

Diocesan Notices

Lourdes at Home - Stations of the Cross: Our Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Coordination Team is delighted to offer an opportunity for people across the diocese to join in prayer with our pilgrims in Lourdes. Join us at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church at 4pm on Sunday 28th July as we pray the Stations of the Cross before Mass at 5.30pm. All are welcome!

Lourdes at Home: This week, we will be celebrating the centenary of our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. To help people across the diocese join our Lourdes pilgrims in prayer during our centenary pilgrimage, we are delighted to share a range of Lourdes at Home resources for people to pray with at home or in parish groups. These resources can be found on our website <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lourdes-at-home-2024/>

Caritas Salford Volunteering Opportunities: Are you - or is someone you know - looking for a local charity where your team can spend the day giving something back? Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is delighted to welcome supportive teams of people for a full or half day session at Caritas projects in Bury and Manchester. Read more about their team days here caritassalford.org.uk/corporatevolunteers or call Rachel Taylor if you'd like to get involved 0161 817 2250 and press 1 for fundraising.

Caritas Diocese of Salford Summer Appeal: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, has launched its summer appeal as new research reveals child poverty to be at an all-time high across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. To find out more about the appeal and how you can support families across our diocese, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/child-poverty

Diocesan Pilgrimages for 2025 Year of Jubilee: We are delighted to announce a number of pilgrimage opportunities in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. From Lourdes and Lindisfarne, to Walsingham and Rome - and a wealth of opportunities on our very doorstep - there is something for everybody in this upcoming Year of Jubilee. Bookings for Rome will open on Monday 5th August with bookings for our other pilgrimages opening soon. Please stay tuned for further information on how to book or find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

Invocation at Adoremus: We're delighted to announce the return of Invocation at Adoremus this September! Taking place at St Mary's College, Oscott, on 15 September, this beautiful day is designed specifically for adults discerning a particular vocation or direction; providing them with an opportunity to pray, to talk about their journey, and to find support and resources to help them along the way. Find out more and register online at: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/invocation-adoremus-2024/> or email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Job Vacancies: For Current Vacancies please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - *Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly People*

Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Monday – St Martha, St Mary & St Lazarus
No Mass today

Tuesday – Weekday or St Peter Chrysologus
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – St Ignatius of Loyola
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – St Alphonus Liguori
Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Weekday or St Eusebius of Vercelli or St Peter Julian Eymard
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday or Our Lady on Saturday
Mass at SsPP 12noon
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

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

Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

Reflections for This Week

For the next five weeks we take our leave of Saint Mark's Gospel and read Chapter Six of Saint John's Gospel. This is the famous "Eucharistic Discourse" and begins with the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. A line of the Psalm gives the meaning of today's readings: "The eyes of all creatures look to you (O God) and you give them their food in due time." Our God is the God who provides for his people; the prosperity and fruitfulness of our earth and the mysterious cycles of nature ensures that all have what they need - and have some left over. The actions of Elisha and Jesus are in a sense prophetic: many would say that there is not enough food in this world to go round, just as the two sets of disciples complain that there is not enough for the hundred or the five thousand. But the prophetic action states that this is not true: God provides what is needed. This might prompt us to think about the unfair and unequal distribution of the fruits of the earth: the miracle is a sign of the Kingdom of God - what God wants the world to be like. Perhaps we should take the message of the miracle to heart this Sunday and think about the multitude that still sits in hunger in our world today.

Marriage Matters: *Selflessness in giving:* The readings recount God's continuing faithfulness to His people, and their response. Elisha's story is the forerunner to Jesus feeding at least five thousand on a few loaves and fishes. Such providence reminds us of our faithful God who gives, and gives, and then gives again. Do I do this, do we, to each other? In His strength, we can.

Think Vocation: The boy in the Gospel was encouraged to generously give to Jesus the little bit of food he had. Each of us has an abundance of gifts but often a reluctance to allow them to be used by the Lord for the building up of his Kingdom. Let any reluctance we have be replaced by an outpouring of trusting generosity.

Prayers Requested

Sick: All who are sick (at home or in hospital)

Lately Dead: Kath Kenny, Stephen Russ, Angela Kavanagh, Robert (Bob) Connor

Anniversaries: Terry McDermott, Robert Clooney

Masses Received: Bernice & Pete Green (60 Happy Years of Marriage), Terry McDermott (A), Robert Clooney (A), Special Intention

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: The next instalment of our Hope in the Future Cycle of Prayer will begin again in September.

Financially Supporting Our Parish

Contactless: The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)
Bank Details: TSDT Our Lady of Hope
50317403 20 55 34
Cheques: Payable to Our Lady of Hope

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday
Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Parish Notices

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly: Pope Francis has given this fourth World Day the theme "Do not cast me off in my old age" (from Psalm 71:9) and he reminds us that we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.

Lourdes: Our diocesan pilgrimage departed on Friday, which included a number of our own parishioners and returns this Thursday. We will be praying for the parish and the diocese whilst we are there. Please try to remember the pilgrimage in your prayers here at home over those days. There will be some resources to enable "Lourdes at Home" on the diocesan website (www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lourdes). You can also join us for the Mass at the Grotto on Monday 29 July at 9am (UK time) via the Lourdes Webcam (<https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/>). This pilgrimage marks 100 years since the first diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Bishop John has written this special prayer for the Centenary Pilgrimage: Mary, Our Mother, as we celebrate the centenary of the Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we are grateful for the privilege of visiting this holy place, We give thanks for all the graces and favours received in response to prayer. We come as pilgrims. Thank you for listening to us. As our mother, help us to discern the will of the Holy Spirit in the life of our Diocese, in our parishes and homes. Just as you willingly accepted the will of God in your life, help us to be generous in always seeking his will in our lives too. We thank you for interceding for us. May we grow as missionary disciples of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Congratulations: We congratulate Bernice and Pete Green as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Rosary: Please note Rosary at St Peter and Paul's will be suspended during the month of August. Mass at 6.30pm will continue. Rosary will resume at 6pm, 5th September. Thank you.

Bingo and Quiz Night in aid of Royal Manchester Children's Hospital: Saturday 14th September at the Parish Centre, Swinton Park Rd. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 per person (includes pasty and peas) Raffle also on the night. Please contact 07931381406 or email andyjmartin2002@yahoo.co.uk for tickets or see poster at back of church.