



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 February 2021

This world, as we know, is a fragile and fallible place, in which we encounter hunger, disease, sickness and death. Jesus proclaims, by his actions of healing, that there is another world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems. Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow him. Each of his miracles is also, in some sense, a parable or teaching, pointing out to us something of the lost happiness and perfection which he is restoring. This vision of Paradise is not Utopian or delusory, not just a vain hope to comfort us with, but the true manifestation of God's love for us. Jesus could not cure every disease or sickness in the world then: but his miracles of healing are a sign that one day, when the Kingdom comes, sickness and disease will be wiped away for ever.

**Marriage Matters: *Making the time to talk and listen:*** As married couples we need time to grow in knowledge and understanding of each other. This week let us make time when we are not tired, to talk together, to share what's happened in the day, our thoughts and feelings, the things that worry us or make us happy. Perhaps we can also plan a regular celebration of our love.

**Think Vocations:** In the Gospel we see a day in the life of Jesus. It was busy but he made time for prayer. Let us remember those men and women who serve the Church in the contemplative religious life. Their mission is to support, through prayer, those who are busy with the apostolic work of the Church. May others be drawn to live this vital and generous way of living the Christian vocation.

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Let us pray for the parish of St Michael and St Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools. As the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes approaches, may St Bernadette lead us to Mary and may Mary lead us to her Son Jesus.

**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>Unlike in previous lockdowns, we are able to keep our churches open for public worship this time. Government guidelines require people attending places of worship to wear a face mask (unless exempt for some reason)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am
<b>Monday</b> – Weekday or St Jerome Emilian or St Josephine Bakhita No Mass today
<b>Tuesday</b> – Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> – St Scholastica Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b> – Weekday or Our Lady of Lourdes 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 12noon
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<b>Live-streaming is via our Facebook page: Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford</b> ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/">https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/</a> )

**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, Emily Martin (a sick child), Marie Campbell, David Pickup, Sue Remmer. Sr Therese Murphy, Pat Griffin

**Lately Dead:** All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently: Tony (Anthony) Devine, Patricia Mary Smith, Helen Lambert, Sue Fazakerly, Brian Maycock, Edith Bond, Peter Plevin, Cheryl Sheehy

**Anniversaries:** Renee Tilsley, Peggie Krinks, N J Varkey

**Masses Received:** Joan McKenzie (BR), Rita Chapman (Wedding Anniversary), Julie Webster, Renee Tilsley (A), Peggie Krinks (A), Tony Devine (LD), N J Varkey (A), Mary Dereume (Martin) (S), Cheryl Sheehy (LD), Mark Ford (BR)

**National Prayer Cycle:** During Ordinary Time (winter) we are asked to pray for Peace on Earth, Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity, The Sick and those who care for them, Victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it, the Unemployed

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**Caritas Sunday:** Thank you for last weekend's special collection and some individual donations given over the past few weeks which together raised £307.06 to support the work of Caritas Diocese of Salford. If you would like to make a one off debit or credit card donation online or set up a direct debit mandate, you can do so via the Caritas secure website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate/> or call Rachel Taylor on 0161 817 2285.

**Remembrance Service:** St Ambrose Barlow, our local Catholic High School, held a virtual Liturgy of Solidarity and Remembrance on Friday for all those connected with the school who have died in the past year. They have made that service available online at <https://youtu.be/0AzzVewM13w>

**Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking:** Monday (8 February) is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita and is a Day of Prayer for the Victims of Trafficking. St Josephine was born in Sudan in 1869. She was kidnapped and sold as a slave. In Italy she entered the Sisters of Mary Magdalene where she took part in the life of the community in prayer, cooking, sewing and attending to the door. She died on 8 February 1947. Caritas has a small team dedicated to raising awareness of human trafficking in our local communities, supporting victims and working together with other agencies to combat this scourge. Please remember and pray for all victims of human trafficking. Here is a link to a toolkit which you may also find useful and includes a prayer card: <https://justiceformigrants.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Day-of-Prayer-Anti-Trafficking-Toolkit-2021-Final.pdf>

**World Day for the Sick:** Pope Francis writes: "The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church's loving concern." This would also be a good day to pray for our NHS heroes and of course the chaplains to our hospitals.

**Mass Intentions:** There is sometimes confusion about what to do if you want a Mass saying for a particular intention or what happens to those intentions. We do have special envelopes that help you set out the information we need, or you can just write the details on an ordinary envelope. We need to know the name of the person for whom you want the Mass celebrating, whether it is for something particular (lately dead, anniversary, birthday remembrance or some other occasion) and if there is a particular date you want us to consider saying that Mass. There is no set price for a Mass; you are making a donation to support the priest who celebrates the Mass. If you wish to make a contribution, please include it in the envelope.

When someone requests a Mass intention, we always ensure that a Mass is said for that intention. Normally every Mass we offer has a specific intention in mind that has been given to us by parishioners, although we don't usually

announce what that intention is. We don't always guarantee that the day that the Mass is said will coincide with any special date associated with the intention (it can happen that we receive multiple intentions for the same day), nor do we have a system where the particular date requested is recorded with the Mass intention. If you would like your particular intention to be remembered at Mass on a specific day because you are attending and/or you wish for that intention to be announced, please ask about that in advance but also knock on the door of the sacristy before the Mass is said to ask/remind the priest. Normally he will be able to accommodate the request (unless he has already agreed to say Mass for another intention).

All Mass intentions you hand in are recorded in our Mass Register and noted in the "Masses Received" section of the newsletter in the week we receive the intention. If we accumulate more Masses than the priests here are able to say, then we send some of the intentions to other priests who are short of Masses and so that ensures the Mass is said within a reasonable time of the request, as well as helping to support those priests.

**Catholic Voices Survey:** Catholic Voices, the University of Birmingham and the Mater Dei Institute in Dublin are running a major online survey of Catholic experience in UK and Ireland under lockdown. The first phase last year indicated that people had developed much stronger attachments to liturgy and sacraments. Catholics seemed to value their clergy more than the members of other denominations value theirs. The hope, in this next phase, is that members of every parish will take part, especially clergy. The clergy in England were less well represented last time despite reports of new pastoral efforts, needs and challenges. All responses, ordained and lay, are anonymous and confidential but will provide insights for pastoral planning, giving and support in the future. The survey is here and should take 15-20 minutes <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey>

**Our Lady of Hope 500 Club:** If you would like to join the Our Lady of Hope 500 Club for 2021, please get in touch via email to [office@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:office@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

**Our Lady of Hope Online Choir:** During lockdown, if you love to sing, please join in with our online choir: [www.ourladyofhope.org.uk/index.asp?t=onlinechoir](http://www.ourladyofhope.org.uk/index.asp?t=onlinechoir)

**Cathedral Children's Choir:** Would your child like to try a new creative outlet? Are they a keen singer? Do they need a little help with their confidence? Following the successful debut of our children's choir at the cathedral over Christmas, we are recruiting new members. There's no fee to join and during the lockdown we are holding rehearsals over Zoom on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4 – 5.00pm. If you'd like to find out more please email: [alex.patterson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:alex.patterson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

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