

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/

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 and 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>



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NEWSLETTER 29 DECEMBER 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

Monday – Christmas Weekday

No Mass today

Tuesday – Christmas Weekday or St Silvester

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

Wednesday – Holy Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity) - *New Year's Day*

Mass at SL & live-streamed 10.00am

Thursday – Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Christmas Weekday or The Holy Name of Jesus

Requiem Mass for Bernard Ellicott at SL 11.30am

Saturday – Christmas Weekday

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

Sunday - The Epiphany of The Lord (Solemnity)

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

Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday
 Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Financially Supporting Our Parish

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 50317403 20 55 34
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Reflections for This Week

As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more “dramatic” events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today’s Gospel reminds us (especially in the shorter version), there were also the so-called “hidden years” - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. The family is a basic unit of our Christian society, despite coming under threat nowadays. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Marriage Matters: *Rejoice in God’s gift:* Today we are invited to ‘Rejoice’ and recognise ‘God is in our midst’. This theme of celebration is manifest in our love and acceptance of each other. Though our life will fade with the passing years, the love we have for each other will continue to grow. We are always God’s delight, His gift to His people.

Think Vocation: Because of the permanence of the Sacrament of Marriage, we have the best setting for bringing children into the world. The marriage vows are lived out each day that the Lord sends to us. We pray for the people who are to be married in our parish this year. May the Holy Family bless all the families in our parish with a love for God, for his Church and for the sacred priesthood.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: Margaret Lawton, Marie Duddle, 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: Herbert Gooden, Shirley Beckitt

Masses Received: Sheila Hazeldine (BM), Mnenna Egbebu, Josephine Warburton, Deceased members of the Warburton & O’Donnell families, Herbert Gooden (A), Marie Wardle, Fran Silcock, Jean Oldfield, Fr Gary Walsh, Mark Ford, Agatha & Walter Barnes, Martin Cassidy, Margaret Lawton (LD), Maureen & Shaun Brannan, Christopher Godbolt, The McGrath & Sloyan families, Fr John Coe, Fr Emmanuel Chuwujekwu, Deacon Paul Chisnall, Fr Emmanuel Ugwuoke (UCM Chaplain), Canon Michael Cooke, Fr Frank Waterworth, Shirley Beckitt (A), Marie Duddle (LD), Ben Ellicott (LD)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray this week for the people of the parishes of St. Wilfrid, Longridge, St. Mary’s, Chipping and St. Peter and Paul’s, Ribchester, with Fr. Anthony Dutton, their parish priest. We pray for their primary schools and St. Cecilia’s High School, for the Longridge Community Hospital and the St. William’s Centre.

Parish Notices

Funeral: There is a Requiem Mass for Bernard Ellicott on Friday (3 January) at 11.30am at St Luke’s. May he rest in peace.

Christmas: Thank you to all who prepared our churches for our Christmas feast or who helped in any particular way with our Christmas Masses. Thank you also for your cards, gifts and good wishes.

Parish Carol Service: Thank you to all those who prepared, helped with, or supported this service last Sunday at St Luke’s Church, including the Eccles Borough Brass Band.

Holy Family: Fr Emmanuel belongs to an order called the Holy Family Fathers and Brothers of the Youth (HFFBY), so our feast this Sunday is a very special feast for him and for his colleagues in our neighbouring parish of St Ambrose Barlow (Fr Ernest & Fr Blaise). We wish them a happy feast day.

Salford Loaves & Fishes: Thank you for your very generous response to the appeal last weekend which raised a total of £2149.24 for this local charity assisting the homeless and others who are in need in our area.

500 Club: The annual Bonus Draw will take place this weekend. The start of a new year is a good time to consider joining the 500 Club if you are not already a member. There are plenty of numbers available. Membership costs £5 per month

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

Missio 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.

Fathers Michael, Emmanuel, Frank and Deacon Paul

wish you all

A Happy and Holy New Year

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace,
pour out his blessing in abundance,
and keep you safe from harm
throughout the year.
Amen.