



Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

Third Sunday of Lent - 24 March 2019

"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit. So are we. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.

Marriage Matters: What's in a name? Yahweh means 'I am who I am'. Names bring to mind the person, and what they mean to you. Our God – Three Persons, created me, loves me, redeemed me, makes me holy, and is compassionate, merciful and forgiving. Just as MY Jack, MY Jill has shown me the same love, we have tried to show it to our children.

Think Vocation: "The Lord God of your Fathers has sent me to you." Whenever we encounter a priest or Religious, we need to remember that they have been called by Our Lord and sent to serve us. God works in all sorts of different ways that are often beyond our understanding. May we treat those sent to us by God with the utmost respect and give them our fullest support.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – Third Sunday of Lent	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday – The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – - Lent Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - Lent Weekday	7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration 6.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday – Lent Weekday	11:30am Mass followed by Adoration & Confessions	12 noon Mass
Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday - Mothers' Day	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am

Sick: Sylvia Oakes, Julie Webster, David (a sick child), Elizabeth Johnston, Alsie O'Malley

Lately Dead: Barbara Herod; Mavis Walsh; James Carey

Anniversaries: Kitty Basha; Teresa Crompton

Masses Received: Julie Webster (Sick); Tom Riley (Birthday Memories); Rosaline Iness; Alan Roberts; Kitty Basha (Anniversary); Patsy McGrath (Birthday Wishes); Bridget & Jack Sloyan; Barbara Herod (LD); Mavis Walsh (LD); Edith Blacklock and John Blacklock (Special Intentions); James Carey (LD); Teresa Crompton (An).

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the parish of St Marie, Haslingden, with Fr Broadley, and the parish of St Mary and St Anselm, Bacup and Whitworth, with Fr McGrane and for their parish primary schools. May they be a beacon of hope to their communities.

Sunday Mass Times: Thank you to those who completed a response form for our recent consultation. Disappointingly, there was still only a 37% response (278 votes out of an average 747 Mass attendance) and the voting was inconclusive, with three of the options scoring almost identically. Consequently, this matter was the main business for the Parish Leadership Team meeting on Wednesday night and we had to make a decision based on other factors.

With regard to the Saturday evening Mass, we took note of the fact that the majority of those who currently attend one or other of our Saturday evening Masses preferred that it remain at **6.30pm (at SL)**, so that was agreed. For the Sunday morning Masses, we took note of the many comments that an 11.30am Mass would be too late (especially to preserve the Children's Liturgy) and so we opted for the pattern of **8am (SsPP), 9.30am (SL) & 11am (SsPP)**.

This new pattern of Masses has been approved by Bishop John and will take effect on the first weekend in April when he is due to come on visitation to the parish.

Offertory Collection, Figures to be provided.

Easter Triduum: Now that we are one parish, it is right that we should have just one celebration of the Easter Triduum, though we will make use of both churches. This was discussed at the Parish Leadership Team meeting on Wednesday and we agreed to the following arrangements. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on *Maunder Thursday* will be at 7.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm. The *Good Friday* Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3pm at St Luke's. The *Easter Vigil* on Holy Saturday will also take place at St Luke's at 8pm. The Masses on *Easter Sunday* morning will follow our new pattern (8am at SsPP, 9.30am at SL, 11am at SsPP).

Upcoming Events:

Lenten Ecumenical Lunches and Reflection: "Food for Thought"

An opportunity to share food and conversation around the theme of meals in the Bible.

Thursdays 12.30 to 2pm

28 March: St Luke's Catholic Church

4 April: Holy Angels Anglican Church

11 April: Holy Angels Anglican Church

Parish Stations of the Cross:

♥ **Fridays** at 6.30pm

April 5 at St Luke's

March 29 and April 12 at Ss. Peter and Paul

♥ **Sundays** No Stations of the Cross at Ss. Peter and Paul

♥ **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross:**

Palm Sunday April 14.30pm at St Luke's

Lenten Talks:

Why did Jesus have to die for us?

April 12 7.30pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Church (after Stations of the Cross). Explore this fascinating question with Fr Mark. Please note this single talk replaces the previously advertised series of 3.

From Gangland to the Promised Land

Monday April 8 to Wednesday April 10, 7.30pm. Come to listen to the inspiring talks and mission of John Pridmore, ex-gangster and now evangelist at St James' Church, Salford Precinct, M6 5UJ.

Faith Formation

Lent is a good time to join our faith formation group on **Tuesday evenings** as we 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.

Sacramental Programme:

Ss *Peter & Paul* are reminded that there is a meeting this Sunday and that Reconciliation will be celebrated after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday (31 March).

St *Luke* are reminded that there is a meeting next Sunday afternoon at 2pm and Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday 2 April at 6.30pm.

Please pray for all the children and their families at this important time.

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

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Ss Peter and Paul, Park Road, Pendleton, Salford M6 8JR Tel: 0161 789 4555

Parish Priest: Canon Michael Cooke VG (resident at St Luke's)

Assistant Priests: Canon David Ryder & Father Mark Paver

Email: priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk

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.

St Patrick's Night: Many thanks to those who organised and supported this event. A good time was had by all and it raised £542.40 for parish funds. Many thanks.

Mikron: Tickets, £11 and £9 for concessions, are now available after weekend Masses for the Mikron Theatre production of "All Hands on Deck" at St Peter and Paul on Wed. 24 April at 7.30pm. Proceeds are for Loaves and Fishes. Such is the reputation that the shows are always a sellout so get your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal: Our second collection last weekend was to support the general work of CAFOD following the Lent Fast Day. We have now been asked to hold a further collection to help CAFOD respond to the emergency in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi caused by Cyclone Idai. CAFOD are part of the Disaster Emergency Committee who are responding to this situation as a full-scale humanitarian crisis. We will hold our special collection on the weekend of 6/7 April when, in the person of Bishop John, we will have the Chair of the CAFOD trustees here with us. In the meantime, please keep the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi in your prayers. Thank you.

Chief Operating Officer: The Trustees of the Diocese of Salford have appointed Pauline Morgan to the newly created role of Diocesan Chief Operating Officer. The experience and skills Pauline brings, together with her background and commitment to the Church, will allow her to play a vital role in our diocesan journey. Pauline is a parishioner at Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Urmston and has been involved with the life of the Church for many years, including being actively involved in the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes each year.

British Summer Time

Just a reminder that the clocks go **forward** one hour on Sunday 31 March at 01:00 am.

St Peter and Paul

500 Club – Congratulations to our Winners

1st Prize - £154 – Number 39 – Sioned Hickey

2nd Prize - £77 – Number 89 - Mrs Marion Moore

3rd Prize - £77 – Number 27 – Mrs Regina Singh

You can join the 500 Club any time but to be included in the super Christmas Bonus Draw you have to have been in the 500 Club for at least 6-7 months. Join Now!!

Social and Community Group meeting: will be held at St. Peter and Paul Presbytery, next Wed. at 7pm. New ideas and offers of help always welcome.

Weekly AA Meetings Ss Peter & Paul, held on Thursday at 12.30 and Saturday: 19.45. Meetings last for 1.5 hours

The **Piety Shop** at Ss Peter & Paul has moved to the right hand side of the porch, come and see all the new stock and cards we have. If you cannot see what you want, ask for Pat. If there are any persons who **hold a key** to Ss Peter & Paul could you please put your name, telephone number and which group you belong to and post it in the presbytery. Thank you

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