



Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24 February 2019

What is compassion? What is love? And how do we live them out in our own age? These are the questions that spring from the Gospel today. In many ways this is the hardest teaching Jesus offers us, because it goes against so much of what the "modern world" would have us believe. Look at the first reading: David and Saul are enemies, and Saul is suddenly in David's power. The logic of the modern world would say "Strike while you can." But David chooses another path. He is compassionate. We can all think of times when we were in a position to take revenge, score a victory over someone, take it out on them. Our measure of our faith is whether or not we were compassionate - especially with our enemies - as Jesus taught us.

Marriage Matters: *An unconditional way of life:* Today's Scripture sets out a blueprint for life: love enemies, bless those who curse you, turn the other cheek, give without expecting anything in return, don't judge or condemn. When marrying and promising 'to have and to hold', 'for better for worse', we said yes to this way of life: an unconditional acceptance of one another without counting the cost!

Think Vocation: We pray to the Lord for an increase in prayerful trust among our young people that they may faithfully respond to their unique vocation in Christ.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul's
Sunday - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday – Weekday		9am, Mass & Adoration
Tuesday - Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - Weekday	7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday - Weekday	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday - St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales – Women's World Day of Prayer	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday - Weekday	11:30am Mass	12 noon Mass
Sunday - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am

Sick: Sylvia Oakes, Julie Webster

Lately Dead: Eugene Hutton

Anniversaries: Margaret Holmes, Rose Morris, Rasheed Francis, Bruce Williams, Matthew Kerrane, Samuel Cooke

Masses Received: David (a sick child); Brenda Gaffey (Birthday); Edith Blacklock; John Blacklock; Michael Droogan; Margaret Rice; Margaret Holmes (Anniversary), Rose Morris (Anniversary), Martin Murray (Birthday Memories), Rasheed Francis (Anniversary), Julie Webster (Sick), Bruce Williams (Anniversary), Eugene Hutton (Lately Dead), Matthew Kerrane (Anniversary), Jim Thorpe (Birthday Memories)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the parishes of St Patrick, Rochdale and St Mary, Littleborough with Fr Lasia and for the parish of St Edmund and St Patrick, Bolton with Fr Haworth. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the chaplaincies to the University of Bolton, to Buckley Hall Prison and to Bolton Hospice.

Offertory Collection £1473.36 + 2nd Collection for Racial Justice £490.98 Many thanks.

Sunday Mass Times: If you have not done so already, please fill in a response sheet for our consultation about Sunday Masses and return it to either church by this Sunday night. Thank you.

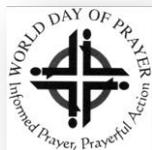
Lourdes Pilgrimage: The 87th Salford annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop John Arnold, will take place between 25 July and 31 July 2019. There are some basic details on the posters on the church noticeboards. For full details and pricing please visit www.salfordlourdes.co.uk or contact our travel partner, Joe Walsh Tours (through whom bookings must be made) on 0161 820 8790 or info@joewalshstours.ie. There are some postcards at the back of church with details of the pilgrimage if you want to post them to someone you think would benefit from joining the pilgrimage this year.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Appeal for Volunteer Nurses: The 87th Salford annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop John Arnold, will take place between 25 July and 31 July 2019. Last year we saw a generous response with many doctors willing to offer medical support during the pilgrimage however we need more registered nurses and health care assistants. Without a sufficient number of nurses, we will not be able to take as many sick and disabled people to Lourdes on pilgrimage as we would like. Therefore, if you are a nurse or health care assistant and are interested in the possibility of volunteering your skills to help support those sick and disabled pilgrims who need particular care during the pilgrimage, the Diocesan pilgrimage organisers are eager to hear from you. Financial support, obtained through a special bursary fund, may be available for those involved in healthcare, to assist with the cost of travel and accommodation. If you are interested and would like further information please contact the Pilgrimage Medical and Nursing Team, via the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or telephone the pilgrimage office on 0161-817-2209.

Mass For Our Young People: "Be Who God Created You To Be": All are welcome at this Mass for Youth, especially the young but all others who wish to encourage and pray for our young people. It should be a great celebration and there will be refreshments afterwards. Please do attend and show our "Hope in the Future" in our young people. **Tuesday 26 February, 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Rochdale (OL16 5BX).**

Baptism Preparation: Our next baptism preparation session will be on Saturday 9 March 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 this session (priests@ourladyofhope.org.uk).

Women's World Day of Prayer: This year the 'Churches Together on the Height' are celebrating the World Day of Prayer at the Methodist Church, King Street, on Friday 1 March at 2pm. Please come along and represent the parish.



St Luke's School Headteacher Mr Jameson will be retiring this summer. The governors are looking to appoint a new headteacher from September 2019 and details can be found at www.stlukesrc.co.uk/keyinformation/vacancies.

Closing date: Friday 1 March at midday. Please pray for the governors and for the school during this very important time

Songs of Praise: There is a recording of this programme taking place at Victoria Hall, Bolton on Friday 8 March from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. They are recording the Young Choir of the Year competition at that same venue on Saturday 9 March (Juniors) and Sunday 10 March (Seniors) from 2.30pm to 6.30pm each day. If you would like free tickets for these events email SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv or call 0161 873 7073

St Patrick's Night Celebration: At St Luke's on Saturday 16 March at 7:30 pm, live music with Cracked Flag, bar, hot pasties and raffle. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses or phone Bernice Green on 0161 737 9474. Hope you can join us.

Faith Formation and RCIA: Please join on Tuesday 26 February at St Luke's Church 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 look at the place of Mary in our faith. All who wish to understand 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.

Quiz Night Every Friday in St Luke's Church Hall. Bar open from 8.30pm and Quiz starts at 9pm. All welcome.

Ss Peter & Paul's 500 Club – January Winners:

1st Prize £152 - Tony Carlin

2nd Prize £76 – Francis Crompton

3rd Prize £76 – Anne McGrath

Congratulations to all the winners. Join now to be included in the Bonus Draw in December.

Pilgrimage to Assisi: Monday 26 August to 31 August 2019. There are a few places left for the Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi. The flights are from Manchester to Italy with 2 nights in Florence and 3 nights in Assisi. Closing date for the deposit is 30 March (Subject to flight availability). For further information please contact **Kath Playfair** 0161 707 1185

Social and Community Group: There will be a meeting at Ss Peter and Paul's on Wednesday, 27 February at 7pm in the presbytery. New participants with any ideas are always welcome. We are planning an International Day in May and are keen to identify contacts for music, dance etc. If you can help please ring 736 5768 or talk to any of the Group.

AA: Meetings take place at Ss Peter & Paul church on Thursday at 12.30pm and Saturday at 7.30pm

Flower Arranging: Our classes are on each Wednesday at Ss Peter & Paul church (2 - 4pm). Everybody is welcome. Come for a chat and a cuppa. £1.00

Next Week's Newsletter: Jan

Please send notices before Wednesday
Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

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