

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.

Northern Diocesan Environment Group (NDEG): The Northern Diocesan Environment Group is organising an online meeting to discuss 'Diocesan and schools Laudato Si' developments; responses to having a Diocesan Climate Strategy in Salford'. The meeting takes place on Thursday 26th September at 7pm and features a member of our diocesan environment team as one of the presenters. If you are interested in joining this online meeting, please email climate.ndeg@gmail.com and they will send you the link for the Zoom meeting.

Permanent Diaconate: We are delighted to share with you a new leaflet on the permanent diaconate. Including an introductory message from Bishop John, FAQs, case studies on our deacons, and more, this is a great way to find out more about this remarkable vocation. Read now at <https://tinyurl.com/permanent-diaconate>

Gregorian Chant Workshop for Singers: A popular choral workshop is returning to St Augustine's in Manchester with a particular focus on Our Lady. The event, led by Manchester University lecturer Dr Rosemarie Darby, will take place on Saturday 26th October between 11.30am and 4pm at St Augustine's church, Manchester. It is of particular interest to parish choirs who wish to expand their repertoire of Marian music. No prior experience is required but registration is essential by emailing stphilipnersingers@yahoo.co.uk

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.



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/>



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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday – St Pius of Pietrelcina

No Mass today

Tuesday – Our Lady of Walsingham (Feast)

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 Ss Cosmas and Damian

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – St Vincent De Paul

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday or St Wenceslaus or Ss Laurence Ruiz & Companions or Our Lady on Saturday

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

Sunday - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - *World Day of Migrants and Refugees*

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

The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, both this week and next week, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man say "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." The cold calculation of this is not far removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions - with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: "God will look after him - we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.

Marriage Matters: *Selfish ambition versus intimacy:* The readings illustrate the struggle between peacemakers and those driven by jealousy and selfish ambition - is that us? Together, we can regulate what we do as a couple, knowing each other so intimately. Our consciences can be reinforced by the extent we are prepared to be open and honest with each other. What do we choose?

Think Vocation: We all like to be helpful and to be needed by other people Like James and John we sometimes have a tendency to want to be noticed for the things that we do. Our Lord calls us to a life of service and humility. Whenever any credit is being dished out for something good that we have done let us try to deflect that praise away from ourselves and back to the Lord.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: Fr Michael Twomey, Philomena Payne, Martin Hotchkiss, Fr Michael Gallagher OPraem, Fr Colin Wright, Richard Hughes

Anniversaries: William Jackson, Terry Canning, Michael Wood

Masses Received: Terry Canning (A), Josephine Warburton (B), Martin Hotchkiss (LD), In Honour of Our Lady for Maria Connor (B), For the Intentions of Juliet (Sr. Thérèse) Murphy, Mary O'Sullivan, Michael Wood (A), Philomena Payne (LD)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray, this week for the people of the parish of St. Edmund and St. Patrick, Bolton, and for Fr. Michael Howarth, their parish priest. We pray also for their parish primary school, the Bolton Hospice and the University of Bolton.

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
Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Parish Notices

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: Thank you for the £315.89 given in the special collection last weekend to support the Missionary work of the Bishops' Conference.

Thank You: To everyone that attended and supported the bingo and quiz night on 14th September. It raised £1200 in aid of Royal Manchester Children's Hospital charities.

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 this weekend September 21st & 22nd.

Youth Group: Meeting Friday 27th September 6pm - 7pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting is open to years 7-11, join us for Faith, food and fun!

Men's Fellowship: We wish to warmly invite you to join us for our Men's Fellowship at St Lukes Church on Thursday 3rd October, 2024 at 7:30pm. Do join us in building a community where the men of Our Lady of Hope Parish can come to pray, share and grow in faith, chat with like-minded individuals, and build positive relationships strengthened by a love only God can provide. For further information, please contact Ian (icgifford@hotmail.com) or Calli (calli.onyebuchibe@outlook.com).

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA programme has just begun in our Parish. Help us to invite the adults who are yet to receive Baptism and First Holy Communion, but who are willing to do so. We normally hold classes two times a month. Contact Fr Emmanuel on priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk for more information.

Sacramental Programme: If your child has been baptised and is in year 3 or above and has not yet made their First Holy Communion or First Reconciliation, they are eligible to take part in our Sacramental Programme this year. If they are NOT AT ST LUKE'S, please contact us by email at priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or telephone on 0161 736 2696 to register for the programme. There will be a information and registration which will take place **Thursday 10th October at 7pm at St Luke's Church**. For those whose children are at St Luke's school, a letter will be sent in the coming weeks, via the school.

St Ambrose Barlow RC High School: Parents and children are invited to an Open Evening on **Wednesday, September 25th, 2024 from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm**. We are also offering **Open Day Tours** on the following dates - Friday 27th September at 9.30am; Monday 30th September at 10.30am; Tuesday 1st October at 9.30am; Wednesday 2nd October at 2.30pm. Places are limited so please book yours as soon as possible by emailing us on office@stambrosebarlowswinton.org or calling 0161 921 1570 and indicating your preferred time. Once your place is booked, we will confirm it via email. The open events are for everyone, regardless of year group.

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 or Mobile 07793206251, or book online [Common Ground - Our Lady of Hope Parish \(St Peter & Paul's Church\) | Mikron Theatre](#)