



**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 September 2021**

What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles - signs which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of God's Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

Marriage Matters: *Healing and Wholeness May Take Time:* Criticism, intended or not, can lead to harsh words or painful silences. When trying to talk, the hurts can be so deep, they seem too big a block to overcome. To leave space or do something we enjoy doing together, and then trying to talk, can often enable us to open our ears to listen and our hearts to love.

Think Vocation: We pray for a deeper participation amongst families in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, knowing that Christ is in their midst

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Vincent de Paul, Over Hulton, and for Fr Andrew Pastore. We pray for the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. May they recognise Christ in the poor and needy.

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am
Monday – Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Tuesday – Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
Wednesday – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast) Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Thursday – Weekday or St Peter Claver Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
Friday – St Ambrose Barlow (Feast) Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
Saturday – Weekday or Memorial of the BVM Mass at SsPP 12noon
Sunday – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Education Sunday - <i>Special Collection for the Catholic Education Service</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am
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: Mary Dereume (Martin), Margaret Giles, Glyn Casey, William McGladdery, Mona Dunne, Mary Henderson, Julie Dignan, Regina Broadbent (Heakin) Maria McCann, Mgr Tom Devany, Imelda Dolino, Dennis Taboclaon, Ged Aitken, John Hyett, Alison Peden
Anniversaries: Peter Lea
Masses Received: John Duffy, Regina Broadbent (Heakin) (LD), Imelda Dolino (LD), Dennis Taboclaon (LD), Ged Aitken (LD), Mary Dereume (Martin) (LD), John Hyett (LD), Alison Peden (LD), Julie Webster

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

Solemn Profession: Congratulations to Sr Anna Yeo FDC, our Deanery Confirmation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, who made her solemn profession last Saturday (28 August) in the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich. Fr Mark was able to attend this, along with Fr Martin Collins (our Dean).

Syro-Malabar Mission: The Syro-Malabar communities from Salford and Trafford joined together some months ago to form one community, meeting at St Mary's, Eccles. On Sunday Fr Michael and Fr Mark were present at St Mary's for a celebration of Mass during which this community was formally established as a Syro-Malabar Mission (a step on the way to becoming a Syro-Malabar parish). We congratulate them on this important occasion and wish them well as they continue to grow here in this part of our diocese.

Confirmation 2022: The programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2021-2022 for the Deanery of Salford will begin in the autumn. As was the case last year the programme will be based in the parish and will be led by Sr Anna Yeo FDC, the Deanery Confirmation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, assisted by our parish catechists. If your child is in year 8 or above and has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, they are eligible to register for the programme. Please contact the priests to obtain a registration form either in person after Mass, by email at priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or phone on 0161 736 2696.

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.

Caritas Appeal

Help for those seeking sanctuary from Afghanistan

A huge thank you for the very generous response of our parishes to our appeal for help in supporting Afghan nationals who have been evacuated to our diocese. We have been heartened by the donations and your support.

We have continually reviewed the items needed based on the information from the Combined and Local Authorities. Thanks to your generosity, the immediate need for items on the list has lessened. We are now focused on listening to the authorities to understand what the needs will be for the long term.

Our focus will now shift to supporting the long-term resettlement of individuals and families including the support they will need to integrate into the local communities in which they find themselves, to learn English and to find training and work.

If you would like to assist in this vital medium and long-term support of refugees which the Caritas Salford team carries out all year round, please consider making a gift online through the webpage. Donations of items already collected can still be made to any one of the drop off locations listed on the website below. We will regularly update this page as the situation continues to develop.

Find out more about how you can help at:
www.caritassalford.org.uk/afghanistan-appeal-2021/

St Luke's Toddler Group: Reopens 9am on Monday 13 September (until 11.30am). To reserve a place, please ring Ann on 0161 950 7265 as numbers will be limited to 15.

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: <https://cornerstonecds.org.uk/big-sleepout>

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

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