

Parish Notices

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 - 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

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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. Names will be written down and hung in the centre's willow dome. 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.

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>

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!

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 29 November, 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>

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

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



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Sunday – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King - *World Youth Sunday*

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

Monday – Weekday or St Catherine of Alexandria

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 – Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – St Andrew (Feast)

Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday - First 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

Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, "Yes, I am a king." But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings; whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who "serve his God and Father." We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

Marriage Matters: *Marriage, called to be a kingdom of love:* In our sacramental relationship we are called to be a 'kingdom of love'. Just as God's kingdom is for all, so our marriages are not private relationships. We are a 'sign' for all, especially for our children where truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, desire, passion, tenderness, joy and peace reign. It sounds a tall order - but not with God!

Think Vocation: We are aware that the Church has a presence in virtually every country in the World. Let us take some time today to reflect on a particular country of our choice. Perhaps we can do a little research into what the Church is like in that country. Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life in that part of the world. We rejoice that Christ is our Universal King regardless of our nationality or country of residence.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: Terry Simpson, Frank Jordan, Elizabeth Wright, Margaret Hudson, Christy Patterson, Anne Masterson, David Brian Evans, Matilda, Julia, P C Vargese, Abi Joe, Issac, Anname, Terrence Shepherd

Anniversaries: Connie Taylor-Bagshaw

Masses Received: Connie Taylor-Bagshaw (9th A), Deidre Murphy, Michael Malone, Mary Malone, Elizabeth Wright (LD), Terry Simpson (LD), Frank Jordan (LD), Clare & Walter Smith, Chris & Mary Burchill (Special Intention) Teresa McDonnald

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: This week we pray for the parishes of St. Mary's, Bamber Bridge, and Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Gerard Majella, Lostock Hall, with Fr. Mark Harold, their parish priest, and Fr. Colin Battell, OSB. We pray for their parish primary schools, for Brownedge St Mary's High School, and for St. Catherine's Hospice.

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

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50317403 20 55 34
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Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

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Elvis Night: Thank you to all who attended or helped in any way. The evening was a great success with £638 raised for Parish funds.

Youth Group: Meeting Friday 29th November 6-7pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting is open to years 7-11, join us for Faith, food & fun!

Men's Fellowship: We wish to warmly invite you to join us for our Men's Fellowship at St Lukes Church on Thursday 28th November, 2024 at 7:30pm. For further information, please contact Ian (icgifford@hotmail.com) or Calli (calli.onyebuchibe@outlook.com).

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

New Lectionary: As announced in the Pastoral Letter last weekend, there is a new Lectionary coming into use in our churches from next weekend (First Sunday of Advent). The new Lectionary is actually in four volumes and the set costs £695 (though we got a discount for pre-ordering). It means that each volume has cost us £150. Would anybody like to contribute the cost of a volume and have their name inscribed in it as the donor (or "In memory" of a loved one)? If so, please have a word with Fr Michael.

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.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday 30 November

1 - 3pm in the Parish Centre - All Welcome!

Bread bakers and cake makers! Please bring your contributions for the Christmas Fair to the Parish Centre on Friday 29 Nov 6-7pm or deliver on the day. Thank you!

Last week to bring in Donations (Bottles, Toiletries & Bric a Brac) and Sweet filled Jam Jars

Christmas Draw: Please bring any donated prizes for the Christmas Draw in this week.

Draw will take place at the Christmas Fair - tickets in Porch at both Churches

Father Christmas will be visiting for the afternoon.

