



DIocese of SALFORD



HOPE IN THE FUTURE

FORMING
MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

BUILDING
MISSIONARY PARISHES

STAGE 2
HARVESTING OUR TALENTS

OCTOBER
2018 - 2019





Introduction

As we approach the launch of Stage 3 of our Hope in the Future journey we should take some time to reflect on our path so far and also look forward to the future.

Our pastoral programme has now been taken up by over three quarters of parishes in our diocese. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm and varied ways in which the programme has been received and adopted. The different ways in which the resources have been developed by each parish speaks to the diversity and vibrancy of the communities across our diocese.

By the end of this journey it is hoped that we will have a programme that has resources for parishes wherever they are in their development at this time. Some parishes will be leading the way, others may follow a little behind or will be able to start this process in the future. But at the heart of every parish there must always be people with their own gifts and talents, who use these to put their faith into action and live out the Gospel.

It is using these gifts and talents for the good of the parish that was

the focus of Stage 2. There are opportunities available for everyone no matter who they are, their age, their skills or experiences to join us on our journey to create Missionary Disciples in Missionary Parishes. I would like to express my gratitude to the thousands of volunteers across the diocese who give up their time and employ their gifts and skills to develop our parishes and our wider communities.

In Stage 3 of our journey of Hope in the Future we focus on the weekend liturgy. The weekend is, in a real sense, a focal point for our celebration of our faith, focussed on the Eucharist. Stage 3 will provide materials and resources which will help us build on this celebration of our Faith to ensure that our parishes are mission oriented through our welcome, our liturgy and our hospitality. Missionary Parishes are places of welcome and prayer, where no one is left behind.

I look forward to continuing on this journey with all of you.

Stay with us, Lord, on Our Journey.

+John





"It is so important that we build our parish communities with that sense of mission, recognising that each one of us is a missionary disciple."

Bishop John Arnold





Journeying Forward

A Celebration of Mission

In October 2018, one year since the launch of Hope in the Future, a packed Cathedral gathered for an evening of celebration and mission, giving thanks for Stage 1 of Hope in the Future and welcoming the launch of Stage 2.

Stage 1 of Hope in the Future focused on celebrating our parishes within the Diocese of Salford. Across the diocese, parishes have been using their creativity to get involved. From displaying talent trees to organising thanksgiving afternoon teas, the willingness and talents of parishioners has made Hope in the Future a success.

The last year has seen Stage 2 of Hope in the Future come alive as clergy and parishioners have begun to build shared leadership teams and put their skills into direct action by combining their gifts and talents with the life of the Church.

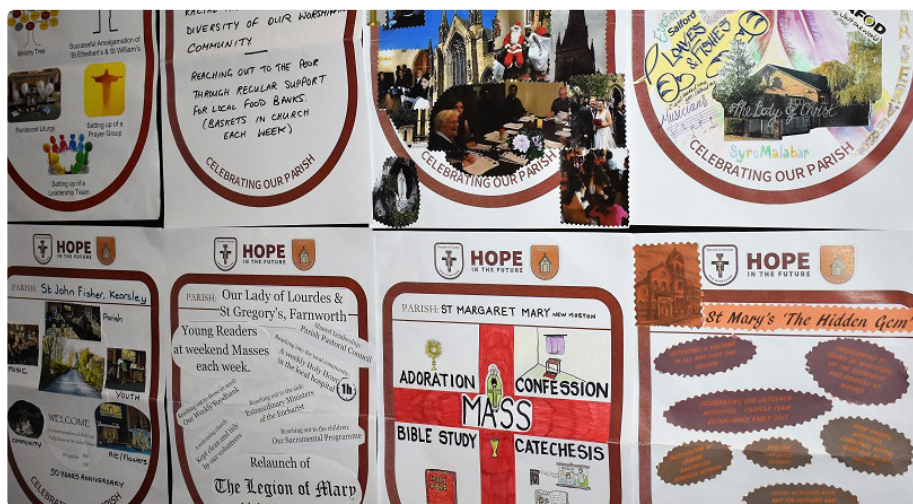
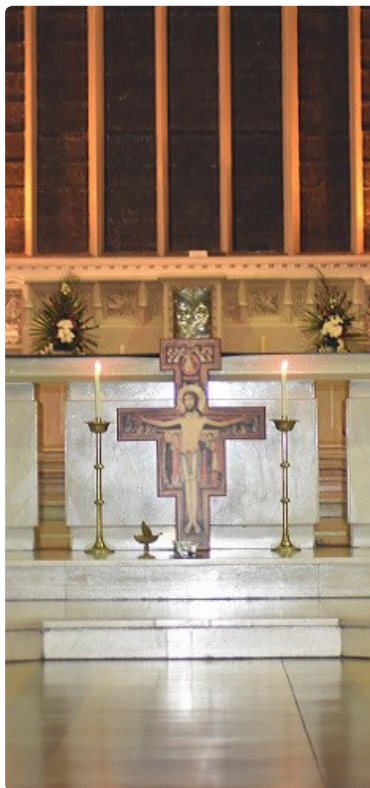
As we begin Stage 3, Living the Sunday Eucharist, we place a special focus on our parish welcome, our liturgy and our hospitality towards everyone, including those in our wider community who may not attend church frequently.



It is important to remember that Hope in the Future is a journey.

At times, it may feel as though you are miles ahead or sometimes you might be worried that you aren't moving as quickly as you would like. But no matter where you are on your parish journey, you are not alone in it. As a diocese, we are united in heading towards the same destination and goal: to create Missionary Disciples in Missionary Parishes.

While we continue to progress forward in this rebuilding of our Church by living and proclaiming the Gospel, we should keep the message of St Francis of Assisi at the heart of what we do and pray for all those in the diocese who are journeying alongside us.



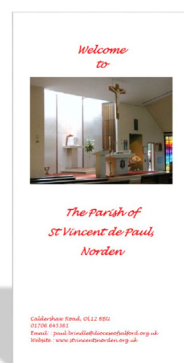
Around the Parishes in Stage 2

Across the Diocese of Salford, parishes have been embracing Stage 2 of Hope in the Future. Here are just a few examples of good practice from parishes in our diocese.

St Vincent de Paul, Norden

- WELCOME GUIDE

To extend a warm welcome to parishioners and other visitors to the parish, the Hope in the Future team at St Vincent de Paul in Norden used their talents to produce a welcome booklet. The booklet, designed and printed by parishioners, explained different terms about Mass and Catholicism simply so that those visiting the church for funerals, weddings and baptisms could learn about our faith.



St Peter & St Thomas More, Middleton and Alkrington - QUARANT'ORE

The Hope in the Future Team at St Peter and St Thomas More, in collaboration with Fr Peter & Fr Paul, organised a celebration of Quarant'ore. Jesus must be at the centre of all our mission and evangelisation efforts: we are introducing people to him, and he is the one who guides and inspires us in all we do. A very simple yet effective prayer suggestion is to pray as a parish team before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for our missionary efforts. Could your parish do this in Stage 3?



Our Lady and St Alphonsus, Moss Side & Old Trafford - **ALPHA COURSE**

The Hope in the Future team at Our Lady's and St Alphonsus organised and ran an Alpha Course in their parish. The six week course took a lot of organising and publicising, but their hard work paid off when on the first night over 40 members of the community attended.

Each week, the parish community shared a meal, watched videos and held engaging discussions about different aspects of our faith. From this experience, the team are hoping to run an Alpha course for the wider community.



The Good Shepherd, Colne - **HOLY WEEK DRAMA & SVP**

Holy Week 2019 began on the afternoon of Palm Sunday with the enactment of Stephen Cottrell's "The Nail" (being part of the Passion). This dramatic enactment by volunteer parishioners with the help of young people from the local Stage Door group, was a unique and innovative Holy Week Liturgy comprising of music, readings and drama. Everyone left the church both moved and challenged by the liturgy and with a 6 inch nail to use as a focus for prayer throughout the week. The parish has also seen the newly formed SVP group go from strength to strength.



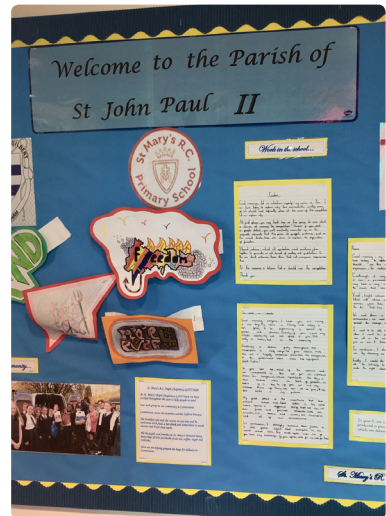
Our Lady of Mount Carmel with St John Bosco, Blackley - **QUARANT'ORE**

The parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with St John Bosco organised Quarant'ore. Quarant'ore is a special time of prayer in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place over 40 hours. Parishioners purchased 100 candles, which were lit in remembrance of special intentions. Children from the schools attended along with visitors from across the deanery.



St John Paul II, Eccles - **SCHOOL LINKS AND SOCIAL ACTION**

The parish Hope in the Future team meet each month alternating with prayer and reflection and business and planning. The team includes representatives from their 3 Catholic schools who feedback and strengthen links with the schools. There is a notice board in the foyer of Holy Cross Church designed by the children of the schools which showcase how they have been Missionary Disciples. An Advent Challenge was organised with the Church and school community raising £1700 to provide wells in Africa. The Lenten challenge raised £1500 for Mary's meals. Food and clothing are delivered each week by a committee member to Loaves and Fishes homeless centre. English classes support and encourage asylum seekers and refugees from within the area.



St John Fisher, Kearsley

- QUARANT'ORE, STAINED GLASS & HOPE GARDEN

A parishioner designed a stained glass window of St John Fisher which was blessed by Bishop John followed by a Blessed Sacrament procession. Quarant'ore was very well attended and ended with a youth celebration. A sensory Garden is being built to help people with dementia and will be called a Hope Garden. Fr Bryan is in the process of setting up a Shared Leadership Team.



St Gabriel and the Angels and St John the Baptist, Rochdale

- MANY CULTURES, ONE COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

The parish Social Group organised a 'Jacob's Feast' in September, where parishioners contributed food to celebrate the diverse cultures which make up our community. A 'RefuTea' was held in June to raise funds and awareness in support of the Refugee Council.

The parish is also working closely with Caritas and RADAR (a local inter-ecumenical initiative to provide support for refugees and destitute asylum seekers), with the intention of utilising the empty presbytery at St John's as a pilot scheme to provide accommodation for those in need. Members of the Legion of Mary continue to evangelise in Rochdale town centre on Saturdays



St Mary and St John Fisher, Denton

- 'OLIVER', LIVING SIMPLY AWARD & WILDFLOWER GARDEN

To celebrate Fr Peter Kinsella's Silver Jubilee of priesthood the parish arranged the production of the musical 'Oliver'. They also signed up to CAFOD'S Living Simply Award and drafted a consultation document. This was shared with parishioners, and the staff and pupils of our three schools. It ties in with action to counteract climate change and one of the big initiatives has been to turn the lawns at the front of St. John Fisher Church into a wildflower garden. Lots of hard work have produced great results.



St Anne, Crumpsall

- SCHOOL LINKS AND SOCIAL OUTREACH

The parish Hope in the Future Team have been forging greater links with their Primary School at St. Anne's. There were already strong links between school and parish but this year the congregation were invited into school to judge some of their Lent and Easter artwork.

They had created Stations of the Cross and Easter eggs decorated to highlight environmental issues. The group have taken on the Social and Outreach work for the Parish and have started an annual Macmillan Coffee Morning.



St Edward, Lees

- PARISH DIRECTORY, LAUDATO SI & YCW

The parish created a new directory with details of over 30 activities, encouraging greater involvement in the life and mission of the parish, opportunities for all parishioners to discern their gifts and talents. The CAFOD group joined with the primary school's ECO group and the high school to organise an evening Mass, 'Care for our Common Home,' inspired by Pope Francis's Laudato Si'. The 'Young Christian Workers' group organised and served a delicious 'Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea.' St Edward's hopes for the future are encapsulated in enduring community, charity and spirituality.



St Marie and St Joseph, Bury

- INTERNATIONAL MASS

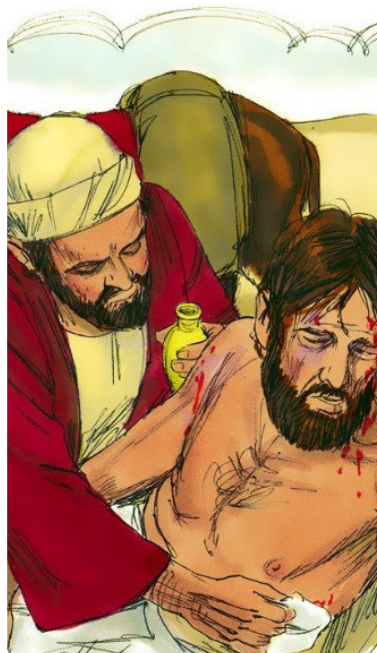
At an international Mass at St Marie and Joseph's, Bury, nationalities and voices from around the world came together to highlight the culture and vibrancy of the parish. The bidding and Eucharistic prayers were said in a variety of languages and children presented flags which represented their country of origin, illustrating a great way that a parish community used their gifts, talents and experiences to come together and celebrate their differences.



The Good Samaritan, Burnley

- AMALGAMATION CELEBRATIONS

The churches of Christ the King, St Mary of the Assumption and St John the Baptist, Burnley have been preparing for amalgamation into one parish. This process has now been completed with the three churches uniting under the name of The Parish of the Good Samaritan. To mark the formal coming together as one parish members of the Hope in the Future team together with Fr David Featherstone planned a celebration. There was a midday Mass at St Mary's followed by a social gathering at Turf Moor, Burnley Football Club's ground. The celebration encouraged families to meet and get to know fellow parishioners. Bishop John visited the newly amalgamated parish and the three churches.



St Teresa of Avila & St Joseph the Worker, Irlam

- SHARED LEADERSHIP & SCHOOL LINKS

During the last year the parish have formed a Parish Council made up of groups who help to run the different aspects of Parish life. They have continued to celebrate together during special Advent and Lent services, involving parishioners and children from both primary schools including an inspiring Lent retreat. They hosted their third Reaching Out to Refugees Day, welcoming refugee families to share food, activities and support, bringing the parish community together in a most humbling and rewarding way. They have worked hard to forge closer links between school and parish which has seen greater involvement of the children in daily Mass, a wonderful afternoon tea where children and parishioners met, chatted and were entertained and a very successful joint school and parish Summer Fair, which has strengthened our community and gives us great hope in our future.

The Holy Infant & St Anthony, Astley Bridge - 140th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH

To celebrate 140th anniversary of the founding of the parish, a special Mass and celebration was arranged. Bishop John celebrated the Mass along with a number of priests from across the diocese. There was a celebration at Holy Infant's School including a raffle, buffet and refreshments. The celebrations included picture boards looking back over the years, Quarant'ore from Friday to Sunday and a coffee and cake morning raising £140.00 for charity. It was a wonderful event and a great opportunity to thank Fr Billy Molloy for his dedication over the years.



St Cuthbert, Bolton - CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

The Christian outreach team at St Cuthbert's parish is based on sharing what unites rather than divides working closely with other Churches and Faith groups in the parish and inviting each other to study groups, social events, shared worship and wider community projects. An important event is the 'Party in the Park' celebration in Moss Bank Park, where they celebrated their Parish and developed links with others. Their aim as a Missionary Parish is to be out there: being who they are and inviting good contact with their spiritual neighbours.





Corpus Christi, Bolton

- SHARED LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL OUTREACH

The parish of Corpus Christi have a well-established Shared Leadership Team with parishioners representing areas of finance, safeguarding and catechesis supporting their priests. In addition more volunteers are supporting various areas of Parish Ministry. An already successful social calendar has been enhanced by including more family friendly, community focused events e.g. litter picks.

Regular coffee mornings and collections of items to support the Destitution Project. A sponsored walk, led by the SVP, to raise funds for Mozambique and needy families in our locality was organised. There were a series of prayer and reflection sessions offered during Lent led by a parishioner. Christmas baubles were designed by children and families.



St Michael & St Bernadette, Whitefield

- COMMUNITY SUMMER FUN DAY

The parish held a Community Summer Fun Day in June with attendees from the parish and local community. Parish groups showcased their talents encouraging others to join with entertainment, a raffle and a cake baking competition. There was also a bar, café and barbecue and the PTA ran fun activities for the children. A wonderful day had by all.



Spotlight on Shared Leadership Teams

Key to Stage 2 of Hope in the Future is the establishment of shared leadership within each parish. Bishop John asks every parish to set up a Shared Leadership Team in the form that works best for them so that the priest(s) and laity can work together in the building up of the Missionary Parish. A resource was distributed suggesting four models which have worked well in a variety of parish contexts. Parishes may wish

to use one of these or a combination of the models whilst others may wish to give the Hope in the Future parish team the responsibility of the parish leadership. In order to assist parishes with this we can provide a team of facilitators to accompany your parish in setting up and developing your shared leadership team. Please get in touch if you would benefit from this or if you would like some training to become a facilitator.

Model 1 - Parish Advisory and Coordination Team

(Used by Fr Chris Gorton & St Cuthbert's Parish, Bolton)

Model 2 - Parish Leadership Team

(Used by Canon John Dale & Holy Trinity Parish, Worsley)

Model 3 - Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

(Taken from Divine Renovation - Fr James Mallon and used in several DR Parishes worldwide)

Model 4 - Parish Pastoral Council

(Used by Fr Andrew Pastore SI & St Vincent de Paul Parish, Over Hulton)



Stage 2 Formation & Training Day Highlights

CLERGY TRAINING DAY

David Wells led a day for our Clergy on Hope in the Future exploring the encyclicals of Pope Francis offering the opportunity to reflect on our hopes for the future of our parishes, suggesting a new way of working and Shared Leadership.



FORMATION DAYS ON GIFTS, TALENTS & CHARISMS

Fr Ged Kelly provided four Formation Days on Gifts, Talents and Charisms around the diocese. There were opportunities for group discussion and attendees received a Spiritual Gifts Inventory to help them prayerfully discern their Gifts and attend training days to assist with the various areas of parish life.



OTHER TRAINING DAYS INCLUDED...

- Developing & Supporting School & Parish Links
- Growing in the Gifts of the Spirit
- Parish Catechesis
- Parish Management
- Parish Social Action
- Engaging Young People in the Parish



Audio recordings of the keynote addresses and the presentations from the workshops can be found at dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/resources

Caritas Update



Social Action - #BeTheChange

Andy Burnham, Sir Peter Fahy and John Battle joined hundreds of parishioners from our diocese at a Caritas social action day. Parishioners attended workshops on Catholic Social Teaching, how to create fostering-friendly parishes and wider issues like refugees and the environment.

A number of charities had exhibits and we were joined by the anti-trafficking freedom bus and the journey to sanctuary refugee experience.

St Mary (The Hidden Gem), Manchester

One of the first initiatives of the St Mary's Caritas Group, was to set up a foodbank collection box at the back of the church. This has proved to be very successful in the 2+ years it has been in use. Parishioners (and visitors to the church) drop in non-perishable items of food and other necessities. Every two weeks a delivery of six or seven crates of donated items are delivered to one of our two supported centres – the

Lalley Centre and the Cornerstone Day Centre. Mgr. Anthony Kay, the parish priest of the Hidden Gem, told us - "Each time, the parishioner making the delivery asks the staff of the Lalley or Cornerstone if they have need of any particular items; I mention it in the next weekly parish newsletter, and it is amazing, the items that are needed come into the box, along with the regular contributions."



Formation Lecture Series

During Stage Two, we have hosted a number of formation lectures across the diocese. These lectures have allowed individuals to be formed and grow in their faith as Missionary Disciples.

David Wells, - THE VIRTUE OF JOY

David is a well-known inspirational speaker and catechist. He has been working with our Formation Department in developing a new First Holy Communion and Reconciliation programme for our diocese. In his talk he explored the papal encyclicals of Pope Francis each with the common theme of Joy. David suggested that this Joy could be the virtue which brings others to Jesus.



Sherry Weddell, - FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP

Sherry led a session for our clergy during the day and for our parish teams in the evening on Fruitful Discipleship. Sherry is a well-known speaker on parish renewal and development in the United States. Sherry's book, "Forming Intentional Disciples", published in July 2012, has sold over 150,000 copies. She gave us plenty to think about for our Missionary Activities encouraging us to break the silence, tell the great story of Jesus and prayerfully ask God what he wants us to do for his Church.



Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R

- JESUS THE RELATIONAL LEADER

Denis is a Redemptorist priest from Scotland who spoke to parishioners on the topic of Jesus the Relational Leader.

Fr Denis reminded those present that if we are to be on mission with the Good News we first must have a personal relationship with Jesus. Following his talk there were opportunities for questions which allowed people to reflect on how we can develop our relationship with Jesus in order to go on mission.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND THEMES

- **Sr Brenda Matterson DC** - A Welcoming Parish
- **Fr James Manock** - Liturgical Formation
- **Mariana Miller** - The Eucharist - Food for the Journey
- **Bishop Philip Egan** - The New Evangelisation
- **Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp** - The challenges of Pope Francis' vision of Mission
- **Fr Richard Ounsworth OP** - Source and Summit
- **Bishop John Arnold** - Global Healing
- **Fr Ged Kelly** - Personal Encounter with Jesus
- **Maria Hall** - Structure and flow of the Mass
- **Fr Michael Winstanley SDB** - The Word became flesh

Hosted by St Gabriel's RCHS, Bury, BL9 0TZ

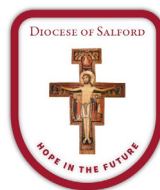
Tea and Coffee served from 7:00pm and talks will begin at 7:30pm followed by Q&A until 9:00pm

To book please visit

dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events

Our Hope in the Future Schools Working Party has been busy working on resources and events to develop and support links between our schools and parishes. Resources include liturgies which can be led

by young people, the relationship between faith and science, challenging religious bullying and the CYMFED Faith in Action Award which rewards our young people who give active service in our schools and parishes.



DEVELOPING & SUPPORTING
**SCHOOL &
PARISH LINKS**

'FINDING THE WAY'

School staff and governors responsible for links between parishes and schools were invited to a training day called 'Finding the Way'. Together, we were able to explore how we can strengthen links between home, school and parish, recognising that each is essential in strengthening our mission. A challenging but exciting opportunity is engaging parents to support their

children as the primary educators of the faith. The day began with a reflection from Fr Bryan Cunningham on the importance of faith in family life and was followed by workshops on involving young people & families in the parish, providing opportunities for encounter and accompaniment on the new Sacramental programme.



GIFT Chaplaincy Teams showcasing how they have been developing links with their parish



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More information and resources available at
www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/school-links

Around The Deaneries

Deanery of St John Southworth

Clergy Rep: Fr James McCartney

Lay Rep: Joe Howson

Deanery of St John Vianney

Clergy Rep: Fr David

Featherstone

& Fr Kevin Tierney

Lay Rep: Andrea Braithwaite

Deanery of St Joseph

Clergy Rep: Fr Chris Gorton

Lay Rep: Julie Almond & Joanne
Robinson

Deanery of St Therese of Lisieux

Clergy Rep: Fr Paul Daly

Lay Rep: Chris Power

Deanery of St John

Clergy Rep: Canon Michael

Cooke VG

Lay Rep: Andrea Dapoto

Deanery of St Chad

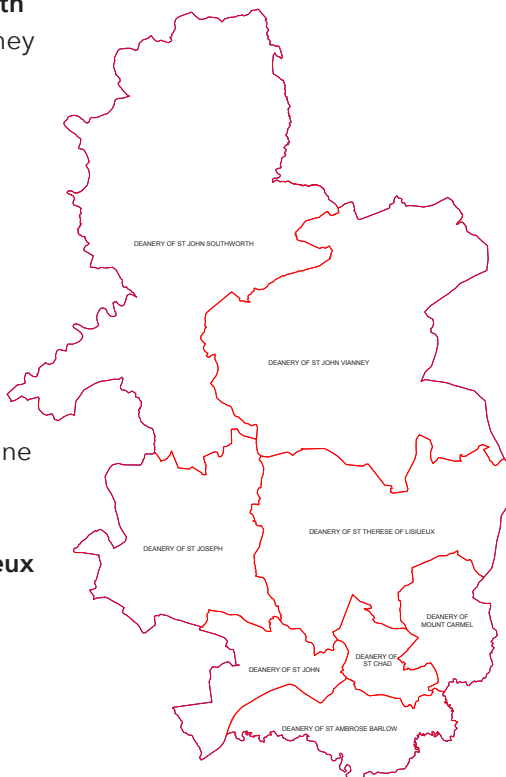
Clergy Rep: Fr Eamonn Mulcahy

Lay Rep: Amanda Donoghue

Deanery of Mount Carmel

Clergy Rep: Fr Gaspar Oladosu

Lay Rep: Peter Cunningham



Deanery of St Ambrose Barlow

Clergy Rep: Fr Ged Murphy

Lay Rep: John Walsh & Lorraine
Leonard

If you wish to get in contact with your Deanery Rep

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Around The Deaneries

Across the diocese, deaneries have been working in partnership to put Hope in the Future into practice and to share ideas. Here are some of the ways they have come together.

Deanery of St John Southworth

The Hope in the Future teams in the Deanery of St John Southworth, Blackburn and Clitheroe, arranged a deanery walk for teams to get to know each other, share good practice and plan future deanery level events. A deanery gathering, liturgy and shared table also took place. This is a wonderful way to improve local links and share resources and skills across parishes.



Deanery of St Chad

The Deanery of St Chad, North Manchester, organised an International Celebration at Pentecost. Over 100 people from the Deanery celebrated the birthday and the diversity of the Church with dancing and food from different cultures, creating partnerships between parishes.



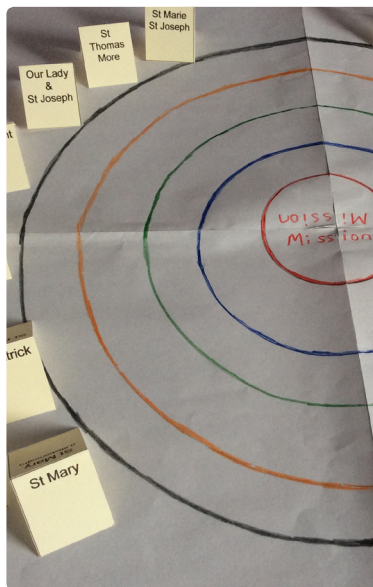
Deanery of St Joseph

The Deanery of St Joseph, Bolton, organised an ecumenical concert of prayer and music to celebrate the Hope Jesus brings to the area at Bolton Victoria Hall. The evening included a talk from Fr Chris Gorton and performance from the Millennium Chapel Choir, Sacred Heart Primary School and Thornleigh Salesian College. All money raised went to Francis House Children's Hospice.



Deanery of St Therese of Lisieux

The Deanery of St Therese of Lisieux, Bury and Rochdale, have met twice so far. Each time initially praying and sharing scripture. One familiar particularly challenging scripture was taken from the Message translation. It was encouraging to find much in common, and similar challenges too and it was good to be able to speak frankly. A mission target visual was used to show our perceived positions on the journey. During the second meeting some parishes shared their experiences of setting up and running shared leadership teams. Practical questions were asked and some of this information will be shared with the whole deanery.





Deanery of St Ambrose Barlow

The Deanery of St Ambrose Barlow, South Manchester, arranged for each church in the deanery to have a Hope in the Future candle. It was designed by a parishioner in the deanery and included a drawing of St Ambrose Barlow. A deanery Mass was also arranged followed by refreshments on the feast day of St Ambrose Barlow. There was a wonderful representation of clergy and parish teams from across the deanery



Deanery of St John

The Deanery Devotions group from St. John the Evangelist Deanery led devotions each Tuesday evening throughout Lent, which culminated in a passion play performed by pupils from St Ambrose Barlow RC High School at Salford Cathedral and powerful testimonies on Palm Sunday.

The second consecutive Corpus Christi procession was held at Wardley Cemetery Chapel and Hall for the feast day on Sunday 23rd June. Children, who had made their First Holy Communion this year, lead the Procession. The event was attended by people of all ages from parishes across the Deanery and beyond.



Looking Forward to Stage 3

As we continue on our Hope in the Future journey together, we turn our hearts and minds to the Sunday Eucharist. The Eucharist, a word meaning Thanksgiving, is often described as “the source and summit of the Christian life”. It is where we encounter Jesus in Word, Sacrament and in each other. It is where we receive the strength to continue on our journey with the Lord as Missionary Disciples.

The Sunday Eucharist is often people’s first (and sometimes only) experience of the Church. With this in mind it is important that parishes ensure the welcome, the various ministries in the liturgy, the accessibility and the hospitality

offered after Mass is the very best it can be so people new to the Church want to come back and bring a friend because they feel part of the community and have an encounter with God.

Throughout this Stage 3 will be resources and training events to support those who are involved in key ministries and encourage whole assembly to actively and prayerful take part in Mass, the source and summit of our faith, the place we are nourished for the mission.

“Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.”

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Hope in the Future Prayer

God our loving Father,

We thank you for blessing our parish with all that we need to respond to our vocation to be a missionary community in our locality.

We thank you for all our parish members who, in response to your call, give of themselves so freely to enrich our parish life in the ways of love and service.

We ask you now to pour out afresh the gifts of your Spirit upon each one of us that we may be inspired to serve you in new and creative ways as missionary disciples, bringing your Light to the world.

We ask your blessing upon us as we journey together in hope, through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.



*Please remember the Hope in the Future Programme
and your Parish in your Prayers.*



"God has created me to do Him some definite service;
He has committed some work to me
which He has not committed to another.
I have my mission—
I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.
I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for naught.
I shall do good;
I shall do His work;
I shall be an angel of peace,
a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it,
if I do but keep his Commandments.
Therefore I will trust Him.
Whatever, wherever I am.
I can never be thrown away.
If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him;
in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him;
in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.
He does nothing in vain.
He knows what He is about.

Blessed John Henry Newman





Join the Conversation

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