



Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 7 April 2019

There is a logical development in the readings this Sunday: In the Old Testament, God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do", when he will put "water in the wilderness"; we then see the new deed, which Paul talks about, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness"? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation (as we heard last week). We are driven on through Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for us.

Marriage Matters: Let joy fill our hearts: Today is the first day of the rest of our lives! It is vital that we don't carry past hurts with us and are able to forgive and move on. We need to look at our faults and failings and seek forgiveness of each other first. This gives life and hope for our relationship. Let us strive for perfection – together.

Think Vocation: "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." The whole point of the Passion and Death of Our Lord was for the forgiveness of sins. Every one of us commits sins but, like the woman in the Gospel, we are to take the opportunities that are offered to us to change our ways. We pray for future priests and Religious for the Church to remind us of the Gospel message of hope for sinners and to be the compassionate face of Christ to us.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent Special Collection for CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:30am	8:00am 11:00am
Monday – Lent Weekday		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – Lent Weekday	9:00 Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - Lent Weekday	7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday – Lent Weekday St Stanislaus	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 Sat vigil 6:30pm	12 noon Mass
Sunday – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9:30am	8:00am and 11:00am

Sick: Julie Webster, Alsie O'Malley, Ambrose & Kathleen Glackin

Lately Dead: Jean Cooke, John Reynolds, Fr Myles Sheahan

Masses Received: John Reynolds (Lately Dead), Julie Webster (Sick), Ambrose & Kathleen Glackin (Sick), Graham (birthday)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Trinity, Worsley, for Mgr Canon John Dale, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph and for the parish primary schools. We pray that St Ann's Hospice may be a beacon of God's healing love.

Offertory Collection £1,969.31

Visitation: We welcome Bishop John as he joins us here for the four Masses this weekend on visitation to the parish.

Sunday Mass Times: Our new Mass times start this weekend: Saturday evening Mass at 6.30pm (at SL) and Sunday morning Masses at 8am (SsPP), 9.30am (SL) & 11am (SsPP).

Easter Triduum: A reminder that we will have just one celebration of the Easter Triduum, though we will make use of both churches. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy 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 at 3pm will take place 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).

From Gangland to the Promised Land: John Pridmore, ex-gangster and international bestselling author of book 'From Gangland to Promised Land', will be sharing his amazing story and leading a Mission Week at St James and All Souls (Heywood Way, Salford, M6 5UJ) from Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 April at 7.30pm. Millions have heard John's incredible story. Find out why? The Tuesday evening is a Reconciliation Service.

Lenten Ecumenical Lunch and Reflection: Food for Thought: The final opportunity to share food and conversation with members of the Height Churches around the theme of meals in the Bible. Thursday 11 April from 12.30 to 2pm at Holy Angels Anglican Church.

Parish Stations of the Cross: Friday 12 April at 6.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul (followed by talk)

Lenten Talk: Why did Jesus have to die for us? Explore this fascinating question with Fr Mark. Friday 12 April at 7.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul (after Stations of the Cross)

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross: Sunday 14 April (Palm Sunday) at 3pm at St Luke.

Parish Reconciliation Service: Wednesday 17 April at 7pm at Ss Peter & Paul. Please note that there will not be a 7pm Mass at St Luke that evening.

Stations of the Cross Reflection: Friday 19 April (Good Friday) at 11am at Ss Peter & Paul. A look at the Stations of the Cross in a contemporary context, using music and images, led by Kevin Walker.

CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal: Our second collection this weekend is to help CAFOD respond to the emergency in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi caused by Cyclone Idai. Vital humanitarian aid is needed for the millions of people made homeless and the priority is to reach the most vulnerable with food and clean water, basic shelter and hygiene kits. CAFOD are part of the Disaster Emergency Committee who are responding to this situation as a full-scale humanitarian crisis. Bishop John is the Chair of the CAFOD trustees. Please keep the work of CAFOD and especially the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi in your prayers. Thank you.

Faith Formation: Unfortunately, there will not be a Faith Formation evening this week as our priests are assisting at the reconciliation service at St James and All Souls church.

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.

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 and we will try to coordinate requests/offers as soon as possible.

Baptism Preparation: Our next baptism preparation session will be on Saturday 13 April 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).

Offertory Envelopes (SL): The new sets of Offertory envelopes, which start this weekend are available at the back of church for you to collect.

Chrism Mass: This takes place in Salford Cathedral at 11am on the Wednesday of Holy Week (17 April) and is the Mass when the priests renew their commitment to priestly service and the bishop blesses the oils that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year. Due to the restricted capacity of the Cathedral, you need a ticket to attend this Mass. Each parish will receive four tickets. If you would be interested in going, please e-mail priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk or put a note through either presbytery door.

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: John Griffin – T: 0161 817 2214 E: John.Griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or John Martin – T: 0161 653 7284 E: gregoryjohn1@outlook.com

St Luke's parish social group meeting this coming Monday 8th April at 8:15. This is the AGM and some of the officers are standing down. Would you be interested in joining the group and would you be interested in becoming chairperson or vice chairperson?

Any **Gift Aid envelopes** belonging to Sts Peter and Paul's given in to St Luke's should be returned to St Peter and Paul's for entry on to the spreadsheet. They will be collected after the 9:30 Mass from your Presbytery.

St Luke's UCM Meeting Wednesday 10th April after 7pm Mass. Balance of £145 for Walsingham needed this week please.

Parish Newsletter: A volunteer is needed to help edit the Parish newsletter. This is on a rota basis and would usually be 10 times a year. If you would like to help please contact Paul: communications@ourladyofhope.org.uk
Next Week's Newsletter: Jane. Please send notices before Wednesday Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

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