

Diocesan Notices

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome 2025: We are delighted to announce a number of pilgrimages to celebrate the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee, including a pilgrimage to Rome in September. Bookings for the pilgrimage, led by Bishop John, will open on Monday 5th August. Please email info@northernstartravel.com or call 0161 773 2115 to book your place. Please note, places are extremely limited. For more information on our other pilgrimages at home and overseas, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/jubilee-pilgrimages/>.

Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Centenary Window: Our Salford Lourdes Coordination Team is delighted to announce the commission of a beautiful stained-glass window, which will be installed in our newly-restored cathedral, commemorating the centenary of this much-loved pilgrimage. You can be part of this wonderful legacy by donating in memory of a loved one, as a gift, or in your family name, with names being recorded in a special commemorative book. To find out more, visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/centenary-window>.

Accessibility and your parish: Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, supports people in our diocese to develop their understanding of accessibility, disability and inclusion of people with access needs. Being accessible is important to maximise positive experiences and so everyone has opportunities to participate in ways that suit them. Caritas is looking for people from our parishes to help advocate for positive accessibility with a view to encouraging positive solutions. If you are interested, please email accessibility@caritassalford.org.uk or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer to find out more.

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 <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/corporatevolunteers> or call Rachel Taylor if you'd like to get involved 0161 817 2250 and press 1 for fundraising.

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: The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Maintenance Operative, Skilled Maintenance Operative and Grant and Bid Writer. Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>



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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday – Weekday or Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

No Mass today

Tuesday – The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Weekday or St Sixtus II & Companions or St Cajetan

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – St Dominic

Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Patron of Europe (Feast)

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – St Lawrence (Feast)

Mass at SsPP 12noon
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday - Nineteenth 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

We continue reading from John 6: this is the aftermath of the miracle, and we see the beginnings of a misunderstanding that will develop over the next four weeks. People have seen the miracle, but not the message: they have seen the sign, but not what it points towards. The bread that was given is a sign of the Bread of Life, which is the teaching, the words and the very person of Jesus, as the revelation of the Father. His mission is to draw people back to his Father, to found a New Covenant or relationship. As the weeks go by, we will see that the people's hunger is simply for spectacle and miracle, not for the much harder teaching of living nourished by God's word and the presence of his only Son. For us, the People of the New Covenant, these passages must make us think of how we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Are we nourished by his presence, so that all the hunger and thirst of our lives is answered by the One who is the Bread of Life?

Marriage Matters: *Jesus will give us courage and strength:* The readings today focus very much on God's love and care for each of us. Our relationship at times can be challenged by something like a serious physical or mental illness, making it very hard to communicate. At such times, if we dig deep, we will find the trust we have in Jesus. This can pull us through together.

Think Vocation: Every time we come to Mass and receive Our Lord in Holy Communion we have an opportunity to dedicate our Communion for a particular intention. Perhaps this week we could offer this intention for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: Dympna Brady, Kath Kenny, Stephen Russ, Angela Kavanagh

Anniversaries: Alison Dapoto

Masses Received: Robert Clooney (B), Alison Dapoto (A), Eileen Carroll, Thanksgiving for Grace received, Teresa McDonnald

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

Congratulations: To Rebecca Milan-Snee and Michael Halsall who were married at St Peter's, Stonyhurst last Saturday. We wish them a long, happy and fruitful married life.

Men's Fellowship: We wish to warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming Men's Fellowship gathering taking place at St Lukes Church on Thursday 8th August, 2024 at 7:30pm. Our Men's Fellowship is a dedicated time for men to come together to strengthen our faith, build meaningful relationships, and support one another in our daily lives. Whether you are looking for spiritual growth, encouragement, or simply a time of fellowship with like-minded individuals, this gathering is the perfect opportunity. For further information, please contact Ian (icgifford@hotmail.com) or Calli (calli.okafor@gmail.com).

Rosary: Please note Rosary at SsPP 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.

Quiz Night: Every Friday in the Parish Centre 8.30 pm - 11.30 pm. Free entry, prize for winning team!