

Diocesan Notices

Caritas Sunday: Did you know that on Sunday 26 January we will be marking Caritas Sunday? This annual occasion is a great opportunity to celebrate work of our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford. To find out more about the work of Caritas Salford and how you can get involved, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/caritas-sunday/>. We invite you to keep our diocesan charity in your prayers over this coming week.

Accessible Prayer Walk: The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with diocesan charity Caritas Salford to host an accessible prayer walk. The session offers an opportunity to explore the beautiful, accessible grounds of the Laudato Si' Centre along with a peaceful prayer reflection, taking place between 10 and 11.30am on Friday 31 January. Find out more and register by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Marriage Course: The Parish of Our Lady's in Moss Side is set to hold a Marriage Course, taking place next month. The course will last four weeks, taking place on the four Sundays of February, beginning at 3pm. To find out more or register, please call the parish on 0161 226 1730.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bookings are now being taken for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year's pilgrimage will take place between 31st July and 6th August. For more information on how to book as a pilgrim or register as a volunteer, please visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk>

Jubilee Resources: Want to learn more about our Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee? Want to find out how we're observing the Holy Year in our diocese? The Diocese of Salford's website has a range of information to accompany you this Jubilee Year, with information on our Designated Churches, upcoming pilgrimages, and a range of different resources. Explore more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025>

Young Adults Pilgrimage to Rome: Young adults across the diocese are invited to join our Diocesan Youth Ministry Team for a rare pilgrimage to Rome this summer. Pope Francis has announced a special Jubilee for Youth in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee, which also coincides with the canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. To find out more about this remarkable opportunity and to register your interest, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/jubilee-of-youth-rome/>

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/>



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Peace Sunday

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

Monday – Weekday or St Fabian or St Sebastian

No Mass today

Tuesday – St Agnes

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

Wednesday – Weekday or St Vincent

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – Weekday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – St Francis De Sales

Requiem Mass for John Foy at SL 12noon

Saturday – The Conversion of St Paul (Feast)

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

Sunday - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday of the Word of God - Caritas Sunday - Special Collection for Caritas

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

The Gospel of this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - the "signs" as John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today, reading the Gospel with the First Reading in mind, we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people, it is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's closeness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

Marriage Matters: *Our marriages are blessed with gifts: Just like the bride and groom at Cana, our marriages are blessed with gifts. Every day we are given the grace to live our marriage vows: loving, cherishing and honouring each other in sickness and health, whether money is flowing or frozen. Each time we embrace each other and our own personal circumstances, we are letting God's glory be seen.*

Think Vocation: St Paul speaks of different people having different gifts. Let us strive to use our gifts to the best of our ability and encourage others to think about how they might use their gifts for the building of the Kingdom of God.

Jubilee 2025: As the diocesan focus for January is on Communications, let us think about how we can be Pilgrims of Hope by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with those around us.

Prayers Requested

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

Latently Dead: Michael Thorpe, James Moloney, Malachy McNulty, Tracy McHugh, Tony Davies, Mick McAssey, Pauline Beirnes, Greg Hobson, John Foy, Sue Melvin, Larry Dunne, Margaret Lawton, Marie Duddle

Anniversaries: Terrie Lyons (A),

Masses Received: Fr John Williams (B), Greg Hobson (LD), Terrie Lyons (A), Joyce McArdle, Malachy McNulty (LD), Kevin Hazeldine (Loving Memory), Tracy McHugh (LD), Tony Davies (LD), Mick McAssey (LD), Pauline Beirnes (LD), Morty Tejan, Cath Brennan, James Moloney (LD), SsPP UCM

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the Sacred Heart parish, Darwen, and for Fr. Brian Kealey, their parish priest, as well as their parish primary schools.

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

Cheques: Payable to Our Lady of Hope
Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

Parish Notices

SPUC: White Flower Appeal, thank you for the £493.30 raised in the Special Collection last weekend, plus £97 given via the Dona machines.

Funerals: The Requiem Mass for John Foy will take place on Friday 24 January at 12noon at SL. The Requiem Mass for Margaret Lawton will take place on Wednesday 29 January at 12noon at SsPP. May they rest in peace.

Peace Sunday: Pope Francis' theme for the World Day of Peace 2025 is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'. His message speaks of how we must listen to the 'pleas of an endangered humanity', how the year of Jubilee inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world and how by 'opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth' and 'move forward to achieve the goal of peace'. For more information visit www.paxchristi.org.uk

Social and Community Group: The next meeting will be held at St Peter and Paul's Church, Monday, 20 January at 7pm. All welcome!

Men's Fellowship: We wish to warmly invite you to join us for our Men's Fellowship at St Lukes Church on Tuesday 21 January at 7:00pm. For further information, please contact Ian (icgifford@hotmail.com) or Calli (calli.onyebuchibe@outlook.com).

Dona Machines: The screens have been updated to offer more categories for both parish funds and charities on an ongoing basis.

Offertory Envelopes: The order for the new batch of envelopes will be placed shortly. If anyone else wants a set of these envelopes for making your regular donation to the parish, please let us know this week. Thanks.

Parking near SsPP: We are seeking an update from Salford Council about the proposed changes to the parking scheme in the area around SsPP since there doesn't seem to have been any further notification or consultation since the letter in mid-October.

All Hallows R.C. High School: Staff and pupils have returned to school ready for the year ahead. Prayers in school are focused on the theme of hope as we begin to celebrate the Jubilee Year. Pupil Prayer Captains are preparing to film video messages as part of the 'Minutes of Hope' project (one of the largest digital projects ever undertaken by the Catholic Church in England, a digital legacy of the Jubilee year 2025). "

Diocesan Synod: Following the Theme Gathering meetings held in November and December, copies of our parish proposals submitted to the diocese are available at the back of each church.

Gluten Free Hosts: There are an increasing number of people who need gluten free products and we have hosts which accommodate this need. To assist anyone who might be shy about asking for these at the point when they arrive at the altar for Communion, one of our parishioners has kindly created some small cards which say "Gluten Free Host Please". These are available in a small container at the back of each church so that you can pick one up on the way into Mass and then simply present it to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister when you come forward for Communion.