



Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 January 2019

After our brief excursion last week into Saint John's Gospel, we are back on track this week with Saint Luke - whom we will follow for the rest of the year. Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. Today is an ideal Sunday to think about the ministry of reader - about how as readers we make present the same fulfilment, Jesus, when we read the word of God in our Churches.

Marriage Matters: A new creation: On our wedding day you and I became us! I am still me, you are still you, but we are now linked together in a unique relationship. When we share ourselves completely with each other, we are enabled to speak with the authority of faith, hope and love. In this context we bring the Good News of marriage to everyone.

Think Vocation: "The Spirit of the Lord..... has anointed me." The word 'Christ' means anointed one – appointed by God for a mission. At a priestly ordination, the hands of the priest are anointed with the Sacred Oil of Chrism. The priest is then able to lead the people of God with the authority of Christ

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul's
Sunday 27 January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Caritas Sunday	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday 28 January St Thomas Aquinas		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday 29 January Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday 30 January Weekday	7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday 31 January St John Bosco	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday 1 February Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday 2 February The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)	11:30am Mass	12 noon Mass
Sunday 3 February Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am

Sick: Julie Webster, Martin Burgess, Jean Burke

Lately Dead: Anne Grogan, Antonio Rojas Sanchez,

Anniversaries: Terrie Lyons, Alan Roberts, Shirley Beckett, Margaret Sullivan, Tom Burke

Masses Received: Anne Grogan (Lately Dead), Terrie Lyons (Anniversary), Special Intention Alan Roberts (Anniversary), Shirley Beckett (Anniversary), Margaret Sullivan (Anniversary), Peter Krinks and Family, Julie Webster, Martin Burgess, Anthony Horton, Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Antonio Rojas Sanchez (Lately dead) Tom Burke (Lately Dead)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the parish of St Mary, Denton, and St John Fisher, Haughton Green, with Fr Kinsella, and St Monica, Flixton, with Fr Mullarkey and Fr Quiligotti. We pray for their parish primary schools and for St Thomas More High School.

Sunday Mass Times

Following the amalgamation of our parishes last year, it is time now to start thinking about the best times for our Sunday Masses. At present we have three Masses in each of our churches but this is way too many for the overall numbers attending. Three would probably be enough for the present level of Mass attendance but four might be a bit more comfortable, at least whilst there is more than one priest serving the parish. Some statistics will help in our consideration:

Church	Mass time	Attendance ranges from	average attendance
Ss Peter & Paul's	6:30pm Mass	51 to 90	70
St Luke's	6:30pm Mass	61 to 89	77
Ss Peter & Paul's	8.30am Mass	94 to 134	113
St Luke's	9:15am Mass	104 to 160	135
Ss Peter & Paul's	10:30am Mass	138 to 264	192
St Luke's	11:00am Mass	118 to 190	160

Clearly, even in terms of the largest numbers attending, the two Saturday evening Masses could be combined into one and likewise the two early Sunday morning Masses could be combined. Combining the two later Sunday morning Masses would make for a very cosy church! So perhaps we need to be thinking about one of our churches having a Saturday evening Mass and a mid-morning Mass on the Sunday, with the other church having two Sunday morning Masses (one early and one late). In effect, the people from the current four Sunday morning Masses would most likely spread themselves across the three new ones meaning that no Mass was overfull. Before we start proposing times for those different Masses, we will need to have a look at our neighbouring parishes and so we will publish some information about their Mass times next weekend. In the meantime, please be having a think about this proposal and please let us know if you have any thoughts about which of the churches would be best for each of the proposed combinations of Masses and any factors you think we need to take into consideration in coming to a decision about particular Masses. Please send your thoughts by email to priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or write them down and post them through the letter box at either presbytery. Thank you.

Offertory Collection

St Luke's £519.47 Ss Peter & Paul's £ £863.53
Many thanks.

Caritas Sunday: This weekend we remember the work of Caritas Diocese of Salford in our prayers and support that work through our special collection. Caritas Diocese of Salford is the home charity of the Diocese and will help parishes become more missionary in their outreach. This year Caritas is asking all parishioners to use their gifts and talents to **#BeTheChange** and to help: **House the Homeless; Build Stronger Families and Communities; and Welcome Refugees.** Please be as generous as you can be in support of this charity.

Sacramental Programme: The preliminary meeting for the Sacramental Programme at Ss Peter and Paul's takes place this Sunday (27 January) at 11.30am in the church. The first meeting for parents and children on the Sacramental Programme at St Luke's takes place this Sunday at 2pm in the parish centre.

Faith Formation and RCIA: Please note that there will not be a meeting this Tuesday evening. Sessions will resume next week.

St John Vianney Special School: This is the diocesan school for children and young people (ages 5-19) with SEND, located on Rye Bank Road, Stretford (M16 0EX). There will be an Open Afternoon on Thursday 7 February at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

Diocese of Salford Vacancies: Operational Management and Support Roles, Cathedral and Cathedral Centre: The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit candidates for a variety of posts to support the ongoing management, operations and maintenance across the Cathedral Church, Cathedral House and Cathedral Centre, Salford. These are new or adapted roles to create a unified and integrated team, under the leadership of the Operations and Events Manager, to create and maintain a consistently high standard of support and hospitality to the various clergy, staff and visitors across the whole Cathedral campus. Roles available are Operations and Events Manager, Maintenance Operative, Caretaker and Cleaners. **Closing Date for applications:** Wednesday 20 February (12noon).
For more details see <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk> or Telephone: 0161-817-2203

500 club – we have a 500 club at both churches. This helps to raise funds for our Parishes and also you can win some money! Congratulations to our winners from both churches:
Ss Peter & Paul's - winning numbers for the December monthly draw were: 24, 227 and 44
St Luke's - 1st Prize £144 Susan Flatley, 2nd Prize £72 Katie Ferguson

If you wish to join please see a 500 Club rep. And thanks to those who are already members and those who run the 500 Club.

St Luke's – 2 Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with cash counting. Counting is done Sundays before and after the 11am Mass. There will be a rota so this would not be every week. Please contact Paul communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk or speak with one of our priests

White Flower Appeal - The White Flower Appeal last Sunday raised: £460 (Ss Peter & Paul's) and £298.29 (St Luke's). Thank you for your generosity. Message cards to the Prime Minister asking her not to give parliamentary time to decriminalising abortion are on the table at the entrance to church. A white 'jiffy' bag is available for completed and signed cards. This will be posted next week.

Loaves and Fishes - A huge thank you to all who took the time to put together and donate the Christmas boxes for Salford Loaves and Fishes. Together with students from Pendleton College and St Bede's, Ss Peter and Paul's donated over 140 boxes. Staff and clients were so grateful for the generosity. Please see the certificate of thanks in the porch'



Click to Pray - Parishioners – if you'd like to join the whole world in prayer you can now do this via your device! 'Click To Pray' is the official app of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) that revolutionize praying. Search for 'Click to pray' on your device or follow the link in the online newsletter on the website

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