

PARISH NOTICES

Paul Chisnall: We are pleased to let you know that Paul Chisnall will be being ordained as a deacon on Saturday 14 December at Oscott College, Birmingham. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this very special day. He has a limited number of places available for guests at the ordination and he would like to make six of those places available to parishioners of Our Lady of Hope. If you would like to go to the ordination, please let one of the priests have your name and contact details this week. If more than six people express an interest in going, then we will have to have a draw to allocate the places.

Diocesan Notices

Diocesan Mass for Young Adults: Our Diocesan Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester next month with a festive feel! Join us at 5.30pm on Sunday 8 December as we gather together for Mass before enjoying some seasonal treats and the return of our series of talks exploring the Catholic faith. All are welcome!

Laudato Si' Centre - Advent Wreath Workshop: Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team on Friday 6 December for the return of its Advent Wreath Workshop, where you will have the opportunity to learn how to create your own wreath from natural materials under the guidance of our skilled team. Find out more and book at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/wreath-workshop>

Carol Services: The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its Salford Schools Singing Programme (SSP) Carol Services, which will take place in churches across the diocese this December. For a full list of dates and locations for our services, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ssp-carol-services-24/>

Becoming Pilgrims of Hope: Advent Talks: A series of talks exploring the theme of hope is set to begin this Advent as we embark on the 2025 Year of Jubilee. Join Sr Joan Kerley, FMSJ, and Maria Kidd as they unpick our Advent readings to explore some of the themes that are central to the concept of Jubilee. The talks will take place on 6 and 13 December between 10am and 12.30pm at Wardley Hall. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/advent-hope-talk-1>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2025: Our diocesan pilgrimage office is now taking bookings for its next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. Next year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 3 May 2025, with an option to extend your visit by staying overnight on Friday 2 May. For more information, prices, and details on how to book, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2025> or call 0161 817 2209.

Caritas driver: Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity that supports people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire, is in urgent need of the support of a volunteer van driver. Van drivers are vital to Caritas services and are essential to their day-to-day running. If you can drive, have a few hours to spare each week, and want to help Caritas to support people across the diocese, then please contact their volunteer coordinator Matt on m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

A Call to Lead - A Post-Confirmation Programme: A new post-confirmation programme has been developed by Salford Youth Ministry and the Young Christian Workers Movement to bridge the gap between confirmation and adult formation, with the aim of helping young people to grow in faith and become active leaders of the parish community. For more information about the programme, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-call-to-lead>

Caritas is buzzing about new launch: Have you seen the special short animation and new campaign for Advent from our diocesan charity Caritas Salford? This year they are asking people to make a real difference this Christmas and not make it all about the tinsel, the parties, and the supermarket queues. Watch the specially created animation, find out more, donate, or take part in the appeal in another way: www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere



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First Sunday of Advent

Sunday – First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

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

Monday – Advent Weekday

No Mass today

Tuesday – St Francis Xavier—*United Nations International Day of Disabled Persons*

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

Wednesday – Advent Weekday or St John Damascene

No 9.30am Mass today
Requiem Mass for Hannah O'Reilly at SsPP 11am

Thursday – Advent Weekday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Advent Weekday or St Nicholas

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – St Ambrose

Mass with Anointing of the Sick at SsPP 12noon
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent

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

As usual, the great Season of Advent begins, not by talking about Christmas, but about the Second Coming. We've had this theme already for the past two weeks, but there is a slight change of emphasis in the Scripture readings offered for this Sunday: here the tone is positive: it is the "promise" of what is to come that we contemplate. Even in the Gospel, though it talks of the dreadful signs that mark the end times, we hear of a promise - "liberation". For this we should stand erect and hold our heads high. The central theme is that we welcome the coming of a person - Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and this is what links this Sunday to the coming feast of his birth: we are now preparing to celebrate how he once came: may these preparations also help us to prepare for him when he comes again!

Marriage Matters: *Keeping the star of our love burning brightly:* Jeremiah's joy reminds us of the weeks before our wedding, a time when we were deeply aware of our love for one another. Since then, many cares have threatened to divert us from that love and it has sometimes been necessary to make a special effort to share, listen and forgive to keep the star of our love burning brightly.

Think Vocation: As we enter into the season of Advent, let us use the New Year in the life of the Church to consider what God is calling each one of us to do with our lives.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: Dennis Ball, Hannah O'Reilly, Terry Simpson, Ivor Parry, Joyce McArdle, John Haughian, Bernard Ogden, Ouseph Chako, Annamma, Lorratto, George, Annamma George, Jose, Mathew C, Alekutty, Fr Zarias, Fr Kanjrakomoile, Fr Andrew Slow (LD), Frank Jordan, Elizabeth Wright, Margaret Hudson, Christy Patterson, Anne Masterson, David Brian Evans, Matilda, Julia

Anniversaries: Tracy Smith

Masses Received: Joyce McArdle (LD) , Tracy Smith (4th A), Nicholas Archer (Loving Memory), John Haughian (LD), Bernard Ogden (LD), Joseph, Thressiamma, Joseph, Jince, Jeremy, Kurian, Mary, Vaikey, Fr Cyriac Muppathiyil, All Souls in Purgatory, Lilly McCabe (LD), Ivor Parry (LD), P.C.Varghese (LD), Ouseph Chako (LD), Annamma (LD), Lorratto (LD), George (LD), Annamma George (LD), Jose (LD), Mathew C (LD), Alekutty (LD), Fr Zarias (LD), Fr Kanjrakomoile (LD), Fr Andrew Slow (LD), Mary Henderson (70th BM)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parishes of Holy Family and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Blackburn, and for Fr. Gerard Barry, their parish priest. We pray for the Teaching Sisters of St. Dorothy, Daughters of the Sacred Hearts, and for the Diocesan Chaplaincy to Travelling People, as well as for the parish primary schools, Our Lady and St. John's College, the East Lancashire Hospice and the Royal Blackburn Hospital.

Parish Notices

Funerals: There is a Requiem Mass for Hannah O'Reilly on Wednesday 4 December at 11am at Ss Peter and Paul. There is a Funeral Service for Dennis Ball on Tuesday 10 December at 12.15pm in the chapel at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley. There is a Requiem Mass for Terrence Simpson on Wednesday 11 December at 11.30am at St Luke's. May they rest in peace.

New Lectionary: Thank you to those who have already offered sponsorship for the new Lectionary. The cost of three volumes has been covered. There are still five more if anyone else wishes to sponsor one. Thanks.

Diocesan Synod Theme Gatherings: Our next gathering will take place on Sunday 8 December (3.15-4.45pm at SsPP) and will focus on themes 3 & 4: "Enabling Access" and "Fostering Christ-like Care". The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. There are 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/

SsPP UCM: 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

Parking Near Ss Peter and Paul: Residents in the area around SsPP Church will have received notice of a planned extension of the residents parking scheme and the possible introduction of digital permits rather than printed ones. As part of the expansion of the scheme to more streets, it is also proposed that the existing parking restrictions on Park Road (and other nearby streets) will change from being Monday to Friday (9am to 5pm) to being 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Given that parking without a permit is restricted to 30 minutes, this change will obviously have an impact on those attending Mass and other services or events at SsPP Church. We need to raise this concern with the Council, though the formal consultation period does not seem to have begun yet. More information is available at www.salford.gov.uk/salford-royal-permit

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Advent and Christmas

Three Schools Carol Service: This annual event brings together pupils from St John's, St Luke's and Summerville and takes place in St Luke's Church at 9.30am on Tuesday 10 December. All are welcome to come along.

Walk With Me: The booklets for Advents are now available - free of charge. Do please take one for your household and use it to help your prayer during this season of preparation for Christmas.

Christmas Masses: There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve (5pm at SL & 7pm at SsPP) and two Masses on Christmas morning (9.30am at SL & 11am at SsPP).

Senior Citizens' Christmas party: All Hallows RC High school is hosting a Senior Citizens' Christmas party on Wed 11th Dec, 10:30-12:15. All local Senior Citizens are invited. To confirm your attendance, please contact Lisa Teasdale in advance on 0161-921 1900 or lisa.teasdale@salford.gov.uk

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday

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