed of, and only the Son of Man can judge.

Marriage Matters: *Attentive listening:* The Gospel today raises questions about our ability ‘to listen’. We easily hear criticism in a comment, or a question which often puts us at odds with each other. But if we listen with our hearts, in the way Jesus commanded us to do, we are enabled, in all our relationships, to follow His command “...listen, anyone who has ears”.

Think Vocation: A vocation to the priesthood may start off with an inclination the size of a mustard seed. By prayers and encouraging words we are all capable of supporting those in the early stages of discerning vocations.

| This Week | Masses / Services |
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| Sunday – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sat 6.30pm (Vigil Mass); Sun 9.30am & 11am Masses <i>(Live-streamed from St Luke’s)</i> |
| Monday – Weekday or St Apollinaris | <p style="text-align: center;">St Luke Church</p> <p>Masses open to parishioners attending & Live-streamed Monday to Friday at 9.30am & Wednesday at 6.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ss Peter & Paul Church</p> <p>Open for Private Prayer & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11am to 1pm, Monday, Wednesday & Saturday</p> <p>Masses open to parishioners attending Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 12noon</p> |
| Tuesday – Weekday or St Lawrence of Brindisi | |
| Wednesday – St Mary Magdalene | |
| Thursday – St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe (Feast) | |
| Friday – Weekday or St Sharbel Makhluf | |
| Saturday – St James, Apostle (Feast) | |
| Sunday – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Masses open to parishioners: Sat 4pm (SsPP) & 6.30pm (SL)* Sun 8am (SsPP), 9.30am (SL)*, 11am (SsPP) & 12.30pm (SL) <i>(*Live-streamed from St Luke’s)</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, Kay Kimmins, John Ainsworth, Peter Lea, Emily Martin (a sick child), Jimmy Farragher.

Lately Dead: All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently, Barry Bridgen, Nadine Brown, Patrick Hession, Bill Ashton, Maureen Goodwin, Thomas Cosgrove, Fr Arthur Nearey, Jennie Doherty, James Whelan

Anniversaries: Catherine Simcox

Masses Received: Nicholas & Rachel Archer (Silver Wedding), Catherine Simcox (Anniversary), Barry Bridgen (Lately Dead),

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Kentigern, Fallowfield and English Martyrs, Whalley Range with Canon Michael Cleary, their parish priest, for its parish primary school and St. Bede’s College

Churches Reopening for Public Worship

We will begin to celebrate Masses in our churches again this week but with limited numbers. Guidance was published about this during the week and is available on our parish website.

A **paramount principle** in everything we do must be the minimising of risk to the health and life of others. This is everybody's responsibility. It means staying away if you (or a member of your household) have any symptoms or have had contact with those that have. It also means observing all the regular aspects of hygiene, especially the use of hand sanitiser.

Another important aspect is **social distancing of 2m** and this will have an effect on how many people we can allow into church at any time and how they move about the church (with a one-way system). Stewards will be on hand to help with this (and we are grateful to those who have volunteered to be stewards).

We are starting by celebrating **weekday Masses** open to parishioners attending, with adjustments to timing and location, as listed on the front of this newsletter. So, we will still have two Masses a day (except Monday) but without any overlap of timings.

We will maintain the three periods of opportunity for **private prayer** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (11am to 1pm) on Monday, Wednesday & Saturday at Ss Peter & Paul. However, we will cease the streaming of Adoration from St Luke's.

We intend to start **Sunday Masses** next weekend and thought that, with three priests available, we ought to offer a broader range of times to start with (whilst capacity is limited). Again, times are listed overleaf. Two live-streamed Sunday Masses (one on Saturday evening and one on Sunday morning) should be adequate. **Remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is currently suspended.**

We believe that the proposed timings of Masses throughout the week will offer us the flexibility to also provide time for baptisms, weddings and funerals, as well as meeting other demands of parish life that will begin to increase again as the lockdown lifts.

The following parishioners have kindly agreed to be points of contact if anyone has questions relating to the reopening of our churches: Liz Ainley (0161 736 5768), Kevin Garner (07505 448072), Joan Sweeney (0161 736 5588) & Kevin Walker (07888 666368).

We will need to keep arrangements we make under review and be prepared to adapt as necessary, even perhaps at short notice. One example of that is that, following advice received yesterday and in line with other local parishes, **we have decided not to implement the collection of data for Test and Trace**, so you do not need to make use of the form attached to the information circulated a few days ago.

Please pray that this will all go well. *Fr Michael*

What will be different at Mass?

Please allow more time when arriving at church before Mass since stewards will need to guide you to your place (to ensure social distancing). Please do not wander around the church touching statues or trying to light votive candles. Every surface you touch could be (or could become) a source of infection and will require cleaning after each service.

We will be **keeping our time in church to a minimum**. There will be no singing, only a short homily or period of silence, no bidding prayers, no offertory collection, no offertory procession and no sign of peace.

The biggest noticeable change will be that **Communion will be distributed at the very end of Mass**, with people being guided (row by row) by the stewards and being asked to leave church immediately afterwards.

School Holidays

As the school year comes to an end, we congratulate all those who have had to work in extraordinary circumstances over these past few months: our teachers, teaching assistants, all school staff, parents who have had to become home-schoolers and, of course, our pupils themselves. We wish them all a good break over the coming weeks and hope they will be refreshed for the new school year in September.

First Communions

Bishop John has recorded a short message for children who were unable to make their First Communion this summer as planned (and their parents). You can see it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaYj35YdtH8>. There is also a short video from David Wells looking at some practical ways in which you can develop praying at home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tx7KWbPNzks&feature=youtu.be>. We will make preparations to celebrate the First Communions starting in September (provided things have settled enough by then).

Online Donations & Cheques

If you would like to make an online donation to Our Lady of Hope Parish, it is now possible to do this directly by following a link on our parish website. Please note that all cheques should now be made payable to Our Lady of Hope (not St Luke or Ss Peter & Paul). Thanks.

Caritas Diocese of Salford

There is a vacancy for a Support Worker who will support isolated older people, who may be vulnerable, living at home in North Manchester. 6 month Fixed Term Contract, 25.9 hours (3.5 days) per week - £19,171 per annum (£6,709 actual salary) plus Essential Car User Allowance. Further details at www.caritassalford.org.uk

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