

When we consider the Christian life, we often think in positive terms: peace, light, joy, goodness, life. And yet, as the Scriptures remind us today, that Christian life must be lived in the midst of a world which is filled with more negative terms: division, distress, cruelty and death. The words of the Gospel may appear shocking to us: Jesus says that he comes to bring "division, not peace", and this seems totally contrary to the message of the Gospel! And yet, Jesus is not announcing his desire – of course he wants peace, not division – but showing his understanding of the world in which we live. He is inviting us to weigh up the cost of the Kingdom, a cost he was willing to embrace: as the second reading tells us: "... Jesus, for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, endured the cross..." Whatever weighs us down, let us endure and persevere, so that the fire of God's love may blaze over the whole earth!

Marriage Matters: Our sacrament: a sign of grace: When we married we entered into a Covenant of unconditional love, summed up in the vows we made to each other. By imitating Jesus' unconditional love for his bride, the Church, we became a Sacrament – a sacred sign of God's love for all to see. Living out our 'life-style choice' is made possible only by 'the graces of the Sacrament'.

Think Vocation: "Let us not lose sight of Jesus who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection." Our faith tells us that Jesus is present to us in the Gospel, in the sacraments and journeys with us throughout our lives. In this Year of Faith may we help others to draw closer to the Lord by growing in their faith. In addition he is calling us all to grow in holiness and goodness.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sat Vigil 6:30pm 9:30am Mass	8am & 11am Mass
Monday -Weekday		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – St Bernard	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - St Pius X	7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday - Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday – St Bartholomew (Feast)	11.30am Mass followed by Adoration & Confessions	11.30am Confessions followed by 12 noon Mass
Sunday - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sat Vigil 6:30pm 9:30am	8am & 11am Mass

Sick: Julie Webster, Alsie O'Malley, Elsie Pearce, Anne Naughton, Duncan McKenzie

Lately Dead: Joan Edwards, John Whittle, John Lowey, Jeanette McCann, Malcolm Cavanagh

Anniversaries: John Downey, Dolly Clooney, Bob Clooney

Masses Received: Joan Edwards (Lately Dead), John Whittle (Lately Dead), Harold Thompson (Birthday Memories), John Downey (Anniversary), John Lowey (Lately Dead), Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock. The priests and people of the parish with grateful thanks from the Hall family, Jeanette McCann (Lately Dead). Malcolm Cavanagh (Lately Dead) husband of Linda, member of the UCM Ss P&P foundation.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of English Martyrs, Whalley, and for Fr David Yates, their parish priest.

Bank Holiday Mass at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley: A Requiem Mass on Monday 26th August at St Mary's Cemetery Wardley. The Mass will begin outside the cemetery chapel at 11am and all are invited to attend.

Offertory Collection:

The Sunday Mass collection for the 11 August was: £1472.39

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Ss Peter and Paul Foundation support Mary's Meals Back Pack Project. **Wanted** good as new children's school uniforms, also used children's school back packs. Uniforms and bags may be left in the box provided at the back of the church. For further details contact: Kathleen Playfair 0161 707 1185

UCM SS. Peter and Paul Foundation

Fundraising Afternoon Tea. In aid of Francis House Sunday 8th September 2.30 pm. Tickets £6.00 per person and are on sale after each Mass. For further details contact Kathleen Playfair 0161 707 1185.

Dates for the Diary at Ss Peter & Paul:



4th October 2019

Mikron Theatre Production of Redcoats. Tickets will be available shortly.



Sunday 13th October One World Day celebrating our heritage, diversity and care for our Common Home.

Mass of celebration, afternoon of music, song, dance, children's games and a shared table with food from round the world.

Wardley Hall visit

A Parish visit to Wardley Hall has been arranged for 7 September, 11-12. This is an opportunity to see this historic house (home of Bishop John) and see the newly developed "Laudato Si" Centre. There are **4 places still available** as the group is limited to 30. Please sign up in the porch (at Ss P and P) or ring Liz (7365768) to book a place. Lifts can be arranged for anyone without transport. (Open to parishioners from both Ss Peter and Paul and St Luke's)

St Luke's Preschool: Places available for September 2019. Ofsted registered, fully qualified staff team. Funded places available for 2,3 and 4 year olds. Please contact Andrea Boardman Preschool Manger 07962237468 or andrea.stlukespreschool@gmail.com.

St Luke's

Choir at 9.30am Mass: We would like to start a choir at this Mass so if you would like to join then please contact communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk or speak to one of the organists.

Flowers: We would like to establish a rota for decorating the altar with flowers at St Luke's – if you would like to be involved please contact Patricia on by email to flowers@ourladyofhope.org.uk or 07961 445544

Salford Loaves and Fishes

Salford Loaves and Fishes runs a Drop-In Day-Centre in the city for homeless and other vulnerable people. They currently have a number of volunteer vacancies at their Salford centre. They are seeking people interested in either volunteering for the centre or who have experience in finance, treasury and/or buildings to work as a trustee. Please call Nicola on 0161 737 8775 for an initial chat.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Meetings are held weekly at St PP
Thursday 12.30 - 2.00
Saturday 7.45 - 9.15 pm
Meetings last for 1 hour 30 minutes

Apprenticeship Opportunity

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to join our Finance and Administration team as a junior administrator, with a specific emphasis on supporting the Property team. Alongside this, the successful candidate will work towards completing the Business and Administration Level 2 Qualification.

What you'll need:

A minimum Grade C/4 GCSE in Maths & English

- Good literacy & numeracy skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team Excellent organisational & administrative skills
- High level of communication skills, including written and spoken communication.

To request an application pack, contact personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or visit the vacancies page on our website.

Next Week's Newsletter: Łukasz Łukasiewicz

Please send notices before Wednesday
Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk