

Diocesan Notices

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

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.

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 Interfaith & Ecumenism: 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. February is our Jubilee for Interfaith & Ecumenism, where we discover more about the core values that unite different faith groups in our community. Access the resources now at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am
Monday – St Scholastica Mass & Cenacle Prayers at SL 6.30pm
Tuesday – Weekday or Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of Prayer for the Sick Funeral for Maureen Jones at Agecroft Crematorium 11am 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 – Ss Cyril & Methodius 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 - 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
Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

Reflections for This Week

We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus'; there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

Marriage Matters: Follow your dream: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' Isaiah was sustained by his vision of God in glory; Paul by his vision of Jesus. On our wedding days we had a dream for our future together. The grace of God has sustained that vision through many struggles. Let's always seek to follow our dream.

Think Vocation: "From now on, it is men you will catch." Perhaps Jesus chose a number of fishermen as his disciples because fishermen need to be strong, trusting and courageous. Despite their weaknesses they all proved themselves to be up to the task eventually. The Lord continues to call men to be his priests today: they also need to be tough and resilient. Let us pray that the priests of our Diocese have the courage and strength they need to lead the Church and preach the Gospel.

Prayers Requested

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

Latently Dead: Sylvia Connor, Michael Riley, Alan Summerville, Linda Riley, Maureen Jones, Betty Mills, Michael Thorpe

Anniversaries: Renee Tyldesley

Masses Received: Joan McKenzie (BM), Renee Tyldesley (A), Michael Riley (LD), Special Intention, Bernadette Nicholson, Linda Riley (LD), Emeka & Nnenna Egbebu & Family, Frances Thompson, Martin Britch, Geraldine Offord, SsPP UCM, Sylvia Connor (LD)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: This week we pray for the parishioners of the parish of St. Anne and St. Joseph, Accrington, together with Fr. Francis Wadsworth, their Parish Priest. We pray for their parish primary school, the Accrington Victoria Hospital and the Mount ESM.

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

Parish Notices

Funerals: The Funeral Service for Maureen Jones will take place on Tuesday 11 February at 11am at Agecroft Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

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.

SL UCM: Meeting on Wednesday 12 February at 7pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

PACT: The Formation Group is due to meet on Wednesday 12 February at 7.30pm at St Luke's.

Spring Raffle: UCM will be holding a Spring Raffle, raffle tickets will be on sale next 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: Pupils who excelled in attendance, good deeds and recognition points were rewarded with a breakfast cooked and served by staff last week. Other rewards for top-performing pupils have included a roller disco and silent disco. Pupils from the Chaplaincy groups have designed signs for the Dove room where many of the Chaplaincy activities take place in school.

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).

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 8.30pm-11.30pm. Free entry, prize for the winning team!

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