

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.

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 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>

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.

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

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/>

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>



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday – Weekday or St Angela Merici
 No Mass today

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

Wednesday – Weekday
 Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
 Requiem Mass for Margaret Lawton at SsPP 12noon

Thursday – Weekday
 Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – St John Bosco
 Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday or Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Mass at SsPP 12noon
 Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

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

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

Reflections for This Week

After our brief excursion last week into Saint John's Gospel, we are back on track this week with Saint Luke - whom we will follow for the rest of the year. Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. Today is an ideal Sunday to think about the ministry of reader - about how as readers we make present the same fulfilment, Jesus, when we read the word of God in our Churches.

Marriage Matters: A new creation: On our wedding day you and I became us! I am still me, you are still you, but we are now linked together in a unique relationship. When we share ourselves completely with each other, we are enabled to speak with the authority of faith, hope and love. In this context we bring the Good News of marriage to everyone.

Think Vocation: "The Spirit of the Lord..... has anointed me." The word 'Christ' means anointed one – appointed by God for a mission. At a priestly ordination, the hands of the priest are anointed with the Sacred Oil of Chrism. The priest is then able to lead the people of God with the authority of Christ.

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)

Lately 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: Maureen Brannan

Masses Received: Eric Burke (BM), Maureen Brannan (A), Stella Murray, Anthony Horton (BM), Claire Catherine Kelly, John Kelly, James Bowers (BM), Eveline & James Edwards, Special Intention

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Whalley, Langho and Osbaldeston, and their parish priest, Fr David Yates. We pray also for their primary schools, St. Augustine's High School, and Kemple View Hospital.

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

Funerals: The Requiem Mass for Margaret Lawton will take place on Wednesday 29 January at 12noon at SsPP. The Requiem Mass for Michael Thorpe will take place on Thursday 6 February at 10.45am at SL . May they rest in peace.

Sunday of the Word of God: This is a day, instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of Saint Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture. The theme chosen for this year is taken from the book of the Psalms: "I hope in your Word" (Ps 119:74). As we come to reflect on the new translation of Scripture that we are now using for our readings at Mass, let us be open to God's Word as a source of hope in our lives.

Caritas Sunday: This is our annual day to prayerfully and financially support our principal diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, which works to support local people experiencing poverty, homelessness and disadvantage. Throughout last year, our parish contributed £1,143.08 towards this work – and parishioners may also have given privately as well. Please do support Caritas through our second collection today or via the Dona machines.

All Hallows R.C. High School: In advance of Caritas Sunday, the pupil Caritas Ambassadors group have been praying the Caritas prayer for all those who need the wonderful support of Caritas Salford. The pupils are working on Action Planning sheets to implement a project with real impact for the local community. Daily prayers in form have been centred around the theme of Hope this month as we launch the Jubilee Year in school."

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

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.

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