

## Diocesan Notices

The next Diocesan Communications Team update will be on 8 January

**Opening Mass for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee:** Pope Francis has invited dioceses across the world to unite in prayer as we begin the 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee. Our diocese will be marking the start of the Jubilee with a Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, on Sunday 29th December at 2pm at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church. All are welcome to join us as we mark the start of this special year of grace

**Crisis support over the Christmas period:** If you or anyone in your local community requires support over the Christmas period, Caritas Salford has put together a page on their website which includes information on when their services are open, as well as signposting to other organisations who might also be able to support those in urgent need. You can read more here: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-christmas-opening-times/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-christmas-opening-times/)

**Christmas Tree Recycling:** Our Laudato Si' Centre is once again joining forces with a Christmas Tree recycling project in a bid to care for community and common home. The project raises funds for local charities by collecting used Christmas trees, while chippings from the trees will be repurposed across the Laudato Si' Centre. Find out more: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/christmas-tree-recycling-24>

**Pilgrims of Hope and A Popular History of the Diocese of Salford books on sale:** Two brand new books, Pilgrims of Hope, and A Popular History of the Diocese of Salford, written by Monsignor John Allen have gone on sale - with proceeds going to our diocesan charity Caritas Salford. The books, which give fascinating insights into the Catholic history of Greater Manchester and Lancashire can be purchased from the Caritas Salford website using the following links: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook) and [www.caritassalford.org.uk/historybook](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/historybook)

**Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee in our Diocese:** Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years and offers the faithful an opportunity to renew their relationship with God, each other, and all of creation. Over the coming months, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to observe this special year of grace in our own diocese. To find out more about the Jubilee and how to get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/>

**Advice as energy bills continue to rise:** If you, anyone you know, or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford has put together some helpful advice on their website. You can find out more by visiting <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fuel-poverty-challenges/> and can also find details on the website page on how to arrange a session with their energy advice service team. .

**Job Vacancies:** The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Parish Administrator for St Mary and St John Fisher. Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>



St Luke, Swinton Park Rd, Irlams o'th' Height, Salford M6 7WR  
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**Parish Priest:** Canon Michael Cooke (*Vicar General*)  
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 Tel: 0161 736 2696 Email: [priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk)  
 Parish Website: [www.ourladyofhope.org.uk](http://www.ourladyofhope.org.uk)

## NEWSLETTER 22 DECEMBER 2024

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Sunday** – Fourth Sunday of Advent - *Special Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers, Special Collection for Salford Loaves & Fishes*

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Carol Service Sun 5.30pm

**Monday** – Advent Weekday

No Mass today

**Tuesday** – Christmas Eve

**Christmas Mass at SL & live-streamed 5pm**

**Christmas Mass at SsPP 7pm**

**Wednesday** – The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)

**Christmas Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am**

**Christmas Mass at SsPP 11am**

**Thursday** – St Stephen (Feast)

Mass at SsPP 12noon

**Friday** – St John the Evangelist (Feast) - Secondary Patron of the Diocese

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

**Saturday** – The Holy Innocents (Feast)

Mass at SsPP 12noon

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

**Sunday** - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)

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

Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

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

### Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday  
 Email: [newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto: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  
**Cheques:** Payable to Our Lady of Hope  
 Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

### Reflections for This Week

It's only in this last week before Christmas that we begin to hear about the "Christmas story" itself. For the past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to greet the Lord, when he comes. Now we prepare to remember how he first came, by listening to the prophecies of his coming, and by hearing of the events before his birth. We meet the woman, Mary, who herself had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah. She has received the angel's greeting, and his strange news, and has accepted her role in God's plan. Now she hurries to her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who herself bears John the Baptist in her womb. John, just as we heard last week, alerts us to the presence of the Lord, as he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. His joy is that God has kept his promise and is with his people.

**The Nativity of the Lord:** We celebrate this great Feast on Wednesday, though it begins with our Masses on Tuesday evening. We have (hopefully) prepared throughout Advent and now our Feast is here. We welcome the new-born Jesus, the child of Bethlehem, the Son of God and the Son of David. He is the Light of the World and our Saviour. He is the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God-with-us. The Church gives us the various feasts of the Christmas Season (Christmas Day itself, The Holy Family, The Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord) to help us explore in different ways the significance of this historical event and the wonder of the gift that is given. Let us make full use of the season, to pray about and reflect upon the mystery of the Incarnation.

### Prayers Requested

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

**Lately Dead:** Paul Barlow, Hannah O'Toole, Izabela Major, Sylvia Connor, Jason Platt, Ray Lappin, Jimmy Tracey, Daniel Hind, Patricia Seale, Peggy Keating, Ben Ellicott, Henry Howard, Molly Leacy, Dennis Ball, Hannah O'Reilly

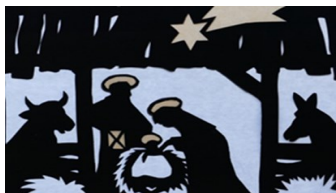
**Anniversaries:** Mary Ollieuz

**Masses Received:** Mary Ollieuz (A), Anne Ward (B), Hannah O'Reilly (LD), Fr Frank Waterworth, Paul Barlow (LD), Hannah O'Toole (LD), Izabela Major (LD), Ben Ellicott (LD), Sylvia Connor (LD), Jason Platt (LD)

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** This week let us pray for the parish of St. Oscar Romero, Blackburn and for Fr. Shaun Braiden, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

**Ordination:** Please pray for Theo Sharrock who will be ordained deacon next Saturday.

### O Come let us adore him



### A Happy and Holy Christmas to all parishioners, their families and friends

Fathers Michael, Emmanuel &  
Frank and Deacon Paul

### Christmas Masses

Anne Ward, Norah & Frank Livesey, Ellen & Thomas Ryan, Bernard Sullivan, Harry Brooke, Ellen & Alf Jones, Lillian & Jack Fyans, Colm Folan, Fr John Williams, John O'Brien, Martin & Kathleen McKeon, Martin McKeon, Michael & May O'Brien, Anne McKeever, Deceased members McKeever & Donelan Families, Eileen Carroll, Alan & Beryl Crabtree, Jean Crowther, Brenda Fisher, Pauline & Mike Gilbert, Joan Green, Katie Hogan, Maureen Jones, Kathleen Kelly, Krystyna Lewandowski, Joseph Mather, Philomena McCarton, Mary Morley, Maria Nally, Ann Naughton, Ann & Larry O'Brien, Peter Osborne, Kath Phoenix, Julie Sheedy, Rosa Tipton, Denise Walsh, Sheila & Derek Williams, Nick Archer, Dolly Clooney, Robert Clooney, Rackael Lomas, Special Intention, Anna & Bob Shaluker, Julie Webster, Howard Family, Deceased Members of The Dunne, Kehoe, Ball, and Gallagher Families, Jean Fraser, Cath & Terry McDermott, Sheelagh & Nick Byrne, Beatrice, Roy & Tom Ravenscroft, Larry Dilger, Deceased Members of Burke & Cottam Families, Patsy Griffin, Roman Lyzniak, Lucy 'Pat' Barlow, Connie Moss, Fredrick Owen Moss, Pauline Halpin, Brian Halpin, Gabrielle Ward, Roy Bateson

### Parish Notices

**Salford Loaves and Fishes:** This weekend we have our annual Christmas appeal as part of the ongoing Parish support for this local charity which provides much needed help to vulnerable people near to us.

**Christmas Choir:** We are short of singers for the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass at SL, if you can sing please come and join us in the Choir Loft. The Carols are all easy and well known.

**500 Club:** Congratulations to our recent winners: **October** – Frederick Seed (47) £120, Michael Kasili (9) £60, Aveen Norton (332) £60; **November** – Ann Lloyd (14) £120, Sioned Hickey (39) £60, Marie Murphy (129) £60; **December** – Louis Quesnel (221) £120, James Martin (17) £60, Debbie Killeen (132) £60; The annual Bonus Draw will take place soon.

**Diocesan Yearbook:** The Yearbook for 2025 is now on sale for £5 at both churches.

**All Hallows R.C High School:** The final week in school before the Christmas break has been busy with Christmas services taking place. Every form group created a Reverse Advent calendar donation box, the contents of the boxes, where pupils have brought in goods daily, have been donated to Salford Loaves and Fishes and Cornerstone. Everyone at the school wishes you a happy and holy Christmas."

**Misio Red Box SL:** We are looking for volunteers to act as Coordinators for the Missio Red Box appeal for SL. If interested please contact either Phillipa Roberts 07747410908 or Jane Leader 07854723801 for further details.

### Advent and Christmas

**Carol Concert:** Sunday 5.30pm 22nd December at St Luke's Church. Carols, readings, brass band and Father Christmas will be with us! All welcome. Please join our clergy in the Parish Hall afterwards for Christmas refreshments.

**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).