

## Diocesan Notices

**Mass in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham:** To celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham, Bishop John will celebrate a special Holy Mass on Tuesday 24th September at St Patrick's church, Collyhurst, at 7pm. Refreshments will follow after the Mass.

**Prayer and Action: A Camino Challenge:** Bolton priest, Fr Chris Gorton, is set to embark on an incredible 924km running pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago to raise funds for diocesan charity, Caritas Salford. Inviting each and every one of us to be part of his journey, Fr Chris has shared a range of tools and resources to help us join him in prayer and action over the coming weeks. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-camino-challenge/>

**Survey on Irish community in Greater Manchester:** The Diocese of Salford has been contacted by the Consulate General of Ireland with the request to promote a Community Needs Assessment commissioned by the Department of Foreign Affairs, for the Irish community in Greater Manchester. The assessment is being carried out by the Institute of Irish Studies at the University of Liverpool and involves a survey to be completed by individuals online. The survey can be completed by scanning the QR Code. Kindly share only to Greater Manchester-based friends as responses are limited to the Greater Manchester area alone.



**Online Prayer Series: Walking in God's Creation:** This autumn, Steve Hoyland of the Jesuit Institute is working with the Diocese of Salford on a special online prayer series with the theme of pilgrimage and Creation. These themes will be woven together with the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola to form a unique online prayer journey. The next session takes place on Wednesday 18th September between 8pm and 9pm. Find out more: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-prayer-series-walking-in-gods-creation>

**Diocesan Synod Update:** We are now entering into the Exploration Stage of our diocesan synod. Over the next four months, we will closely explore the four key themes to have emerged from our Big Listen responses. The themes are: Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow's World, Building Connections, Enabling Access, and Fostering Christ-like Care. To find out more the first of our themes and how to get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synod-theme-1>

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne:** Discover the fascinating history of our Northern Saints with this one-off pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, Ripon, and Durham in celebration of our 2025 Year of Jubilee. Led by Bishop John, the pilgrimage will take place between 15th-17th May 2025. Find out more about this and all of our pilgrimages during our Jubilee year at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

**World Youth Day Rome 2025:** Are you aged 16-35? Are you looking for an unforgettable opportunity to share your faith with other young Catholics? Pope Francis has announced a special World Youth Day in Rome next summer to celebrate the Church's Year of Jubilee and our diocesan Youth Ministry team invites you to be part of this once-in-a-25-year event! The pilgrimage will take place between 28 July and 3 August. For more information and to register your interest, please email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Season of Creation:** This September, our diocese joins Christians across the globe in celebrating Season of Creation - a month-long campaign inviting us to renew our relationship with God and His Creation. This year, we will be celebrating by sharing updates on key diocesan projects, as well as top tips to support your efforts at home. Follow our news pages at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news> to stay up to date.

**Job Vacancies:** The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Cleaner. Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>



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## NEWSLETTER 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

### Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday** -- Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - *Evangelii Gaudium Day - Special Collection for Home Mission*

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

**Monday** – Ss Cornelius and Cyprian  
No Mass today

**Tuesday** – Weekday or St Hildegard or St Robert Bellarmine  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm  
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

**Wednesday** – Weekday  
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Thursday** – Weekday or St Januarius or St Theodore  
Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

**Friday** – Ss Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang  
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Saturday** – St Matthew (Feast)  
Mass at SsPP 12noon  
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

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Live-stream: [www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/](http://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/)

### Reflections for This Week

As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.

**Marriage Matters: Love in action:** Jesus invites us "to love as He loves". We hear this so often in the Scriptures that there is a risk the words become so familiar that we stop really hearing them. We can say the words "I love you" to our spouse but without the relevant actions the words may mean little or nothing: 'actions speak louder than words'.

**Think Vocation:** As Roman Catholics, we are invited to add our name to Peter's profession of faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. We are asked to not only say who we believe Jesus is for us, but to show it by the way we live our lives. This will inevitably lead occasionally to criticism and conflict, but it is then that we unite ourselves with the sufferings of Christ.

### Prayers Requested

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

**Lately Dead:** Fr Michael Gallagher OPraem, Fr Colin Wright , Richard Hughes

**Anniversaries:** Molly Franco, Thomas Cusack

**Masses Received:** Martin Hotchkiss, SsPP UCM, Joan Green, Thomas Cusack (A)

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** This week let us pray for the people of Corpus Christi parish, Bolton, for Fr. Alfred Rebello, their parish priest, and for their parish primary schools.

#### 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](mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

### Parish Notices

**Education Sunday:** Thank you for the total of £388.87 given in the special collection for the Catholic Education Service.

**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday:** This is the new name for Home Mission Sunday, which we will celebrate this weekend and we will have a special collection to support the Missionary work of the Bishops' Conference here in England and Wales.

**Parish Pilgrimage:** A group of parishioners are in Malta this week on a pilgrimage *In the Footsteps of St Paul*. Please keep the pilgrimage in your prayers, that it may be a source of blessing for our parish.

**Sacramental Programme:** We will shortly be beginning the Sacramental Programme, preparing children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (First Holy Communion). This is open to those in Year 3 or above. Further details will be given in the newsletter next weekend.

**CAFOD:** In preparation for the Harvest Family Fast Day, which will take place on Friday 4 October, a volunteer will speak about the day and envelopes for donations will be distributed at the end of each Mass on the weekend of September 21st & 22nd.

**MIKRON Show:** 'Common Ground' A Play about rambling and our rights of way. The MIKRON Theatre Company are returning to St Peter & Paul's Church, October 16th at 7.30pm-9.30pm. All proceeds will be for Parish funds - Tickets £13.00. To reserve tickets contact Rita McNamara by email [rita@mcnassociates.org.uk](mailto:rita@mcnassociates.org.uk) or Mobile 07793206251, or book online [Common Ground - Our Lady of Hope Parish \(St Peter & Paul's Church\) | Mikron Theatre](#)

**Date for you Diary:** We are holding a Country & Western evening in the Parish Centre on Saturday 12th October 2024 at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale soon.

**Loaves & Fishes:** Urgently require drinking mugs, if you have any to spare, please leave them under the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

**Church Cleaning (SsPP):** We are asking for any volunteers who can help in cleaning the church, taking it in turns on a regular basis to do the general cleaning, hoovering, emptying the bins and cleaning the toilets. If you would be able to be part of that rota, please pass your details on to one of the priests or via the parish office at St Luke's. Thank you.

**Parish Newsletter Mailing List:** If you would be interested in joining the Parish Mailing List to receive the Parish Newsletter via email, please send an email with subject - Mailing List to [Jane.Wareham@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Jane.Wareham@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)