



Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

First Sunday of Lent - 10 March 2019

As with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the example of Jesus when it comes to dealing with temptation. Choosing to follow God's path is the first characteristic of the Christian: this is underlined in the two other readings, which outline the two "creeds" or statements of belief - one of Israel and one of the Christian. Both of them emphasise "believing in the heart and confessing with the lips": both creeds underline the Salvation that God has achieved - for Israel it was freedom from Egypt, for the Christian freedom from death in Jesus.

Marriage Matters: *We seek each other:* Today's Gospel reminds us that there is more to our life as married couples than we see. Our desire for each other has a deeper yearning – to be loved and accepted for who we are. In this season of Lent let us be led by the Spirit to resist the temptation to lead individual and separate lives within our marriages

Think Vocation: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Those who are called to the priesthood or Consecrated Life are responding to Christ in order to receive the promise of eternal life for their souls. May we ask ourselves at the beginning of this holy season of Lent what we need to do with our lives to respond to that offer of salvation.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – First Sunday of Lent	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday – Lent Weekday		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday –Lent Weekday	9am Requiem Mass for Jean Burke	9am Mass & Adoration
Wednesday - Lent Weekday	7pm Mass	9am Mass & Adoration & 7pm Mass
Thursday – Lent Weekday	9am Mass	7pm Novena & Mass
Friday – Lent Weekday CAFOD Lent Fast Day	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 – Second Sunday of Lent Special Collection for CAFOD	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am 3pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

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

Lately Dead: Jean Burke; Rufina Nombres; Maureen Hurst; Joan O'Donoghue; Mavis Walsh; Thomas John Duffy (2 Masses); James Haslett

Anniversaries: Sarah Horton; Samuel Horton; Anthony Horton; Maureen Branagan

Masses Received: Edith Blacklock 2 Masses; John Blacklock 2 Masses; Jean, Richard & Denis Burke, Sarah Horton (Anniversary), Samuel Horton (Anniversary), Anthony Horton (Anniversary), Mary Reid (Birthday Memories), Julie Webster (Sick), Jean Burke (Lately Dead), Elizabeth Johnston (Sick), Alsie O'Malley (Sick), Rufina Nombres (Lately Dead), Maureen Hurst (Lately Dead), Alan Roberts, Maureen Branagan (Anniversary), Joan O'Donoghue (Lately Dead), Francis O'Donoghue, Deceased members of the O'Donoghue family, Dimitrios Sotiriou

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: We pray for the parish of St John Fisher, Kearsley, with the Schoenstatt Fathers, and the parish of English Martyrs, Whalley, with Fr Yates. Let us pray for all in our Diocese who this Sunday will be called to the Easter Sacraments for the first time at the Rite of Election.

Sunday Mass Times: Sunday Mass Times: Thank you again to all those who completed a response sheet. As noted last week, there is a need for a further vote on a smaller range of specific patterns for our Sunday Masses before we can come to a decision. Why? Because the analysis of the responses was in no way conclusive. The majority of people voted for an option that included the time of the Mass they usually attend! And the question of which church should have the Saturday evening and Sunday mid-morning Masses (with the other church having the earlier and later Sunday morning Masses) was almost evenly split. So there were no winners and no clear steers.

The detail of the responses is given on a separate sheet, together with some things to consider further before casting a vote for one of the more limited choices of specific patterns. Please do give this your serious consideration and then return the new voting slip by the end of next Sunday (17 March). Ideally we would have the new pattern of Masses in place for the first weekend in April when Bishop John is due to come on visitation to the parish. If we don't have it, then the bishop will not be able to be present at all of our Sunday Masses.

Offertory Collection – Sunday 24 February - £1640.92; Sunday 3 March - £1601.46. Many thanks.

Walk With Me: The booklets for Lent are available at the back of our churches. Although marked up at £1, they are free of charge. Please do make use of them during this special season.

Faith Formation

Lent is a good time to join our faith formation group on **Tuesday evenings** as we deepen our understanding of the faith together. St. Luke's Church and Parish Centre: private prayer in adoration from 6.30pm in the Church, benediction at 7.30; input starts at 7.45 in the parish centre.

Lent Upcoming Events:

Lenten Ecumenical Lunches and Reflection: "Food for Thought"

An opportunity to share food and conversation around the theme of meals in the Bible.

Thursdays 12.30 to 2pm

14 March: Height Methodist Community Church

21 March: St John's Anglican Church

28 March: St Luke's Catholic Church

4 April: Holy Angels Anglican Church

11 April: Holy Angels Anglican Church

Parish Stations of the Cross:

♥ **Fridays** at 6.30pm

March 8, 15 and April 5 at St Luke's

March 22, 29 and April 12 at Ss. Peter and Paul

♥ **Sundays** at 3pm at Ss. Peter and Paul

Stations of the Cross with Benediction

♥ **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross:**

Palm Sunday April 14 3pm at St Luke's

Day of Recollection: "Re-booting your Baptism" with Barbara Mason **Saturday 23 March** at Ss. Peter and Paul Church 9am (Holy Mass) to 5.30pm. A series of talks and Scriptural exercises. Bring a packed lunch and a bible (bibles will be available to buy on the day).

Series of 3 Lenten Talks:

Why did Jesus have to die for us?

Friday March 22, 29 and April 12 7.30pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Church (after Stations of the Cross). Explore this fascinating question with Fr Mark.

From Gangland to the Promised Land

Monday April 8 to Wednesday April 10, 7.30pm. Come to listen to the inspiring talks and mission of John Pridmore, ex-gangster and now evangelist at St James' Church, Salford Precinct M6 5UJ.

CAFOD: The Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. On Friday 15 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur? Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world - your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please use your Fast Day envelope to give whatever you can in our special collection next weekend. Thank you.

Sacramental Programme: Those following the programme at Ss Peter & Paul are reminded that there is a meeting this Sunday and the next two Sundays after the 10.30am Mass. Reconciliation will be celebrated on Sunday 31 March.

Rite of Election: This takes place in Salford Cathedral on Sunday afternoon (2.30pm) and is the occasion when those who are to be received into the Church at Easter are formally welcomed by the bishop. We have one person who has been following the Faith Formation course here in the parish who will be presented. Please pray for her and for all those who are preparing to take this important step in their lives.

Gift Aid envelopes - Ss Peter and Paul's

Would the owners of boxes numbered **104, 134 and 166** please make themselves known to Aveen.

She can be contacted either at the Presbytery 0161 789 4555 or Home 0161 211 6326.

Union of Catholic Mothers - next meeting is on Wednesday 13 March 2019 after 7pm Mass at St Luke's. All Ladies of the parish are welcome

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. Come and join us.

St Luke's 500 Club: During its first year of operation (2018), there were only 245 members which meant that the profit made for the parish was only £840 (instead of £3900 if there had been 500 members). Of those original 245 members, 115 have not renewed their membership this year and very few new people have joined which means we only currently have 145 members. Unless we increase the membership quickly, then we will either have to reduce the level of the prizes or even consider closing this scheme down since we are not allowed to run it at a loss to the parish (which would in any case defeat its purpose). So this is an urgent appeal for more parishioners (from either of our churches) to join. The cost is only £12 per year (payable in one sum) and there are forms at the back of St Luke's church if you wish to become a member. £1 a month is a small personal outlay but it would be of significant benefit to the parish. Please do consider joining.

Climate Change: Following the Pastoral Letter from Bishop John last weekend, please make sure you have taken home one of the information sheets to help us all reflect further on very practical things we can do to address this issue.

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. 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 may be available for those involved in healthcare. If you are interested and would like further information please contact the Pilgrimage Medical and Nursing Team, via the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: telephone 0161-817-2209 or email lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Next Week's Newsletter: Beryl

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

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