



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 AUGUST 2020



Divine providence is a wonderful thing: God is so generous with his creation (it is human greed that denies some their rightful share). The Kingdom of God is the time and place when this vision will be fully realised, when all who wish may "come to the water", when all who are hungry may "eat as much as they want", when what is left over is still enough for all the twelve tribes of Israel. Our contemplation of the kingdom of God, through the parables and miracles of Jesus, should stir us up to build this kingdom here and now. The miracle of Divine providence is allowed to work when human greed and selfishness give way to the power of the Spirit working within us, and we share all we have with those in need. Our hearts are set on the kingdom of God, where there is corn and wine and milk in abundance.

Marriage Matters: *It can be hard to have compassion sometimes:* It's hard to have compassion for my spouse when caught up in my own worries and stress. Jesus moved on from His own sadness to see the need of the crowds; He fed them. We witness to the Good News that nothing can come between us when we nourish each other in all ways - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Think Vocation: Although he sought the peace of solitude, Our Blessed Lord had to labour the whole day. Let us pray for parents in their sometimes wearying task of raising children and educating them in the faith.

This Week	Masses / Services	
Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Masses open to parishioners: Sat 4pm (SsPP) & 6.30pm (SL)* Sun 8am (SsPP), 9.30am (SL)*, 11am (SsPP) <i>(*Live-streamed from St Luke's)</i>	
	St. Luke's	SS Peter & Paul's
Monday – Weekday	9.30am Mass (Church open & Live-streamed)	11am-1pm Private Prayer & Adoration
Tuesday – St John Mary Vianney	9.30am Mass (Church open & Live-streamed)	12noon Mass (Church open)
Wednesday – Weekday or The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	9.30am & 6.30pm Masses (Church open & Live-streamed)	11am-1pm Private Prayer & Adoration
Thursday – The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)	9.30am Mass (Church open & Live-streamed)	12noon Mass (Church open)
Friday – Weekday or St Sixtus II & Companions or St Cajetan	9.30am Mass (Church open & Live-streamed)	12noon Mass (Church open)
Saturday – St Dominic		11am-1pm Private Prayer & Adoration
Sunday – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Masses open to parishioners: Sat 4pm (SsPP) & 6.30pm (SL)* Sun 8am (SsPP), 9.30am (SL)*, 11am (SsPP) <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, Marie Campbell.

Lately Dead: All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently, Jennie Doherty, James Whelan Neville Pitchford, Fr Bernard McGarry, Sister Silvi, Fr Peter Sheahan, Dennis Long, Robert Semple, Eileen Sumner, Albert Schofield, James Knight.

Anniversary: Robert Clooney, Dolly Clooney

Masses Received: Dennis Long (Lately Dead), Intentions of Phillip Sotiriou, Robert Temple (Lately Dead), Eileen Sumner (Lately Dead), Sally & Ray, Robert Clooney (Anniversary), Dolly Clooney (Anniversary)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Mary (The Hidden Gem), Manchester, and for Monsignor Anthony Kay, their parish priest

Churches Reopened for Public Worship

Thank you to those who have begun to attend Masses in our churches since we reopened in the past couple of weeks and thanks to the stewards who have been on hand to assist with this and ensure it has gone well. The numbers are nowhere near capacity but that is to be expected and we can build up over a period of time. There is absolutely no pressure on anyone to begin coming to church until they feel comfortable doing so and remember that **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is currently suspended.**

We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as and when we need to. One immediate change is that **we will not be continuing with the 12.30pm Mass on Sunday.** We introduced this as an additional Mass to help spread capacity but there were only a handful of people there and so it was decided straightaway that we don't need that Mass at present.

There are still a good number of people following the streamed Masses, so these will continue.

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** which we will maintain until told otherwise. **The government announced on Friday that, from 8 August, people attending places of worship must wear a face mask (unless exempt for some reason).**

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).

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.

Lourdes at Home

Since this year's annual pilgrimage to Lourdes had to be re-scheduled to 2021, the organisers have arranged a way for us to participate in "Lourdes at Home 2020" on the days when we would have been there, under the theme "Every day I go in Spirit to the Grotto". Please feel free to join in these events, even if you were not intending to go to Lourdes this year.

Sunday 2 August (3pm) Live streamed Pilgrimage Mass with Bishop John

Monday 3 August (7pm) Video message from volunteers: "What Lourdes means to me"

Tuesday 4 August (7pm) Stations of the Cross with Bishop John

Wednesday 5 August (7pm) Rosary and farewell message from Bishop John, followed by footage of a candle being lit in Lourdes to signify the spiritual presence of the Diocese of Salford

The event on Monday can be followed on the Salford Lourdes website, Facebook page & YouTube channel. The rest are all at Salford Cathedral and will be live-streamed on www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral.

Online Donations: 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.

Cheques: Please note that all cheques should now be made payable to Our Lady of Hope (not to St Luke or Ss Peter & Paul). Thanks.

Offertory Envelopes: The new sets of envelopes were prepared just before we went into lockdown and so they have not yet been distributed. Some people who had requested envelopes have subsequently set up a standing order instead and so may no longer need the envelopes. If you want to collect your set of envelopes when you come to church, please let us know which Mass you will be attending (either Sunday or weekday) and we will get the envelopes to the church for that occasion. Alternatively, if you are not yet ready to return to church but want your envelopes delivered to your house that can also be arranged.

Salford Royal Chaplaincy

If you or a family member find themselves in Salford Royal and would like a visit from the Catholic chaplain, please call the chaplaincy team on [0161 206 5167](tel:01612065167) or email chaplaincy@srft.nhs.uk. If the case is urgent please ask the nurse to page the Catholic chaplain.

Next Week's Newsletter: Liz Connolly

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