



## Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

### EASTER SUNDAY – 21 April 2019

When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!

**Marriage Matters: *Giving each other new life:*** Today's theme is new life. It reminds us of our promise to be a source of life to each other every day in tenderness, understanding, encouragement and praise, yet also by forgiving our spouse particularly when he/she is vulnerable and full of self-doubt. Today is a good day to thank God for all the life we have received.

**Think Vocation:** It is the Risen Lord Jesus who calls men to follow him and prepare for the sacred priesthood. On Maundy Thursday all the priests were invited to renew their priestly promises made on their ordination day. Therefore, they are able to celebrate the Easter Sunday Mass today with renewed joy and commitment. As we renew our baptismal promises may we all truly celebrate our belief in the new life that comes through the Risen Lord Jesus.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Easter Sunday	Easter Vigil Sat 8pm; 9.30am	8am and 11am
Easter Monday		9am Mass & Adoration
Easter Tuesday	9:00 Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Easter Wednesday	9:45am Requiem Mass for Jennifer Culligan 7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Easter Thursday	9am Mass	7pm Novena and Mass
Easter Friday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Easter Saturday	11.30am Mass followed by Adoration & Confessions	Confessions 11:30am Mass 12 noon.
Second Sunday of Easter <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	Sat vigil 6:30pm Mass 9am	8am and 11am

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

**Lately Dead:** Jennifer Culligan, Mary Griffin, Brian Jones Sylvia Oates.

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Wadsworth, Teresa Warren

**Masses Received:** Agnes Wadsworth (Anniversary), John Downey, Annie & Harold Thompson, Ann Kelly, Teresa Warren (Anniversary), Anne Killen, Special intentions, The Shaw family, Julie Webster (Sick), Carmel Coghlan (Birthday Memories), Mary Francis, Brian Jones (Lately Dead), Kieran and Farrugia Family, Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock.

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** We pray for the people of the parishes of St Mary, St Mark and St Charles, Swinton, with Mgr. Paul Smith, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph, for their three parish primary schools and St Ambrose Barlow High School. Let us pray that our parishes may walk ever more closely together in the joy of the Risen Lord.

**Fathers Michael, David and Mark wish you all  
a very happy and holy Easter**

The Easter Season lasts for seven weeks (one week longer than Lent). It begins with the Easter Octave in which each of the days is a solemn celebration of Christ's resurrection. It continues through to Pentecost Sunday (9 June) and includes the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation (30 May). During this period we reflect on the appearances of the risen Jesus to his disciples, the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the life of the Church. Having undertaken our various Lenten penances, let us be equally committed now to celebrating the joy of this Easter time.

**Offertory Collection** £1,790.97

**Saint George:** We would normally celebrate the Feast of St George, Patron Saint of England, on 23 April but, since that is one of the days within the Easter Octave, the Church transfers this feast to the first available date which is not already a solemnity or feast. So this year, we will celebrate St George a week later on Tuesday 30 April.

**Divine Mercy:** Those who wish to join in the Novena in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy are invited to do so after the daily Mass at St Luke's this coming week. Next Sunday (28 April) Divine Mercy devotions will take place at St James RC Church (Heywood Way, M6 5UJ) from 2pm-3.15pm, with Adoration, confessions, rosary, recitation of the chaplet and the 3 o'clock prayer. All are welcome.

**Sacramental Programme:** Those involved in the programme at Ss Peter & Paul are reminded that the preparation sessions begin again next Sunday (28 April). With the change of Mass times, it has been agreed that the preparation sessions will take place at 10am rather than after the later Mass.

**Faith Formation:** This Tuesday we continue with 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](mailto:clare.kerrane@salford.gov.uk).

**Ministries:** In the Easter period, 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.

**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.

**Next Week's Newsletter: Margaret.**  
Please send notices before Wednesday  
Email: [newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

**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](mailto:priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk) and we will try to coordinate requests/offers as soon as possible.

**Hope in the Future - Gifts and Talents:** Training days are taking place throughout the year for people who are, or would like to be, involved in various areas of parish life. **Parish Catechesis:** Saturday 27 April (10am- 3pm) and **Parish Management:** Saturday 18 May (10am-3pm). Both courses will be held at Salford Cathedral Centre. If you would like to attend, you can find out more and book your place via the diocesan website.

**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.

**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:  
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**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/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/) or telephone the Director of Administration and Personnel on 0161 817 2203

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**Funeral:** There will be a funeral service for Sylvia Oates at Agecroft Crematorium on Thursday 25th April at 1pm followed by a reception at Monton Sports Club.