



## Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

### Third Sunday of Easter - 5 May 2019

The rest of the world has settled “back to normal” after Easter holidays now, but we continue to dwell on the resurrection of Jesus and the growth of the Church. Today’s Gospel, which many people consider the most beautiful of the resurrection stories, has many themes: the failed fishing trip, the inability of Peter to recognise the risen Jesus, the miracle of the 153 fish and the simple, powerful reassuring words of Jesus to his confused disciples: “Come and have breakfast.” We can all find ourselves a place in this Gospel story, as we continue to wonder at the resurrection.

**Marriage Matters: *Things change, miracles happen:*** Today’s Scripture speaks into the heart of our marriage relationship. When Jesus comes into Peter’s life and work, just as He comes into ours, things change, ‘miracles’ happen: He invites, serves and asks profound questions: “*do you love me?*”. He challenges: “*feed... look after...*”. Peter found forgiveness and a commissioning; so can we when responding to His call: “*follow me*”.

**Think Vocation:** At an Ordination Mass the candidate is asked to make a promise of obedience to his Bishop or Ordinary. This reminds us of the apostolic tradition of the Church. Just as Christ questioned Peter over his love for him, the Church today requires those who are called to the priesthood to be obedient. May others be called to courageously imitate St Peter in saying “Yes” to Christ.

Masses / Services	St Luke’s	Ss Peter & Paul
Third Sunday of Easter	Sat vigil 6:30pm 9:30am	8:00am and 11:00am
Monday – Easter Weekday		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – Easter Weekday	No Mass in either church today	
Wednesday - Easter Weekday	7pm Mass	No Mass
Thursday – Easter Weekday	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday – Easter Weekday	No Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday – Easter Weekday	11:30am Mass followed by Adoration & Confessions 2pm UCM Rosary Rally	9am Mass (Retreat Day)
Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday – World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Sat vigil 6:30pm 9:30am	8:00am and 11:00am

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

**Lately Dead:** Jennifer Culligan; Mary Griffin; Sylvia Oates; Joan McDonell; Frances Butcher; Mary Hussey; Peter Diffley, Kevin Foran

**Anniversaries:** Josephine Warburton, Arthur Cheetham, John Fry

**Masses Received:** Frances Butcher (Lately Dead), Josephine Warburton (Anniversary), Deceased members of the Warburton and O’Donnell families, Arthur Cheetham (Anniversary), Peter Diffley (Lately Dead), Sally & Ray, Mary Rice (Birthday Memories), John Fry (Anniversary)

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** We pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of Hope, Irlams o’th’Height and Pendleton, with Canon Michael Cooke, Canon David Ryder and Father Mark Paver, for their parish primary school and for the chaplaincy to the Salford Royal Hospital. Let us pray at the beginning of this month of May that this new parish, under the protection of Our Lady, may radiate Hope to all its members and the wider community.

**Ecclesiastical Education Fund:** Next weekend, when we have our Day of Prayer for Vocations, we will have our annual collection for the EEF, the Fund that pays for the training of our future priests. This year in the diocese, we look forward to the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Damien Loudon who is completing his studies at the Beda College, Rome, as well as Rev Bob Hayes from Oscott College, Birmingham. Please hold them in your prayers as well as our other 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. It is customary to keep this annual collection open for a few weeks for those who might like to make a personal donation to the Fund.

**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. More details to follow shortly.

**Offertory Collection:** The amount will be added to next week’s newsletter.



### **Sacramental Programme:**

Those involved in the programme at St Luke are reminded that their next preparation session is this Sunday (5 May) at 2pm in the parish centre. Those involved in the programme at Ss Peter & Paul are reminded that their next preparation session is next Sunday (12 May) at 10am in the presbytery.

**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.

**Hope in the Future - Gifts and Talents:** A training day for people who are, or would like to be, involved in **Parish Management** will take place on Saturday 18 May (10am-3pm) at Salford Cathedral Centre. If you would like to attend, you can find out more and book your place via the diocesan website.

**Re-booting Your Confirmation:** The second of the Journeying in Faith Retreat Days will take place at Ss Peter & Paul church on Saturday 11 May. The day will begin with Mass at 9am and conclude around 5.30pm. This is open to the whole deanery, so feel free to invite your friends from other parishes to come along.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next baptism preparation session will be on Saturday 18 May at 9.30am at St Luke's parish centre. You must attend a baptism preparation session if you wish to have your child baptised in the parish. The session is for parents and godparents and should be finished by midday. There will be a session approximately monthly. Please contact us by email if you wish to come along to this session ([priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk)).

**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).

### **Next Week's Newsletter: Jan McIntyre**

Please send notices before Wednesday  
Email: [newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk)

**Do You Like To Sing?** St. Luke's Saturday Choir is looking for new members. We would particularly welcome an organist. The choir are a relaxed group and rehearsals are normally held prior to the 6.30 Mass. Apart from enjoying singing together we regularly meet up for meals, trips out etc. If you would like to join us, or for more information, please contact:

Barbara Brierley at [saturdaychoir@stlukesalford.org.uk](mailto:saturdaychoir@stlukesalford.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.

**Our Lady's Catechists:** Visit our new website today to learn more about our courses and our faith. [www.catechists.org.uk](http://www.catechists.org.uk)

**Ss Peter & Paul:** The recent Mikron Production made the fantastic total of £1751 for Loaves and Fishes. Thanks to everyone for their support.

**Rosaries for Africa:** There was a great response to the appeal for rosaries, many thanks to everyone who contributed. We have sent these to the Cathedral for despatch and the box will stay in the porch for the next couple of weeks for any further donations.

**Plants:** Now that Spring has sprung please start potting up cuttings etc. for the Ss Peter & Paul Summer Fair which will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>.



UCM

**Union of Catholic Mothers at  
St. Luke Church**

Next meeting is Wednesday 8 May after 7pm Mass at St Luke's.

**Rosary Rally:** This annual rally takes place at St Luke church on Saturday 11 May at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

**UCM Afternoon Tea** on Sunday 19th May 2pm-4.30pm. Tickets (£6) on sale after Masses this weekend at St. Luke's or contact Bridie on 288 9280.