



Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 March 2019

We have many sayings about results being more important than promises, such as “the proof of the pudding is in the eating”. Today’s scripture readings are all about this – the ways in which our words and actions will reveal who we truly are. There is a wonderful mosaic of poetic wisdom in the readings this Sunday – images and parables and similes that can sit in our heads and hearts, and make us think about the sort of people we are, and the words we use and the fruits we produce by them. And we should pray that we will always produce good, sound fruit, so that we may keep on working at the Lord’s work always, and so share in Christ’s victory over death itself.

Marriage Matters: *Praise and thanksgiving:* Actions speak louder than words! As married couples we rely on each other for help and support but sometimes we are not listening or paying attention. The Gospel today reminds us that to accuse each other is hypocritical, whereas when we encourage one another, we help each other to build up ...‘that store of goodness in her/his heart’.

Think Vocation: We pray that each one of us will discover the vocation seed that the Lord has planted within us and allow that seed to bear fruit in our lives.

Masses / Services	St Luke’s	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday - Weekday		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – Shrove Tuesday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting and Abstinence	9am & 7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration & 7pm Mass
Thursday - St Perpetua & St Felicity	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday – Lent Weekday	11:30am Mass	12 noon Mass
Sunday – First Sunday of Lent	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am

Sick: Sylvia Oakes, Julie Webster, David (child)

Lately Dead:

Anniversaries: Edith Noakes

Masses Received: Edith Noakes (Anniversary), Julie Webster (Sick), Pauline Bryan (Birthday Memories), Sally & Ray

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the parishes of St Peter and St Thomas More, Middleton, with Fr Hopkinson and Fr Blackburn and Bishop Brain, and for the parish of St Osmund, Brightmet, with Fr Heakin and for their parish schools.

Sacramental Programme Dates: Just a reminder about the dates for the programme. If you are following the programme at St Luke’s, then the dates are:

Sunday 3 March
 Sunday 31 March
 Tuesday 2 April at 6.30pm (Reconciliation)
 Sunday 5 May
 Sunday 26 May
 Sundays 16, 23 or 30 June (First Communion)

If you are following the programme at Ss Peter and Paul, then the dates are:

Sunday 3 March
 Sunday 10 March
 Sunday 17 March
 Sunday 24 March
 Sunday 31 March (Reconciliation)
 Sunday 28 April
 Sunday 12 May
 Sunday 19 May
 Sunday 9 June (First Communion)

Sunday Mass Times: Thank you to all those who completed a response sheet (285 in total). These are now being analysed and detailed information will be shared with you next weekend. It is likely that we will need a further vote on a smaller range of specific patterns for our Sunday Masses before we can come to a decision.

Offertory Collection –figures will be available next week
 Many thanks.

Next Week’s Newsletter: Margaret
 Please send notices before Wednesday
 Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

St Luke's Parish Group Meeting - Monday 4 March at 8:15. Everybody is welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal for Volunteer Nurses: The 87th Salford annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop John Arnold, will take place between 25 July and 31 July 2019. Last year we saw a generous response with many doctors willing to offer medical support during the pilgrimage however we need more registered nurses and health care assistants. Without a sufficient number of nurses, we will not be able to take as many sick and disabled people to Lourdes on pilgrimage as we would like. Therefore, if you are a nurse or health care assistant and are interested in the possibility of volunteering your skills to help support those sick and disabled pilgrims who need particular care during the pilgrimage, the Diocesan pilgrimage organisers are eager to hear from you. Financial support, obtained through a special bursary fund, may be available for those involved in healthcare, to assist with the cost of travel and accommodation. If you are interested and would like further information please contact the Pilgrimage Medical and Nursing Team, via the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or telephone the pilgrimage office on 0161-817-2209.

St Vincent de Paul Society National Raffle

Tickets for the SVP National Raffle will be on sale at SS Peter and Paul after each mass on the weekend of 9/10 March, with a 1st prize of £3000, 2nd prize £2000 and 3rd prize £1000. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of five. Proceeds go to people in need helped by SVP throughout the country."

Union of Catholic Mothers - next meeting is on:

Thursday 7 March, at SS. Peter and Paul Church, 7.45pm
Guest Speaker: Christine Singleton.
The UCM Diocesan Welfare and Justice and Peace Officer. All Ladies of the parish are welcome

St Patrick's Night Celebration: At St Luke's on Saturday 16 March at 7:30 pm, live music with Cracked Flag, bar, hot pasties and raffle. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses or phone Bernice Green on 0161 737 9474. Hope you can join us.

Baptism Preparation: Our next baptism preparation session will be on Saturday 9 March at 9.30am at St Luke's parish centre. You must attend a baptism preparation session if you wish to have your child baptised in the parish. The session is for parents and godparents and should be finished by midday. There will be a session approximately monthly. Please contact us by email if you wish to come along this session (priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk).

St Luke's 500 Club: During its first year of operation (2018), there were only 245 members which means that the profit made for the parish was only £840 (instead of £3900 if there had been 500 members). Of those original 245 members, 115 have not renewed their membership this year and very few new people have joined which means we only currently have 145 members. Unless we increase the membership quickly, then we will either have to reduce the level of the prizes or even consider closing this scheme down since we are not allowed to run it at a loss to the parish (which would in any case defeat its purpose). So this is an urgent appeal for more parishioners (from either of our churches) to join. The cost is only £12 per year (payable in one sum) and there are forms at the back of St Luke's church if you wish to become a member. £1 a month is a small personal outlay but it would be of

significant benefit to the parish. Please do consider joining. Thank you.

Climate Change: This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop John about Climate Change. There is also an information sheet to take home which will help us all to reflect further on very practical things we can do to address this issue.

Walk With Me: The booklets for Lent are available at the back of our churches. Although marked up at £1, they are free of charge. Please do make use of them during this special season.

Lent Upcoming Events:

Lenten Ecumenical Lunches and Reflection: "Food for Thought"

An opportunity to share food and conversation around the theme of meals in the Bible.

Thursdays 12.30 to 2pm

14 March: Height Methodist Community Church

21 March: St John's Anglican Church

28 March: St Luke's Catholic Church

4 April: Holy Angels Anglican Church

11 April: Holy Angels Anglican Church

Parish Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 6.30pm

March 8, 15 and April 5 at St Luke's

March 22, 29 and April 12 at Ss. Peter and Paul

Sundays at 3pm at Ss. Peter and Paul

Stations of the Cross with Benediction

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross:

Palm **Sunday April 14** 3pm at St Luke's

Global Healing: Friday March 8th 7.30pm, St Luke's Parish Centre (An evening of information, reflection and discussion on the environmental challenge facing us and how we can respond.)

Day of Recollection: "Re-booting your Baptism" with Barbara Mason **Saturday March 23** at Ss. Peter and Paul Church

9am (Holy Mass) to 5.30pm. A series of talks and Scriptural exercises. Bring a packed lunch and a bible (bibles will be available to buy on the day).

Series of 3 Lenten Talks: Why did Jesus have to die for us?

Friday March 22, 29 and April 12 7.30pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Church (after Stations of the Cross). Explore this fascinating question with Fr Mark.

From Gangland to the Promised Land

Monday April 8 to Wednesday April 10, 7.30pm. Come to listen to the inspiring talks and mission of John Pridmore, ex-gangster and now evangelist at St James' Church, Salford Precinct M6 5UJ.

Faith Formation

Lent is a good time to join our faith formation group on **Tuesday evenings** as we deepen our understanding of the faith together. St. Luke's Church and Parish Centre: private prayer in adoration from 6.30pm in the Church, benediction at 7.30; input starts at 7.45 in the parish centre.