



## Our Lady of Hope Parish, Salford

### Second Sunday of Lent - 17 March 2019

Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

**Marriage Matters: A real presence through listening:** Jesus was transfigured and was in communion with His Father, and His companions were overwhelmed, hearing the Father's voice. We can hear the voice of Jesus now – but can we listen to Him? Let's start by listening to each other, not just ears, but eyes, hearts, our whole being, becoming really present to each other, 'a real presence', every day

**Think Vocation:** "This is My Son, the Chosen One, listen to Him." Lent is a time for prayer and self-denial. Out of a deeper personal relationship with Our Lord, we can gain clearer direction for our lives. This Lent, may we keep in our prayers someone we think the Lord may be asking to serve Him in the Church in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Masses / Services	St Luke's	Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent Special collection for CAFOD Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday – Lent Weekday		9am Mass & Adoration
Tuesday – St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Solemnity)	9am Mass	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 – Third Sunday of Lent	Sat vigil 6:30pm, 9:15am, 11am	Sat vigil: 6:30pm 8:30am and 10:30am

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

**Lately Dead:** Jean Burke, Mark Staddon Mavis Walsh, Margaret Alread

**Anniversaries:** Martin Murray, Theresa Patton

**Masses Received:** Martin Murray (Anniversary), Pat Murray, Ambrose Glackin (Birthday Memories), In thanksgiving for medical outcome, Julie Webster (Sick), Jean Burke (Lately Dead), Colm Folan (Birthday Memories), Martin Staddon (Lately Dead), Edith Blacklock, John Blacklock, Mavis Walsh (Lately Dead), Margaret Alread (Lately Dead).

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Let us pray for the parish of St Mary, Osbaldeston, with Fr Heakin, and for the parish of St John Paul II, Padiham, with Fr Swift, together with their parish primary schools

**Sunday Mass Times:** Please ensure that you complete a response sheet by the end of this Sunday (17 March) if you wish to express a preference about the new pattern of Sunday Masses. You can hand it in at either church or post it through the letterbox at either presbytery. As noted last week, the choice is to be made from a smaller range of specific patterns for our Sunday Masses than we consulted on before. Basically, it is a matter of whether we want to have the Saturday evening Mass at 5.30pm or 6.30pm and whether the pattern for Sunday morning should be 8am, 9.30am & 11am or 8.30am, 10am & 11.30am. Those two basic questions give rise to four options. Any of the four will be workable and so it is now a matter of seeing which one will best satisfy the majority of people. Please do give this your serious consideration, if you have not done so already. 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

**Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse:** Today, we are asked to pray for and show our support for all victims and survivors of abuse and raising the profile of the important role of safeguarding in maintaining safe churches. Please take a moment to read these prayers from the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors:

*Since your mercy has been revealed in the tenderness of your Son Jesus Christ, who said to his disciples: "Suffer the little children to come unto me", we pray that your Church may be a secure home where all children and vulnerable adults are brought closer to your Beloved Son. May all those who have been abused physically, emotionally and sexually by your ministers, be respected and accompanied by tangible gestures of justice and reparation so that they may feel healed with the balm of your compassion. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*Heavenly Father, who love and care for all your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable, we entrust to you the lives of the many children and vulnerable adults, who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for so many broken lives. We pray that within their communities and families they may find understanding and support, so that with the help of your grace their wounds may be healed, and they may again know peace. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who shared our weakness in all things but sin, and lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.*

#### **Missio Red Mission Box Collection**

A big thanks for the 2018 donations of £2406 from SS Peter and Paul collections from the red mission boxes. A special thanks to the people who helped to collect the donations. If anyone has a box which has not been emptied for a while then contact Kevin Garner (07505448072) or empty the box yourself into a bag or envelope, add your name and hand it in at church "

#### **St. Luke's Red Mission Box holders.**

Your boxes will be emptied over the next few weeks. Thank you for your continued support

#### **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.

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

*Offertory Collection, Sunday March 10 £1763.62  
Many Thanks.*

#### **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

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

April 5 at St Luke's

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

##### ♥**Sundays** No Stations of the Cross at Ss. Peter and Paul

##### ♥**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).

##### **Lenten Talks:**

##### **Why did Jesus have to die for us?**

April 12 7.30pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Church (after Stations of the Cross). Explore this fascinating question with Fr Mark. Please note this single talk replaces the previously advertised series of 3..

##### **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:** Our second collection today is to support the work of CAFOD following the Lent Fast Day on Friday. 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 a Fast Day envelope, especially if you want to gift aid your donation. Thank you

**Mikron.** Tickets are now available after weekend Masses. for the Mikron Theatre production of "All hands on deck" at St Peter and Paul on Wed. 24th April at 7.30. £11 and £9 for concessions. Proceeds for Loaves and Fishes. Such is the reputation that the shows are always a sellout so get your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

##### **Rosaries**

The Diocese has received a request from Uganda for rosaries. If you have any that you can spare there is a box in the Porch at St. P and P for any donations. Thank you.

##### **Next Week's Newsletter: Margaret**

Please send notices before Wednesday

Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk