



Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 February 2019

We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus'; there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

Marriage Matters: Follow your dream: *'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'* Isaiah was sustained by his vision of God in glory; Paul by his vision of Jesus. On our wedding days we had a dream for our future together. The grace of God has sustained that vision through many struggles. Let's always seek to follow our dream.

Think Vocation: "From now on, it is men you will catch." Perhaps Jesus chose a number of fishermen as his disciples because fishermen need to be strong, trusting and courageous. Despite their weaknesses they all proved themselves to be up to the task eventually. The Lord continues to call men to be his priests today: they also need to be tough and resilient. Let us pray that the priests of our Diocese have the courage and strength they need to lead the Church and preach the Gospel.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul's
Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time –	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday – Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the Sick		9am, Mass & Adoration
Tuesday - Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - St Paul Miki and Companions	9am Requiem Mass for Rose McCourt. 7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday - St Cyril & St Methodius, Patrons of Europe Day of Special Prayer for Europe	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday - Weekday -	10:30am Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Billingham.	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday - Weekday	11:30am Mass	12 noon Mass
Sunday - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am

Sick: Julie Webster

Lately Dead: Maureen Brannan, Rose McCourt, Elizabeth Billingham, Kevin Hussey, Edward Darby

Anniversaries: Peggie Krinks, May Rice, Denis Eagleton

Masses Received: Kevin Hussey (Lately Dead), Peggie Krinks (Anniversary), May Rice (Anniversary), Denis Eagleton (Anniversary), Julie Webster (Sick), Alan Roberts, Bridget & Jack Sloyan, Thank you to St Anthony, Jim & Family, Ben (21st Birthday), Gwen (60th Birthday), Edward Darby (Lately Dead), Special Intention, Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Rose McCourt (Lately Dead)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the parish of the Sacred Heart and St Francis, Gorton, with Fr McCartney, and for the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Oldham, with Fr Woodhead. We pray for their primary schools, for the chaplaincy to the Royal Oldham Hospital and for the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of St Joseph.

St Luke's £802.96 Ss Peter & Paul's £786.32 Many thanks.

Faith Formation and RCIA – St Luke's

Our faith formation evenings continue this Tuesday 5th February at St Luke's as we continue to explore the riches of our Catholic faith together using the DVD series created by Bishop Robert Barron, "Catholicism". This week we will consider how the faith has come to understand the mystery of God. All who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith are welcome. The session is preceded by an hour of prayer in adoration in the Church from 6.30pm to 7.30pm for those who can, and the input will begin in the parish room at **7.45pm**.

For more information Email: priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Sunday Mass Times

A number of suggestions or observations have already been made in relation to our Sunday Masses. Whilst not a complete list, these include:

- Keeping a 6.30pm Mass either at St Luke's or at Ss Peter and Paul
- Moving the Saturday evening Mass earlier (either 5pm or 5.30pm) in whichever church is best
- Keeping an early Sunday morning Mass (8.30am or 9am or 9.15am) for those who want to then make the most of the rest of the day
- The 8.30am Mass is the only truly early Mass in the area
- The 10.30am Mass attracts the biggest number of parishioners
- We don't know which Mass people will attend if the one they currently attend is discontinued
- The closure of St Mary's, Swinton could mean more people will come to us for Mass
- The car park at St Luke's is about twice the size of that at Ss Peter and Paul, so may be better for the largest attendance
- Need to consider those who don't have cars and depend on public transport
- Some thought needs to be given to those Masses which have choirs or other musicians involved
- One Mass might be designated as a "Family Mass"
- Should we consider going down to three Masses now rather than having to go through this exercise again when we only have one priest?

A number of people have suggested specific patterns of Masses and these will be included in the options presented for voting, together with others that reflect the ideas listed above. Please let us know if you have any further thoughts about times and about which of the churches would be best for each of the Masses you are proposing, so that we can prepare the different options for your final consideration. 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.

Hope in the Future: There are two training courses coming up in the next few weeks which might be of interest:

- Gifts, Talents & Charisms Formation & Discernment Day with Fr Ged Kelly – 16 February 2019, 10am-3pm – Schoenstatt Shrine, Bolton

- Developing & Supporting School & Parish Links - A training day for parish teams on developing links between school and parish. Saturday 9 March 2019, 10:00-15:00. Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton.

You can find out more details about these and register your interest in attending via the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events

Racial Justice Sunday: We celebrate this next weekend. It focuses on the experiences of ethnic communities in England and Wales. It is a day on which we are all called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country. The theme this year is Dignity of Work, looking at how all people must not be exploited or face discrimination and hatred in their work. Our second collection next weekend will support the work of CARJ - the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

Faith in Politics: This is the Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme which began in 2003 and provides up to eight recently graduated Catholics with intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster and in public policy and social action roles at the Catholic Education Service (CES), CAFOD, and CSAN. All the internships also involve individually guided retreats and spiritual guidance throughout the year. Each intern will take part in the first year of a part-time Master's Degree in Catholic Social Teaching at St Mary's University, Twickenham, at the end of which they will gain a Postgraduate Certificate, with the option of completing the second year. Additionally, the interns explore the political landscape and the Church's involvement in social action through a series of events and trips abroad, including a week in Rome. The group will live at More House in Kensington, and at the end of the year will become part of a network of over 100 intern alumni. **Deadline for applications: Thursday 28 February 2019**

Next Week's Newsletter: Margaret

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 10 February, 3 and 31 March

Tuesday 2 April at 6.30pm (Reconciliation)

Sunday 5 and 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, 10, 10 and 17 March

Sunday 31 March (Reconciliation)

Sunday 28 April and 12, 19 May

Sunday 9 June (First Communion)

St Luke's School Having been headteacher since September 2005, Mr Jameson has decided to retire this summer. There will be opportunity to thank him for his years of service nearer to that time. Meanwhile, the governors are looking to appoint a new headteacher from September 2019 and details of that post, together with the application pack, can be found at (www.stlukesrc.co.uk/keyinformation/vacancies). The closing date for applications is 12noon on Friday 1 March. Please pray for the governors and for the school during this very important time

Salford Loaves & Fishes are recruiting a Chief Executive Officer. Full time (35 hours per week) Salary £36,000

Salford Loaves & Fishes is a small but growing charity whose aim is to relieve poverty and sickness, preserve and protect the good health of homeless and dis-advantaged people in Salford. We do this through the provision of a drop-in day centre. We are looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and experienced individual to take our service forward and to develop it further; to lead, support, and serve the team and actively promote the rights and needs of homeless and vulnerable people. In particular, we are seeking an individual who is qualified or has significant experience in a relevant Health or Social Service profession and has experience of leading and developing both teams and organisations. Closing date: Monday 25 February 2019 at midday

An application pack can be found on the website at www.salfordloavesandfishes.org.uk