

Diocesan Notices

Racial Justice Sunday: This weekend, we mark Racial Justice Sunday with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice." The theme celebrates both the Jubilee Year and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday, inviting the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice - past, present, and future. For prayers and resources, head to <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

Jubilee Book Signing Event: A special book signing and reading event is due to take place to celebrate the launch of two new books about our diocese by Mgr John Allen - 'A popular history of the Diocese of Salford' and 'Pilgrims of Hope: Out and About in Salford Diocese'. It will be held on Monday 3 March at 5pm at St Patrick's Church, in Collyhurst. You can book your free place now at www.caritassalford.org.uk/booksigning. All proceeds from book sales go to Caritas Salford.

Silent Retreat: Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team for a peaceful day of prayer this February. This one-day Silent Retreat invites you to spend time with the Lord in silent prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, attend outdoor Mass, and explore the beautiful grounds of the Centre. Find out more and register your attendance at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/silent-retreat>

Pilgrims of Hope: Lenten Talks The Diocese of Salford is holding a series of talks this Lent that explores themes of journeying and pilgrimage through the lens of the Jubilee. Each week, the talks will focus on a different person from the Bible to help us better understand how the journey we are called to make this Holy Week year is rooted in scripture. The weekly talks begin on Tuesday 4 March at 11am at Wardley Hall. Contact Sr Joan Kerley on joankfmsj@gmail.com or call 0161 971 7842 to find out more.

Understanding our Everyday Beliefs' Retreat: A three-day Lenten retreat is taking place at the Loreto Spirituality Centre In Llandudno in March to help people reflect on our relationship with God and to gain a deeper understanding of our faith. The course explores three core topics: Scripture, the Sacraments and the Church and will take place between Wednesday 12 March and Saturday 15 March 2025. Further information is available at www.loretocentre.org.uk

Are you aged between 18 and 35 or know someone who is?: Our diocesan charity Caritas Diocese of Salford is looking for young adult volunteers to join their governance committee as co-opted members to help shape the charity in the coming months and years. Find out more about how you can help tackle poverty, homelessness, disadvantage, and displacement in our parish communities at www.caritassalford.org.uk/youngadultboard

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2025: Our diocesan pilgrimage office is now taking bookings for its next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. Our pilgrimage in this Holy Year of Jubilee will take place on Saturday 3 May 2025, with an option to extend your visit by staying overnight on Friday 2 May. For more information, prices, and details on how to book, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2025> or call 0161 817 2209



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - *Racial Justice Sunday*

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

Monday – Weekday or The Seven Holy Founders of The Servite Order

No Mass Today

Tuesday – Weekday

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

Wednesday – Weekday

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – Weekday

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Weekday or St Peter Damien

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – The Chair of St Peter (Feast)

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

Sunday - Seventh 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/

Reflections for This Week

Life is often about picking our way through opposites - choices and decisions that surround every moment of every day: should I do this or that, choose this way or that way, and so on. Just as there are choices on either side, so there are opposing consequences blessings and curses, in the language of the first reading, happiness and woe in the language of the Gospel. In Saint Luke's version of the Beatitudes, we see Jesus setting out very clearly the teaching that life is about choices, and that we must take control, and be responsible for the life we choose, or even the conditions of life that we embrace or accept.

Marriage Matters: *Our calling is to love one another:* Does 'the world speak well of me'? God wants us to use our talents to fulfil His plan, not for our own glory. His plan for marriage is that we love each other before everything else, which means listening deeply. When I focus on doing any job I need to ask: 'How do you need to be loved just now?'

Think Vocation: We pray to the Lord for an increase in prayerful trust among our young people, that they may faithfully respond to their unique vocation in Christ.

Prayers Requested

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

Lately Dead: Peter Hovington, Dennis Nicholson, Pat Gaffey, Lucy Watts, James McKeown, Lily Ortega, Joyce Hilton, Jacob Sebastian, Denis Wardle, Margaret Keating, Terence Milnthorp, Sylvia Connor, Michael Riley, Alan Summerville, Linda Riley, Maureen Jones, Betty Mills,

Anniversaries: Denis Eagleton, Tom O'Brien, Joseph Hoolachan, Peter King, Norman McKenzie

Masses Received: Helen Priscott, Denis Wardle (LD), Isabelle Lyons (BM), Baby Mhairi Orlowski Middleton, Peter Hovington (LD), Denis Eagleton (A), Gabrielle Ward (BM), Dennis Nicholson (LD), Pat Gaffey (LD), Lucy Watts (LD), James McKeown (LD), Tom O'Brien (A), Lily Ortega (LD), Joyce Hilton (LD), Joseph Hoolachan (A), Peter King (A), Norman McKenzie (A), Jacob Sebastian (LD), Stella Murray (S), Martin Murray (BM)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of the Good Samaritan, Burnley, together with Fr. David Featherstone, their parish priest and Dean, Fr. Job Zirra Stephen and Deacon Theo Sharrock. We pray for Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic College and for their three parish primary schools. We pray for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph, the Sisters of Mercy and for the Burnley General 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)
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50317403 20 55 34
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Parish Notices

Funerals: There will be a Funeral Service for Margaret Keating on 26 February at 11am at Agecroft Crematorium. There will be a Requiem Mass for Terence Milnthorp on 6 March at 10am at Ss Peter and Paul. May they rest in peace.

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

FACT: There is a meeting of the Music and Liturgy Group this Wednesday at 7.30pm at St Luke's.

Flower Arranging: Our first flower arranging class of 2025 starts on Wednesday 26th February 1-3pm at SsPP. Demonstration by Veronica. Coffee, cake and a good old catch up. Everybody welcome!

Spring Raffle: UCM will be holding a Spring Raffle, raffle tickets will be on sale this weekend at both Churches. Proceeds to help pay for a Priest to go to Walsingham. Hope we can count on your support.

All Hallows R.C. High School: Each week during term-time, form groups have been holding a pupil-led liturgy in the school's Chapel. In advance of this Celebration of the Word, they reflect on the theme of the chosen First reading and Gospel reading, and write their own Opening prayers, Prayers of the Faithful and Closing Prayers. Pupils then lead on reading their prayers and the Scripture. Intercessions include our local community and everyone in the parish. Pupils have especially commented on how they enjoy moments of silent reflection during this liturgy.

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!

Quiz Night: Every Friday in the Parish Centre 8.30-11.30pm. Free entry, prize for the winning team!

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