

Diocesan Notices

Pilgrim's Passport: Create new family traditions this Jubilee year by picking up our family-friendly guide to Jubilee churches in the Diocese of Salford. With fast facts, thought-provoking questions, and different activities, our Pilgrim's Passport is the ideal companion to help families pray and journey together this Jubilee Year. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/pilgrims-passport/> or visit one of our Designated churches to begin.

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita: The feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on February 8. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK. Charities across the UK and our diocese are working hard to raise awareness of what Pope Francis describes as "a crime against humanity" and has produced a range of resources to help you learn more. Resources can be found by visiting santamartagroup.org/resources

Mercy Brothers: Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band, The Mercy Brothers. The concert will raise funds for our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team. The concert will take place on Friday 21 February at Hough End Centre, Chorlton. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £20 (free for under 16s) and includes a hot supper. Book now: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

Jubilee for Communications: In celebration of the Holy Year, we are having a Jubilee of Jubilees to shine a light on a number of different themes represented in our diocese. We begin with our Jubilee for Communications, in which we explore this month's Gospels to reflect on how we can share the Good News in our world today. Access the resources now at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

Laudato Si' Centre Gardening Club: The Diocese of Salford's environment hub, The Laudato Si' Centre, is delighted to announce a regular gardening club, taking place on Fridays. Parish groups and volunteers are invited to join the team at the Centre to explore sustainable gardening techniques, top tips, and to come together in shared faith to care for our common home. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more.



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NEWSLETTER 2 FEBRUARY 2025

The Presentation of The Lord

Sunday – The Presentation of The Lord (Feast) - World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

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

Monday – Weekday or St Ansgar or St Blaise
No Mass today

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

Wednesday – St Agatha
Requiem Mass for Linda Riley at SL 12noon

Thursday – Ss Paul Miki and Companions
Requiem Mass for Michael Thorpe at SL 10.45am
Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Weekday
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday or St Jerome Emiliani or St Josephine Bakhita or Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Day for the Victims of Human Trafficking
Mass at SsPP 12noon
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

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

Reflection on The Presentation of the Lord

The second of February is the Feast of the Presentation or the Feast of Purification. It marks the day when Mary and Joseph observed the Jewish custom of taking their new born son, Jesus, to the temple in Jerusalem. The Jewish Law required that every first-born male child be consecrated to the Lord and a sacrifice of two turtle-doves (or young pigeons) be offered.

In the temple that day, Mary and Joseph encountered the holy man Simeon who spoke of Jesus as the light of the nations. He praised God for letting him live long enough to encounter Christ and uttered those words used every day in the Night Prayer of the Church "Now, Master, you can let your servant depart in peace". Simeon could surrender himself to death because he knew that, in Christ, salvation had come to the world.

The Feast of Purification or Presentation is also known as Candlemas because it is customary to bless the candles that will be used in a church during the coming year. Nowadays many people use candles as a regular thing within their homes, either to create a special atmosphere in a room or when they are sat around the table for a meal. Some of us will have had experience of power cuts when we had to depend on candles to be able to see. In those different contexts we can come to appreciate how powerful candlelight is. The candles that we use during our times of prayer are a specific reminder to us that Christ is the light of the world and he will guide us, especially in the darker moments of our lives. Today, let us pray for his guiding light to be with us, our families and our friends.

Father Michael Cooke (Broadcast on Bolton FM, 2 February 2012)

Prayers Requested

Sick: Claire Faulkner and all who are sick (at home or in hospital)

Lately Dead: Alan Summerville, Linda Riley, Maureen Jones, Betty Mills, Michael Thorpe, James Moloney, Malachy McNulty, Tracy McHugh, Tony Davies, Mick McAssey, Pauline Beirnes, Greg Hobson, John Foy

Anniversaries: Charles Raymond, Maureen Roberts

Masses Received: Claire Faulkner (S), Mark Ford (B), Rita Mills, Betty Mills (LD), Emma-Louise Barker, Nick Archer (Loving Memory), John Foy (LD), Mike Thorpe (LD), Charles Raymond (A), Maureen Roberts (A), Maura Murray (BM), Alan Summerville (LD)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray this week for the people of the parishes of Our Lady and St. Patrick, Walton-le-Dale, and St. Mary and St. John Southworth, Samlesbury, and their primary school. We pray for Fr. Philip Nathaniel, their parish priest.

Parish Notices

Caritas Sunday: Thank you for the £753.74 raised in the Special Collection last weekend, plus £165 given via the Dona machines.

Funerals: The Requiem Mass for Linda Riley will take place on Wednesday 5 February at 12noon at SL. The Requiem Mass for Michael Thorpe will take place on Thursday 6 February at 10.45am at SL . The Funeral Service for Maureen Jones will take place on Tuesday 11 February at 11am at Agecroft Crematorium. May they rest in peace.

Father John Williams: Fr. John would like to say a "big big thank you" to everyone that came to his 90th birthday celebration and for all the messages received.

Men's Fellowship: We wish to warmly invite you to join us for our Men's Fellowship at St Lukes Church on Tuesday 4 & 18 February at 7pm. For further information, please contact Ian (icgifford@hotmail.com) or Calli (calli.onyebuchibe@outlook.com).

SsPP UCM: AGM meeting on Thursday 6 February after the 6.30pm Mass. All ladies of the Parish are very welcome to attend.

SVP Meeting: The monthly general meeting of the SVP is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 11 February at 7pm at St Lukes Church. New members are welcome. St. Vincent De Paul Society is a Catholic voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. We visit vulnerable or isolated people and offer them friendship and practical support

Youth Group: Meets every last Friday of each month 6 -7pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting is open to school years 7-11, join us for Faith, Food & Fun!

All Hallows R.C. High School: We were delighted to welcome Bishop John into school on Wednesday who blessed the new extension of the school. Year 10 pupils read beautifully in the Chapel before the blessing in the new library space. We are very grateful to all those who attended this special event. Two of our outstanding pupils from Ukraine represented the school and delivered thought-provoking speeches about their personal journeys at this year's Civic Holocaust Memorial Event on Tuesday evening."

Dates for your diary: Monton Voices Concert at SsPP 28 March 2025 time TBC Mikron at SsPP 14 May 2025 at 7.30pm

Parish Newsletter Mailing List: If you would be interested in joining the Parish Mailing List to receive the Parish Newsletter via email, please send an email with subject - Mailing List to Jane.Wareham@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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

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Diocese of Salford Registered Charity 250037

Pat Ellicott and family would like to thank Fr Emmanuel and Deacon Paul for the lovely Requiem Mass for Bernard. We would also like to thank everyone who attended the Mass. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated . God Bless