



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 January 2022

The Gospel of this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - the "signs" as John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today, reading the Gospel with the First Reading in mind, we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people, it is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's closeness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

Marriage Matters: Our marriages are blessed with gifts: Just like the bride and groom at Cana, our marriages are blessed with gifts. Every day we are given the grace to live our marriage vows: loving, cherishing and honouring each other in sickness and health, whether money is flowing or frozen. Each time we embrace each other and our own personal circumstances, we are letting God's glory be seen.

Think Vocation: St Paul speaks of different people having different gifts. Let us strive to use our gifts to the best of our ability and encourage others to think about how they might use their gifts for the building of the Kingdom of God.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St Patrick, Manchester, and for Fr Jim Clarke, their parish priest. We pray for St Joseph's Mission to the Deaf, for the Sisters of Our Lady of Evron, for the Presentation Sisters, and for the Missionaries of Charity Brothers, as well as the parish primary schools. May they use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them for the building up of God's Kingdom.

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.

Peace Sunday
Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media. Please pray for their work and that we may all be peacemakers. See www.paxchristi.org.uk for more information.

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Masses / Services This Week	
The Government require those attending church to wear a face covering (unless exempt)	
Sunday – 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	
Monday – St Anthony	<i>Feast Day of Our Lady of Hope</i>
No Mass today	
Tuesday – Weekday	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today</i>
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm	
Wednesday – Weekday or St Wulstan Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am	
Thursday – Weekday or St Fabian or St Sebastian Mass at SsPP 6.30pm	
Friday – St Agnes Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am	
Saturday – Weekday or St Vincent or Memorial of BVM Mass at SsPP at 12noon	
Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – <i>Word of God</i> Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am Mass 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	
Lately Dead: All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently: Anthony Moran, John Paul Buckland, Walter Prince, Tilly Dunne, Cait Clynch, Harry Gill, Margaret Jennings, Chris Kennelly, Philip Dunning, Fred Barnes, Howard Murray, Paul Heneghan	
Anniversaries: Shirley Beckitt, Margaret Sullivan, Tony Devine (1 st A), Therese Lyons	
Masses Received: Howard Murray (LD), Shirley Beckitt (A), Margaret Sullivan (A), Tony Devine (1 st A), Therese Lyons (A), Special Intention, Paul Heneghan (LD), Alan Roberts, Jack & Bridget Sloyan, Deceased members of the Sloyan & Roberts family, Special Intention to Our Lady, Priests of the Salford Diocese, Fr John Williams (B)	

Our Lady of Hope
Monday is the Feast of our Parish Patron. It is a good opportunity for us to pray for our parish and continue to put it under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of God:
*We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God:
Despise not our prayers in our needs
but deliver us from all dangers always,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin*

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Feast Day: To mark this occasion, the online choir this week (ladies only) has recorded a new hymn to Our Lady of Hope, translated from the French *Mère de l'Espérance* by June and Paul Ashton. There will also be some short videos on our YouTube channel reflecting on the feast day.

Christian Unity: The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from Tuesday 18 January to Tuesday 25 January. The theme for this year is *We Saw His Star in the East*. The materials have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness. For further information and downloadable resources, visit www.ctbi.org.uk. Please take time to pray for Christian Unity during this special octave.

White Flower Appeal: Many thanks to those who supported the annual appeal last weekend which raised £400.96 for the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

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?

Church Flowers (SsPP): We intend to reinstate a rota of volunteers to do the church flowers at Ss Peter and Paul - spreading the load! Parish funding will be provided. Please ring Liz (736 5768) if you would like to help. Thank you!

Synod: As you know, Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. We have already published several times the means of participating in this online. With the current pandemic situation, we don't think it wise to try holding a parish meeting about it but, to help us reflect on what the Synod is about, we will have a series of five themed reflection sheets which will also allow you to express your thoughts and share those with us to collate and send in to form part of the diocesan response. Please participate.

Formation Series: Synodality in the Universal Church with Sr Nathalie Becquart: Wednesday 19 January 2022, 7.30pm online event via Zoom. Sr Nathalie is the Undersecretary of the Vatican Synod Office coordinating the Universal Synod 2021- 2023. As part of our Formation Series on Synodality, we will be hearing from Sr Nathalie sharing her experience of Synodality across the universal Church. This event will take place on Zoom only. There will be chance to ask Sr Nathalie questions at the end. 7.30pm – Input 8.30pm – Q&A 9.00pm – Finish. For more information or to register www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synodality-in-the-universal-church/. The Zoom link will be emailed once you register.

Attention Parents and Carers of Children in Year 7: Final reminder about the retreat that will take place at St Patrick's high school, Eccles on Saturday 12 February 2022 at 10am and ending 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, please contact our Confirmation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, Sr Anna Yeo (anna.yeo@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or speak to your parish priest. The final day for registration is Friday 21 January 2022.



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

500 Club

The final prize winners for 2021 are:

November: J Bailey (169) £130; Bridie McKiernan (12) £65; Philip Denton (187) £65

December: Joan Flannery (22) £130; Emma Brady (140) £65; Norma Hall (148) £65

December Bonus Draw: Stephen Garrett (138) £320; Diane Simpson (151) £230; Liz Ainley (82) £230

Congratulations to all our winners throughout the year!

New Members: For just £5 a month you could be included in the draw with a chance to win and the more entrants the bigger the prizes. If you would like to join the 500 Club, please put your name, address and telephone number in an envelope and also indicate how you wish to pay:

- Annual Direct Debit, Cash or Cheque (£60)
- Monthly Direct Debit, Cash or Cheque (£5)

Mark the envelope "New 500 Club Member" and either put it in the collection basket at church or post it through the letter box at St Luke's. You will then be contacted and a number issued to you.

Current Members: A reminder that if you pay by Cash or Cheque, whether annually or monthly, January is the start of the new year for your subscriptions. Please put these in an envelope with your name and a note of the 500 Club number(s) the payment(s) relate to and hand this in at church or through the letter box at St Luke's.

Fundraising: The 500 Club this year has raised £7840. Half of this (£3920) went out in prizes and the other half went into parish funds (to maintain our parish buildings and enable parish activities). This was raised by about 130 members, so think what we could raise (and what the prizes could be) if we had a full 500 members!

Thank you for your continuing support

Next Week's Newsletter: Jan McIntyre

Please send notices before Wednesday
Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk