



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 January 2021

What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the “ordinary” season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus’s life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: “Come and see.” This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying “Speak, Lord; your servant is listening.” The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: “Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.” We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.

Marriage Matters: Welcomed in His Name: When Andrew and Simon Peter met Jesus, they asked Him: “Rabbi, where do you live ?” He said: “Come and see .” They went, and stayed for the rest of the day. Did Mary, His mother, return to find strangers in her house and welcome and serve them in her Son’s name? Do we welcome and serve one another in His name?

Think Vocations: “Speak Lord, your servant is listening”. In order to discern what the Lord is calling us to do with our lives, we need to listen. Today there are so many other voices calling out with conflicting messages. Let us ensure we create some time of stillness for prayer each day to hear Christ’s voice clearly directing us.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: e pray for the people of the parishes of St Patrick, Rochdale, and St Mary of the Annunciation, Littleborough, and for Fr Robert Lasia, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the patients, staff and chaplaincy at the Rochdale Infirmary, as well as those imprisoned at Buckley Hall, their staff and chaplaincy. May their life and mission draw others to Christ.

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

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)

Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Peace Sunday - Feast day of Our Lady of Hope
Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am

Monday – Weekday (Week 1)
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today
No Mass today

Tuesday – Weekday or St Wulstan
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Weekday St Fabian or St Sebastian
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – St Agnes
Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Weekday or St Vincent
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday
Mass at SsPP 12noon

Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am

Live-streaming is via our Facebook page:
Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford
(<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, 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: Molly Robinson, Sylvia Davies, Anthony Philip Carroll, Graham Hadfield, Denis Wright, Jean Oldfield, Frank Flynn, Michael Hogan, Patricia Kelly, Bernadette Higson, Kathleen Ryan, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia (Glasgow)

Anniversaries: Keith Scott, Terrie Lyons

Masses Received: Keith Scott (A), Jean Oldfield (LD), Frank Flynn (LD), Julie Webster, Terrie Lyons (A)

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

Pastoral Letter: Today we have a pastoral letter from the bishop in which he speaks to us about the forthcoming Caritas Sunday (31 January) and about enhancing the role of the Episcopal Vicar for Formation to help the diocese at this particular time and in planning for the future.

World Peace Day: Pax Christi's celebration of the Holy Father's World Peace Day message takes place on 17 January, Peace Sunday. As in past years, they have created a wide range of resources to help parishes, communities and families reflect and celebrate peace-making on that day. See these at: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>

White Flower Appeal: Thank you for the **£156.95** raised in the special collection last weekend for the work of SPUC. If you would like to make an online donation please go to www.spuc.org.uk/donate.

Christian Unity: The annual Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18 to 25 January. The theme chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17. The Churches on the Height are going to produce a short online service for the week, which we will ask people to watch at 2pm on Sunday 24 January, followed by a Zoom gathering at 3pm for those who want to have a brief discussion about the topic raised or just a chance to catch up with friends from the other churches. Details will follow for the links needed to join in. If you want to make use of the materials produced for daily reflection, go to www.ctbi.org.uk.

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord; and we pray that all unity will one day be restored. For they'll know we are Christians by our LOVE. Love is the patient architect that builds misunderstandings into UNDERSTANDINGS.

Sacramental Programme 2020-21: For those whose children are Catholic and in year 3 at St Luke's school, you will be contacted via the channels of communication the school has and will be given the option to take part in the programme automatically. If your child is not in year 3 at St Luke's school, is a Catholic, year 3 or above and has not yet made their first Holy Communion, please make contact with us to register your child as part of the programme for 2020-21. We can be contacted by telephone on 0161 736 2696 or email at priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk.

Stewards: A reminder that if you would like to volunteer as a steward to help keep our churches open for worship, please contact priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or telephone 0161 736 2696. Thank you.

Our Lady Of Hope Online Choir: During lockdown, many of us miss singing and making music. Following on from the popular Carol Advent Calendar we are starting our online choir. If you love to sing, please join in. <http://www.ourladyofhope.org.uk/index.asp?t=onlinechoir>

Next Week's Newsletter: Liz Connolly

Please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

St Luke 500 Club Winners 2020

The final draws for 2020 have just been made and so here is a complete list of all the winners. Thank you for your support which has raised £572 for the parish.

January 2020

- G Mahon (184) £50
- P Scarsbrook (181) £25
- M Hill (169) £25

February 2020

- J Ball (20) £50
- P Dawson (2) £25
- C Bell (228) £25

March 2020

- T Canning (47) £25
- M Hill (169) £15
- G Mahon (184) £10

April 2020

- J Rochford (30) £25
- L Morgan (106) £15
- A Faulkner (251) £10

May 2020

- J Brewer (132) £25
- J Collins (6) £15
- J Webster (115) £10

June 2020

- S McDonagh (252) £25
- C Seville (271) £15
- J Leader (49) £10

July 2020

- J Rochford (30) £25
- N McNorton (34) £15
- S Wakefield (75) £10

August 2020

- V Birch (90) £25
- A McNorton (28) £15
- C Mumford (209) £10

September 2020

- S McDonagh (252) £25
- J O'Neill (249) £15
- M Martin (8) £10

October 2020

- M Fry (164) £25
- N Wakefield (234) £15
- L Morgan (106) £10

November 2020

- C McClellan (43) £25
- P Murray (217) £15
- J Ashton (239) £10

December 2020

- J Jamieson (40) £25
- J Brewer (132) £15
- J Martin (129) £10

As noted in last week's newsletter, the decline in membership meant a reduction in prize money this year and also means that the Club is no longer viable. Thank you to those who have run this club and supported it over the years. We will now have just one 500 Club for the parish, rather than one based on each church. 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