



Fifth Sunday of Easter

19 May 2019



We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This Commandment, "love one another", is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost (check the first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter) – it is the risen Lord's parting gift to his Church.

Marriage Matters: *Today is all we have:* We as a couple are unique - a one off! No other couple is quite like us. We can share the load, lighten the burden, and double the joys! Jesus said 'Love one another as I have loved you'. Just as I care for myself, I must care for you too in the same way. Let us celebrate our coupleness.

Think Vocation: "I give you a new commandment: love one another." Living in a family or as a Religious in community is not always easy. There is sometimes conflict and misunderstanding but these have to be lived out in Christian love. However there are many opportunities to grow in our appreciation and understanding of God. Through such experiences, we can become stronger in faith, as well as able to learn about ourselves and other people.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sat vigil 6:30pm 9:30am	8:00am and 11:00am
Monday - Easter Weekday		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday - Easter Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - Easter Weekday	7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday - Easter Weekday	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday - Easter Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday – St Bede the Venerable	11:30am Mass followed by Adoration & Confessions	11:30am Confessions, followed by 12noon Mass
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sat vigil 6:30pm 9:30am; 5pm Lourdes at Home Mass	8:00am and 11:00am

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

Lately Dead: Malcolm Foy, Lillian Quinn.

Anniversaries: Letitia Harold RIP

Masses Received: Peter & Mary Osborne (49th Wedding Anniversary), Malcolm Foy (Lately Dead), Maureen Roberts (Birthday), Lillian Quinn (Lately Dead), Alan Roberts, Deceased members of the Roberts & Sloyan families, Birthday Wishes Jacqui, Deceased members of the McMannimon & Gravin families, Alsie O'Malley (Sick), Joyce & Jack Taylor (Birthday Memories), Kath Nealan (Birthday Memories), Special Intention for Norman Hand & the Wadsworth family, Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Winifred Clarke An.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the parish of St James, Pendleton and Weaste, and the Chaplaincy to the University of Salford, with Fr Frank Mulgrew, and the Mill Hill Missionaries. We pray for the parish primary school and for All Hallows High School. Let us pray that the parish and chaplaincy may be a source of grace for all.

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: The St Luke figure is £537.37; Ss Peter and Paul: £805.83

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: Thank you for your response to our annual collection last weekend for the EEF, the Fund that pays for the training of our future priests. We will keep this collection open for a few weeks for those who might like to make a personal donation to the Fund. Please continue to pray for our seminarians who are continuing their journey in formation. The training of our future priests is an expensive business and so your support for the EEF is greatly appreciated.

Sacramental Programme: Those involved in the programme at Ss Peter & Paul are reminded that their final preparation session is this Sunday (19 May) at 10am in the presbytery. Those involved in the programme at St Luke are reminded that their final preparation session is next Sunday (26 May) at 2pm in the parish centre.



Exam Prayers: We continue to pray for all our young people taking exams and tests at this time. We ask the Lord to give them strength and perseverance during the coming weeks, and pray that they achieve the results they have worked for.

Lourdes at Home Mass: We are hosting this Mass on 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.

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

St Luke's Social Group: There is a meeting in the Hall on Mon. 20th May at 8-15pm to organise the Summer Fair. Please come along and share your ideas. We urgently need helpers on the day, Sat 6th July, particularly to help with the children's games. Please ring Maureen Taylor 07502 243746 or Bernice Green 737 9474

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. **Closing date for applications: 12pm, Thursday, 30th May, 2019.** More details can be found at: <http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Parish History: We have some wonderful photos of May Queens and processions from years gone by on the Parish website <http://www.ourladyofhope.org.uk> (click History) If anyone has more old photos from Ss Peter & Paul's then we can add these to our history pages too. Please email to communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk.

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/>

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. Many thanks for your continued support, 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.

Coffee Morning: There will be no coffee morning after the 9.30 Mass this weekend due to afternoon teas at 2pm.

St Luke's 500 Club: If anyone does not know their number for the 500 club at St Luke, please contact us by email priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk

<p>Next Week's Newsletter: Beryl Wakefield Please send notices before Wednesday Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk</p>
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