



Sixth Sunday of Easter

26 May 2019



As Eastertide unfolds, we feel the power and influence of the Spirit growing. This is the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and the Spirit who brings the Church to birth at Pentecost. As we journey towards Pentecost - the climax of the Easter Season - we should be considering the presence of the Spirit in the Church today: the reconciler of disputes, the solver of problems, true inspiration for the family of God on our journey to the New Jerusalem! From this side, Pentecost is about promise: the Lord at the Last Supper promises that He and the Father will be "at home" with all who keep his words - and it is the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will remind us of these and all his words. We believe that all Scripture is "inspired" - the word of the Spirit - so as we listen or proclaim this Sunday let us look for the fulfilment of the promise made by the Lord.

Marriage Matters: Love is the fundamental requirement: Eastertide is a time for us as couples to celebrate the reality of our love as being a reflection of the presence of God, who IS Love. It is a time for us to recognise more readily the risen Lord is alive in us, with us, and present in the many and various ways we try to share our love.

Think Vocation: We are reminded of the Council of Jerusalem in the First Reading today. The last ecumenical Council to take place was the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. Perhaps this week we could take an opportunity to familiarise ourselves with some of the documents that were produced by this Council. May we rejoice that the Holy Spirit is alive in the Church today, guiding us and leading us

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:30am 5pm Lourdes at home Mass	8:00am and 11:00am
Monday - St Augustine of Canterbury – <i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday - Easter Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - Easter Weekday	7pm Mass. (Vigil Mass for The Ascension);	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday The Ascension of the Lord – Holyday of Obligation	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9am Mass Requiem Mass for Mary Irene Roberts	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday – St Justin, Martyr	11:30am Mass followed by Adoration & Confessions	11:30am Confessions, followed by 12noon Mass
Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day - Special Collection for the Catholic Communications Network	Sat vigil 6:30pm 9:30am;	8:00am and 11:00am

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

Lately Dead: Lillian Quinn, Barbara O'Malley, Renee Roberts, Kathleen Thompson.

Anniversaries: Frank Connor, Mark Vincent Ford, Rashmi Parikh, Margaret McElduff.

Masses Received: Frank Connor (Anniversary), Derek Birch (Birthday Memories), Edward Foley (Birthday Memories), Marmaduke Lord (Birthday Memories), Mark Vincent Ford (Anniversary), Renee Roberts (Lately Dead), Rashmi Parikh (Anniversary) Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, For exam success, Margaret McElduff (Anniversary), Kathleen Thompson (Lately Dead).

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with St John Bosco, Blackley and for Father Philip Brady, their parish priest. We pray for their primary schools.

Ministries: Our period of reflection and service of commissioning for the many ministries within our parish will take place on Saturday 8 June (Pentecost weekend) from 9.30am in the parish centre at St Luke and finishing with the 11.30am Mass in church. This is open to all those who exercise a ministry within our parish of Our Lady of Hope. There are, of course, the ministries associated with our Liturgy (Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Musicians and Singers, Flower Arrangers, those who greet people, take the collections, tidy up the hymn books, etc). There are those associated with formation (Children's Liturgy Leaders, Sacramental Programme Leaders and Catechists, those involved in Baptism Preparation and Marriage Preparation). There are people involved in the finances, communications, safeguarding, outreach, church maintenance. This list is not exhaustive. Anyone who does something to serve the parish or, through the parish, the wider community is welcome to attend. The morning will be a reflection on ministry in a broad sense with a view to celebrating what we do, confirming our commitment to it and looking at how we might encourage others to get involved. To give some idea of numbers, which will help with the planning, please let us know if you intend to be there by emailing priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or telephoning 0161 736 2696.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 19 May, £1584.33

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: The Fund remains open for a further two weeks for those who might like to make a personal donation to the Fund. The training of our future priests is an expensive business and so your support for the EEF is greatly appreciated.

Sacramental Programme: Final preparation session for those involved in the programme at St Luke is this Sunday (26 May) at 2pm in the parish centre.

Lourdes at Home Mass: We are hosting this Mass this Sunday (26 May) at 5pm at St. Luke's Church. The organisers warmly invite all from across our diocese to join us in the celebration of Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. You don't have to be planning to join the diocesan pilgrimage in Lourdes this Summer, or to have been with us to Lourdes in the past - all are welcome to this special celebration in May, the month of Mary. Our wonderful pilgrimage choir will provide music and refreshments will be available following Mass. We look forward to welcoming friends old and new

World Communications Day: Next weekend we are invited to pray for those who work in the Media on our behalf and to financially support the Catholic Communications Network of our Bishops' Conference.

Bethlehem Art: On the weekend of 8 & 9 June, representatives of Bethlehem Art will be at both our churches with a selection of their olive wood carvings. Sales of these items support Christian families that live under constant deprivation and conflict in the Holy Land

An Evening of Hope: Parishes in the Bolton deanery have arranged an 'Ecumenical concert of prayer and music to celebrate the Hope Jesus brings to Bolton' on Saturday 15 June at the Victoria Hall, Bolton from 7pm-9pm. The concert is to raise awareness and the profile of Hope in the Future in the deanery. The proceeds from sales of tickets in RC churches are intended to go to Francis House Children's Hospice. Bishop John Arnold will be in attendance on the evening. Tickets are available in both of our churches (£5 per person) if anyone would like to attend and support this initiative in our neighbouring deanery.

Northern Catholic Conference: Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 2019 at Liverpool Hope University. Booking through: "Regina Coeli" 6 Warner Drive, Liverpool L4 8US. Tel: 07543 800812. More information can be found at: www.northerncatholic.co.uk

World Youth Day @ Home: If 2022 is too long to wait for the next World Youth Day, why not join us at *World Youth Day @ Home?* Pentecost Weekend 7-9th June 2019 at Alton Castle. To book your place with the diocesan youth team contact Lorraine Leonard on 0161 817 2205 or lorriane.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. A coach is being provided free of charge for the Saturday only, book your place quickly!

Next Week's Newsletter: Paul Ashton
Please send notices before Wednesday Email:
newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

North West Scripture Festival 2019: Saturday 29 June at Thornleigh Salesian College (9.30am - 3.30pm). This year's theme is *Peter and Paul: Chosen and Sent* with prayer & worship; scripture reflections; small group conversation; creative plenary sessions. Tea and coffee provided; please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation of £10 per person. To book your place please contact formation@rcaol.co.uk or ring 0151 522 1040.

Communications Assistant: Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Salary: £20,000 -25,000 per annum depending on experience. The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit a Communications Assistant to join our expanding Communication Office. The purpose of the role is to support the Communications Manager in a busy, dynamic environment. They will assist with a variety of external and internal communications involving both the work of the diocese and its parishes. The suitable candidate will understand and be sympathetic to the work of the Catholic Church, be passionate about supporting the work of the Diocese including promoting education and strengthening social action in line with the social teaching of the Church. **Closing date for applications: 12pm, Thursday, 30 May 2019.** More details can be found at: <http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Caritas Diocese of Salford: There are a number of vacancies currently being advertised for one-year fixed term contracts: Head of Community Services (Maternity Cover); Trust and Grants Officer; Allotment Coordinator. For more details please see <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/>

St. Luke's SLIDE: Subs (£12) for 2019 are now due. Envelopes are available in the narthex and can be returned in any Mass collections or put through the presbytery door. Fr. Joseph really appreciates it. If anybody wishes to join and help Fr. Joseph with the education of poor children in India there are application forms in the narthex or contact Stephanie McDonough 737 6419 .Email: slide@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Summer Nights: Catholic Film Series

Tuesday Evenings May 28, -June 4, 11, and July 2 9, 16. Church open from 6pm for prayer – Film starts at 7pm in St Luke's parish centre – Discussion of the film and the issues raised for those able to stay afterwards, bring a glass.

First Film May 28th: The Shack - Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, The Shack takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey after enduring a family tragedy. See the poster at the back of church for details of all the films. Come along, everyone welcome!

Winners of the April draw, held on 19th May, were;

1st Prize - £152 – Number 51 – Mrs Gincy George
2nd Prize - £76 – Number 292 - Mrs Marie Loughheed
3rd Prize - £76 – Number 223 – Mr George Joseph
Please collect cheques from Pat Kasili Ss.Peter & Paul.

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