



Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 14 April 2019

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story of the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This story is unfolded in the services on Thursday, Friday and Saturday - The Easter Triduum - the highpoint of the Liturgical Year: *"In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried and risen."* [Roman Missal]

Marriage Matters: *The Kingdom of God is a lifestyle choice*: Today's readings are deeply moving, calling us to what? Can we stand up for our marriages; make lifestyle choices, putting our marriage first? Joseph of Arimathea stood up for what he believed in, when others had run away. He lived in 'hope of seeing the Kingdom of God'. This kingdom is among us; let us choose it today – for us.

Think Vocation: At our baptism, the priest or deacon traced the cross on our forehead. The cross is a powerful sign of Christ's commitment to the Father and to the salvation of all people. It is a privilege for us to receive the sign of Christ, but our responsibility is to live up to the name of being a Christian. This involves a life of service, suffering and love for God and neighbour. On this first day of Holy Week, may we be proud of the cross which is the means to eternal life for us.

Masses / Services	St Luke	Ss Peter & Paul
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Sat vigil 6:30pm, Sun 9:30am 3pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	8am and 11am
Monday of Holy Week		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday of Holy Week	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday of Holy Week	7pm Reconciliation Service	9am Mass & Adoration
Maundy Thursday		7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm; Special Collection for our parish SVP groups
Good Friday – Day of Fasting and Abstinence	3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion; Special Collection for the Shrines of Palestine	11am Reflection on the Stations of the Cross.
Holy Saturday	8pm Easter Vigil (followed by celebration in parish centre)	
Easter Sunday	9:30am	8am and 11am

Sick: Julie Webster, Alsie O'Malley, Elsie Pearce

Lately Dead: Fr Myles Sheahan, Rose Roberts, Gerard Hryb, John Reynolds, Louis Duffy, John Cuppelio, John McTaggart

Anniversaries: Pauline Bryan

Masses Received Rose Roberts (Lately Dead), Gerard Hryb (Lately Dead), Josephine Warburton, Pauline Bryan (Anniversary), Elsie Pearce (Sick), Julie Webster (Sick), John Reynolds (Lately Dead), Louis Duffy (Lately Dead), John Cuppelio (Lately Dead), Maureen Gaffney (Lately Dead), Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Elizabeth Dale, John McTaggart (Lately Dead), Edmund Murphy Special Intention, Joan Flanagan, Sylvia Heneghan Family, Maureen Chapman

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of St John Paul II, Eccles, with Fr Martin Collins, for their parish primary schools, and for St Patrick's High School. Let us pray that we may walk with the Lord this Holy Week and into the joy of Easter

Visitation: Bishop John was very pleased with his visitation to the parish last weekend. He thought that we were adapting very well to being one parish and making good progress in establishing a Parish Leadership Team. The change of Mass times did not seem to diminish the numbers attending which meant he was celebrating Masses for good sized congregations. It was unfortunate timing that the Syro-Malabar community had their own Mass on that particular Sunday afternoon which meant that he did not meet many of them or see them integrated into our Masses as they usually are. He has made a few suggestions about how we might have a more consistent approach to our Liturgy across the two churches and we will look at those matters after Easter. Most people spoke positively to him about the parish and the changes and even about the priests! Thank you for making him so welcome.

Easter Triduum: A reminder that this is the most important celebration in the Church's year. Please try to come to all three days, so that you experience the whole of the Easter Liturgy. Although we celebrate it across three days (and using both churches), it is one celebration. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday will be at 7.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm. The Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm will take place at St Luke's. The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday will also take place at St Luke's at 8pm. The Masses on Easter Sunday morning will follow our new pattern (8am at SsPP, 9.30am at SL, 11am at SsPP).

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross: Sunday 14 April (Palm Sunday) at 3pm at St Luke

Parish Reconciliation Service: Wednesday 17 April at 7pm at St Luke. This is a change to the previously advertised venue due to the Syro-Malabar Retreat taking place at Ss Peter & Paul. Please note that there will not be a 7pm Mass at St Luke that evening.

Stations of the Cross Reflection: Friday 19 April (Good Friday) at 11am at Ss Peter & Paul. A look at the Stations of the Cross in a contemporary context, using music and images, led by Kevin Walker.

Easter Celebration: Following on from the Easter Vigil next Saturday there will be a chance to gather together in the parish centre for some refreshments (and the bar will be open). If you would like to help with this celebration, please contact Jacqui on 07867 597696

Special Collections This Week: During the Triduum, there will be two special collections. Our Offertory Collection at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening will be given to the St Vincent de Paul groups at St Luke and Ss Peter & Paul to help them in the work they do with people in need in our area. On Friday, as you leave church after the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, there will be a retiring collection for the Shrines of Palestine. This is our chance to support Christians in the Holy Land and particularly the upkeep of the holy places associated with the life of Jesus and the events of Holy Week.

CAFOD Appeal: Many thanks for your generous response to the second collection last weekend to help CAFOD respond to the emergency in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi caused by Cyclone Idai.

Syro-Malabar Holy Week: The Syro-Malabar Community will be using Ss Peter & Paul Church for their Holy Week services and retreat, as follows: Palm Sunday (4pm to 6.30pm); Monday to Wednesday, Retreat (5pm to 9pm); Maundy Thursday (4pm to 7pm); Good Friday (5pm to 7.30pm); Holy Saturday, Easter Mass (7pm to 9pm). As always, all parishioners are welcome to join them.

Offertory Envelopes (SL): Thank you to those who collected their new sets of Offertory envelopes last weekend. The remaining sets are available at the back of church for you to collect.

Transport: With our new Mass times, there may be people who will now need transport to get them to Mass. If you are someone who needs a lift or someone prepared to offer a lift, please have a word with Jacqui McCormick (at St Luke) or Liz Ainley (at Ss Peter & Paul) or e-mail priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk and we will try to coordinate requests/offers as soon as possible

Flowers: If you would like to help prepare the Easter flowers at Ss P & P please come along on Tuesday from 1.30pm and bring scissors.

Faith Formation This Tuesday we resume our faith formation group as we continue to deepen our understanding of the faith together. Private prayer in adoration from 6.30pm in St. Luke's Church, benediction at 7.30; input starts at 7.45 in St. Luke's parish centre.

St Luke's Children's Liturgy Now that we have established a new pattern of Mass times, several people have suggested beginning a children's liturgy at the 9.30 Sunday Mass. If you are interested in volunteering to lead the group or help, please send an email to clare.kerrane@salford.gov.uk

Confirmation: As you may be aware, pupils currently in year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when they are in year 8 (Easter 2021). An invitation from Bishop John to the young people to continue their faith journey towards Confirmation has been sent out via our Catholic schools. If your child is not in a Catholic school and has not received an invitation, can you please speak to one of the priests so that you can receive the invitation letter and register your interest.

Ministries: We will not be having a re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday. Instead, in the period after Easter, we will find a time to bring together people who are involved in a whole range of ministries (not just Eucharistic) for a period of reflection and a service of commissioning.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 4 May 2019): Last May over 500 pilgrims from the Diocese gathered at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. This was the largest diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine in recent years. We are hoping this year's pilgrimage will be as successful. If you would like to take part in the pilgrimage, you can get more information regarding transport etc, by contacting: John Griffin – T:0161 8172214
E:John.Griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or John Martin – T: 0161 653 7284
E:gregoryjohn1@outlook.com

Vacancies: The diocese is currently recruiting for a Lead Teacher/Innovator for Primary Religious Education (closing date 23 April), a Human Resources Manager (closing date 29 April) and an Operations Manager (closing date 1 May). More details for the above positions can be found at: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/ or telephone the Director of Administration and Personnel on 0161 817 2203

Parish Newsletter: A volunteer is needed to help edit the Parish newsletter. This is on a rota basis and would usually be 10 times a year. If you would like to help please contact Paul:
communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk
Next Week's Newsletter: Beryl. Please send notices before Wednesday Email:

Offertory Collection £1,246.07 **CAFOD Cyclone Appeal** £1,110.42

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