

Diocesan Notices

Vocations Newsletter: Our diocesan Office for Vocations is pleased to share with you its latest newsletter, featuring news and updates on vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate, as well as insights into different aspects of ministry. To read the latest copy, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/vocations-2> or scan the QR code.



Synod Theme Gathering for Young Adults: Young adults across the Diocese of Salford are invited to join us to take part in the next important stage of our Diocesan Synod. This November, our Young Adults Synod Members will be leading a special theme gathering to further discern and discuss the themes to have emerged from last year's Big Listen Exercise and to submit proposals for each of the themes. The meeting will take place after our next monthly Mass for Young Adults, which begins at 5.30pm on Sunday 10th November at St Augustine's Church, Manchester. All are very welcome to attend!

Memorial Mass: A Memorial Mass to remember loved ones who have died in The Manchester Foundation Trust Hospitals and The Christie will be taking place on Wednesday 13th November. We invite you to join us at The Holy Name in Manchester at 6pm, where we will begin by praying the Rosary before Mass at 7pm. All are welcome to come and remember the dead and pray for their eternal rest.

Annual Mass of Remembrance: Caritas Salford's annual Mass of Remembrance, where we remember and pray for anyone who has died from our community, will be taking place on 13 November this year. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 4FA at 4pm and will be followed by light refreshments. To find out more visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/remembrance-mass/> and to RSVP to confirm your place please contact Lucie on 0161 817 2250 or by emailing fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

Northern Dioceses Environment Group - CAFOD LiveSimply Development Meeting: The Northern Dioceses Environment Group invites you to join them for an online meeting to explore the latest developments to CAFOD's LiveSimply programme. The meeting takes place at 5pm on Monday 28 October. To find out more and register, head to <https://tinyurl.com/NDEGMeeting>

Take Action to Oppose Assisted Suicide: Catholics across England and Wales are being called to unite in prayer and compassionate action in opposition to a new Bill on assisted suicide. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has pulled together a range of resources with more information, a pastoral letter from Cardinal Nichols, and a link to an online tool to contact your MP to voice your opposition to the bill. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide>

Remembering our loved ones - A Moment of Prayer: The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones in a special way this November. Names will be written down and hung in the centre's willow dome, where visitors will be asked to pray for those people and their families during the month of November. They will also be remembered in a special prayer service on 29th November. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered in this way, or would like to join the prayer service, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025: We are delighted to announce that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be taking place once again in 2025 between 31st July and 6th August. You can register your interest now by visiting www.salfordlourdes.co.uk or by calling 0161 817 2209.



St Luke, Swinton Park Rd, Irlams o'th' Height, Salford M6 7WR
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday – Ss Simon & Jude (Feast)

No Mass today

Tuesday – Weekday

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

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – All Saints (Holiday of Obligation)

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
 Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Saturday – All Souls

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

Sunday - Thirty First 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

A few weeks ago (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) we had a Gospel about humility in social life – today we hear the Lord reiterating the message, but this time in reference to our prayer lives. The two Gospels are linked by the last words today, which also appear in the other story: “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” This phrase is obviously a key part of our Lord’s teaching! The sin of “self-exaltation” consists in putting others in a lower place – as the Pharisee does to the tax collector. Perhaps the most telling phrase in today’s Gospel is where Jesus refers to the Pharisee saying “this prayer to himself,” rather than offering it to God! And since the Pharisee wasn’t talking to God, how could he expect to be heard?

Marriage Matters: *Piercing the clouds with our humble prayers:* ‘The humble man’s prayers pierce the clouds.’ That is why Jesus said the prayers of the repentant tax collector won God’s favour, and why the judgmental attitudes of the Pharisees didn’t. There is a bit of the Pharisee in all of us; humility is knowing the truth about ourselves. Proud people deceive themselves; let us grow in humility together.

Think Vocation: “I have run the race to the finish: I have kept the faith.” Commitment seems to be lacking somewhat these days. A lifetime seems a long time to commit oneself to something. Short-term contracts and commitments seem to be more comfortable. May St Paul’s tremendous zeal and example inspire others to a lifelong commitment to serve in the Church in the priesthood or Consecrated Life.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: John Moran, Liliana McCabe, Kate Hegarty, Kenneth Harrison, Mandy Hickinbottom, Henry Maloney, Francis Kehoe

Anniversaries: Samuel Fernandes, Bernard Sullivan

Masses Received: Samuel Fernandes (A), Maureen Gordon (B), Liliana McCabe (LD), John Moran (LD), Bernard Sullivan (A), Helena & Ronnie Astle

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray this week in our Diocese for the people of the parish of St. Mary, Horwich, Fr. Richard Howard, their parish priest, their parish primary school and St. Joseph’s High School

Next Week’s Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Financially Supporting Our Parish

Contactless: The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)

Bank Details: TSDT Our Lady of Hope
50317403 20 55 34

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Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

Parish Notices


Diocesan Synod Theme Gatherings: As announced at our Masses last weekend, we are now in the next stage of the Diocesan Synod where we are invited to prayerfully reflect on the four main themes that emerged from the Big Listen stage. We will be having two gatherings to explore these themes in the parish. Our first gathering is on Sunday 3 November (2-4pm in the Parish Centre at St Luke’s) and will focus on the first two themes: “Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow’s World” and “Building Connections”. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend but to give us some idea of the likely numbers there is a sign-up sheet at the back of each church. There are also some copies of the summary information about each of these themes at the back of church and they are also available (together with the full report on the Big Listen) on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/

World Mission Sunday: Thank you for the Special collection last weekend, £722.83 was collected plus £100 via the Dona machine.

Men’s Fellowship: We wish to warmly invite you to join us for our Men’s Fellowship at St Lukes Church on Thursday 31st 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).

SsPP UCM - Save the Date: We are holding a Bingo afternoon in aid of our charities Loaves & Fishes and Caritas, Sunday 8 December 1.00pm - 3.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Remembrance Mass: Will be held at SsPP Saturday 9 November, 12 noon. There will be a list at the back of both churches for you to add the names of your deceased friends and family. These names will be offered during the Mass. Parishioners who have died in the last 12 months will have their name read out and a candle will be lit for them. Tea and refreshments available after Mass. All welcome.



CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 30 November 1 - 3pm in the Parish Centre

Calling all bread makers and cake bakers: Please put the Christmas Fair in your diary. All contributions will be gratefully accepted. Details of when to bring them in will be given nearer the time. Thank you.

Christmas Draw: Books of tickets for the Christmas Draw are now available in the porch at both churches, £2 a book. There is also a box for their return (in an envelope if possible please). If you can provide a prize for the Draw please sign the list in the porch - many thanks for your support. All proceeds to Parish and our School!