



Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 31 March 2019

As today we hear the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son (or the Forgiving Father), the message is Reconciliation - the making new of relationships, the healing of past wrongs and the opening of ourselves to the "new creation". This is just as the Israelites opened themselves to the New Creation of the Promised Land, when under Joshua they ended their sojourn in the wilderness after forty years of hardship, and began to eat of the produce of the country. It is all God's work: it is God who calls us back, and God who welcomes us into the Promised Land of his mercy when we return. So today, let us think not so much of sin and offences, as the new creation God offers us, if we but turn back to him and embrace him as our Father.

Marriage Matters: *The need for gratitude and trust:* The Gospel illustrates the Father's amazing forgiveness but the elder brother reacts angrily and is resentful and self-righteous. At times when we feel hurt and resentful and life seems unfair, and tensions rise, we can blame each other. Jesus' message is to trust in our husband/wife, to look for their loving ways and to ask forgiveness for our own faults.

Think Vocation: "Father I have sinned against heaven and against you." The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great gift to the Church - it's often something many of us find difficult. St John Vianney is the patron of all priests and was renowned for his compassion and wisdom in the confessional. May we pray for our own priests to imitate their patron in his zeal and dedication to this beautiful sacrament of healing.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
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, 11.30am Sacramental Programme Reconciliation Service
Monday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – Lent Weekday St Francis of Paola, hermit	9:00 Mass 6.30pm Sacramental Programme Reconciliation Service	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - Lent Weekday	7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration
Thursday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass 6.30pm Stations of the Cross	9am Mass & Adoration
Saturday – Lent Weekday	11:30am Mass followed by Adoration & Confessions	12 noon Mass
Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent- Special Collection for CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:30am	8:00am and 11:00am

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

Lately Dead: Andrew Hollowood LD; Maureen Gaffney

Masses Received: Andrew Hollowood LD; Maureen Gaffney (LD); Edith Blacklock; John Blacklock; Frank Griffin; Dolly Clooney; Norah Livesey (Mothers' Day Memories), Julie Webster (Sick), Special Intention for Sally & Ray, Mary Wilmington (Mothers' Day Memories), Doreen Dobson (Birthday), Alan Roberts, Andy Doyle (Birthday)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: This weekend we pray for the people of the Cathedral Parish of St John and the parish of St Joseph, Ordsall, for Fr Michael Jones and Fr Gavin Landers, for Sr Cecily and Sr Brenda, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph, for the retired priests at Cathedral House, and for the parish primary schools. Let us pray for the success of the renovation work on our Cathedral, that the housing developments in these parishes will build stronger communities and that the presence of Media City will be a channel of good news.

Offertory Collection: 17 March £1507.49 24 March £1,735.44 CAFOD collection: £1487.47 Many thanks

Mothers' Day: A Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers. Today is a chance to remember our mothers, living or deceased, and to thank God for the love shown to us through them.

Sunday Mass Times: A reminder that our new Mass times start next weekend. Saturday evening Mass will be at **6.30pm (at SL)**. Sunday morning Masses will be at **8am (SsPP), 9.30am (SL) & 11am (SsPP)**.

✦ **Visitation:** Bishop John will be here for the four Masses next weekend on visitation to the parish.

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).

Lenten Ecumenical Lunches and Reflection: "Food for Thought". An opportunity to share food and conversation around the theme of meals in the Bible. 4 & 11 April at 12.30 to 2pm at Holy Angels Anglican Church.

Parish Stations of the Cross:

♣ **Fridays** at 6.30pm, 5 April (SL) & 12 April (SsPP)

♣ **Sundays No** Stations of the Cross at (SsPP)

♣ **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross:**

♣ **Palm Sunday: 14 April** 3pm at (SL)

Lenten Talk: Why did Jesus have to die for us?

12 April 7.30pm at (SsPP) after Stations of the Cross. Explore this fascinating question with Fr Mark.

From Gangland to the Promised Land: 8/9/10 April at 7.30pm. Come to listen to John Pridmore, ex-gangster and now evangelist at St James' Church, Salford Precinct, M6 5UJ.

Induction: A parish priest takes possession of the office of parish priest through a ceremony known as Induction. It basically consists of reciting a profession of faith and an oath of stability in the presence of the local dean. This can be celebrated in a public service but it does not have to be. Our local dean was concerned that myself and another parish priest had been in post for some time and so we were both recently inducted in a private ceremony with the dean. Please pray for me as your parish priest - and pray for our two assistant priests as well. It's important at this time when the diocese and parishes are facing many changes to remember that priests are also affected by the changes; we are being asked to work in new ways that our training did not particularly prepare us for. We need your help and your prayerful support. *Fr. Michael*

Faith Formation: Please note that there is no session this week due to the Sacramental Programme Reconciliation Service on Tuesday evening.

Reconciliation: The services on Sunday and Tuesday of this week are for those involved in the Sacramental Programme. We will have a Reconciliation Service for the parish, in preparation for Easter, on Wednesday 17 April at 7pm at (SsPP).

Sacramental Programme: Those following the programme at Ss Peter & Paul are reminded that Reconciliation will be celebrated after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday (31 March). Those following the programme at (SL) are reminded that there is a meeting this Sunday afternoon at 2pm and that Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday 2 April at 6.30pm. Please pray for all the children and their families at this important time.

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.

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

Offertory Gift Aid Envelopes: The new gift aid envelopes will be at the back of (SL) churches next weekend and this weekend at (SsPP) who ask you to please take note of your number. If you are new to Gift Aid and want a box of envelopes please complete a form before taking an unnamed box. Or see Aveen or Pat for help.

Readers' Rota at SL: Following the change of Mass times, readers are asked to pick up a copy of the revised rota from the table at the back of church. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota at any time, please either contact another reader or text Jacqui McCormick on 07867 597696

Readers' Rota at SsPP: As the Mass times are changing, a new rota will be needed from April. Can anyone who wishes to read at 8am or 11am Mass (including any new readers) please add to the list in the porch this weekend 30/31 March or contact Kevin Garner on 07505448072.

SVP at SsPP: Thanks for your support for the raffle. £120 was raised for SVP projects nationally. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2 April at 7.15pm in the presbytery.

Mikron Theatre: Tickets, £11 and £9 for concessions, are now available after weekend Masses for "All Hands on Deck" at St Peter and Paul on Wed. 24 April at 7.30pm. Proceeds are for Loaves and Fishes.

CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal: We have 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. A special collection will be on the weekend of 6/7 April when Bishop John, Chair of the CAFOD trustees will be with us. In the meantime, please keep the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi in your prayers. Thank you.

Transport: As we prepare for the new Mass times, there may be people who will now need transport to get them to Mass. If you are someone who will need a lift or someone prepared to offer a lift, please have a word with Jacqui McCormick (SL) or Liz Ainley (SsPP) 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).

Weekly Movers: Chair based Yoga sessions at St Luke's Community Centre. A chance to meet others with bingo, raffle and refreshments, £3.00 every Monday at 1:30pm.

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