



Fourth Sunday of Easter

12 May 2019



This is traditionally known as “Good Shepherd” Sunday and is part of the continuing journey of Easter – remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise he makes in today’s Gospel: “I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost.” This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection – how we live the Easter Story.

Marriage Matters: *We are a light to the world: Most people, when they get married, think their married life is a private affair but Jesus calls us to be a light to the world as a couple. Through our gentleness and tenderness, our readiness to forgive each other, people we meet can experience some qualities of God’s love for them. Living in this way is the vocation of marriage.*

Think Vocation: May we put our trust in Jesus the Good Shepherd to provide dedicated and loyal men to serve the Church of today in the sacred priesthood.

| Masses / Services | St Luke’s | Ss Peter & Paul |
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| Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday - World Day of Prayer for Vocations | Sat vigil 6:30pm 9:30am | 8:00am and 11:00am |
| Monday - Easter Weekday or Our Lady of Fatima | | 9am Mass & Adoration |
| Tuesday - St Matthias | 9am Mass | 9am Mass & Adoration |
| Wednesday - Easter Weekday | 7pm Mass | 9am Mass & Adoration |
| Thursday - Easter Weekday | 9am Mass | 7pm Novena & Mass |
| Friday - Easter Weekday | 9am Mass | 9am Mass & Adoration |
| Saturday - Easter Weekday | 11:30am Mass followed by Adoration & Confessions | 11:30am Confessions, followed by 12noon Mass |
| Fifth Sunday of Easter | Sat vigil 6:30pm 9:30am | 8:00am and 11:00am |

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

Lately Dead: Frances Butcher, Kevin Foran, John Adams, Mairead McDermott, Kathleen Morrison

Anniversaries: Peter Kerr, Arthur Cheetham, Maureen Connor

Masses Received: John Adams (Lately Dead), John Greaves (Birthday Memories), Michael Allen (Lately Dead), Peter Kerr (Anniversary), Frances Butcher (Lately Dead), Maureen Connor (Anniversary), Arthur Cheetham (Anniversary), Mairead McDermott (Lately Dead), Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Kathleen Morrison (Lately Dead)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the parish of the Three Martyrs, Broughton, with Father David Macfarlane, the Spiritans and Sisters of the Cross and Passion, and their parish primary schools. We pray that the life of the parish may witness to the Risen Lord.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: This weekend, we have our Day of Prayer for Vocations and 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 - Sunday 28 April - £1614.55 Sunday 5 May - £1385.21

Parish Logo: The new parish logo which features at the top of our newsletter this week has been designed by a colleague of Lisa Walker's. There is another version where the text is wrapped around the image, for use in some other circumstances. The three stars on the cross represent our three patron saints, Peter, Paul and Luke. If you have need of the parish logo for some specific parish purpose, please email priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk and it can be made available in colour or grayscale in a variety of file formats (jpg, png or pdf). I am grateful to Lisa and her colleague for the time taken to develop this on our behalf. *Fr Michael*



Sacramental

Programme: Those involved in the programme at Ss Peter & Paul are reminded that their next preparation sessions are this Sunday (12 May) and next Sunday (19 May) at 10am in the presbytery. Those involved in the programme at St Luke are reminded that their next preparation session is on Sunday 26 May at 2pm in the parish centre.

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.

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).

Exam Prayers: We pray for all our young people taking exams and tests at this time. We ask the Lord to give them strength and perseverance during the coming weeks and pray that they achieve the results they have worked for.

Northern Catholic Conference: Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 2019 at Liverpool Hope University. Booking through: "Regina Coeli" 6 Warner Drive, Liverpool L4 8US. Tel: 07543 800812. More information can be found at: www.northerncatholic.co.uk

Fostering Fortnight: Fostering Changes Lives. To celebrate fostering fortnight, parishioners are invited to Caritas' annual Coffee Morning Event on Friday 17 May 12noon-2pm. Join us if you are interested in fostering, or to learn how to better support foster families in your parish. Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Tel: 0161 817 2250. www.caritasfostering.org.uk

World Youth Day @ Home: If 2022 is too long to wait for the next World Youth Day, why not join us at *World Youth Day @ Home?* Pentecost Weekend 7-9th June 2019 at Alton Castle. To book your place with the diocesan youth team contact Lorraine Leonard on 0161 817 2205 or lorriane.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. A coach is being provided free of charge for the Saturday only, book your place quickly!

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 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.

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.

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 14th.

New Parishioners: There will be a meeting of the Social and Community Group on Wednesday, May 15th in the Presbytery at 7pm at ss Peter & Paul. New Parishioners always welcome.

Next Week's Newsletter: Lukasz Lukasiewicz

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