

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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THE NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Christmas (Year C)

Mass Schedule for this week

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 1 st Jan	5.30pm	Nicola, Alice & Hatty Grout Smith	Vigil of Second Sunday of Christmas
Su 2 nd	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Second Sunday of Christmas
	11.00am St P's	Lennon-Kelleher Family (Sp int)	
M 3 rd	No Mass		Most Holy Name of Jesus
T 4 th	8.00am St P's	Fr Michael Sheedy L	Weekday in Christmastide
W 5 th	8.00am St P's	Jan Gedzielewski (for health)	Weekday in Christmastide
	5.30pm St P's	Wilcock & Nicholson Family	Vigil of the Epiphany
Th 6 th	9.00am St J's	Mass for the Primary School only	The Epiphany of the Lord
	11.00am St P's	Leo, Kathleen & Ena Hayhurst	
F 7 th	8.00am St P's	Michael O' Maoileoin L	Weekday in Christmastide

(Each Saturday there is a Holy Hour from 4.30pm with Benediction at 5.15pm)

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope
 P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday F = Founders Mass D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time: Fr Paul Magill SJ, Francis Nutter, Fr Freddy Turner SJ, Margaret Brown, Richard Henry Rogerson, Kathleen Hill, Mary Francis Slater, Neil Murtagh, James Hughes, Mary Melling Doreen Kenyon, Winifred Butler, Brigid Hardwick and Richard Algar. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	2 nd Sunday of the Nativity	The Baptism of the Lord
First	Ecclus 51; 11 - 17	Isaiah 42; 1 - 4, 6 - 7
Second	Eph 3; 3 - 6, 15 - 18	Acts 10; 34 - 38
Gospel	John 1; 1 - 18	Luke 3; 15 - 16, 21 - 22

Diocesan Website:

<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Happy New Year!

Praying with the Pope in January 2022
For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

The Word Became Flesh
John 1

1 IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. 2 HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD. 3 ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM, AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANY THING MADE THAT WAS MADE. 4 IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN. 5 THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT. 6 THERE WAS A MAN SENT FROM GOD, WHOSE NAME WAS JOHN. 7 HE CAME AS A WITNESS, TO BEAR WITNESS ABOUT THE LIGHT, THAT ALL MIGHT BELIEVE THROUGH HIM. 8 HE WAS NOT THE LIGHT, BUT CAME TO BEAR WITNESS ABOUT THE LIGHT. 9 THE TRUE LIGHT, WHICH GIVES LIGHT TO EVERYONE, WAS COMING INTO THE WORLD. 10 HE WAS IN THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD WAS MADE THROUGH HIM, YET THE WORLD DID NOT KNOW HIM. 11 HE CAME TO HIS OWN, AND HIS OWN PEOPLE DID NOT RECEIVE HIM. 12 BUT TO ALL WHO DID RECEIVE HIM, WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD, 13 WHO WERE BORN, NOT OF BLOOD NOR OF THE WILL OF THE FLESH NOR OF THE WILL OF MAN, BUT OF GOD. 14 AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. 15 (JOHN BORE WITNESS ABOUT HIM, AND CRIED OUT, THIS WAS HE OF WHOM I SAID, HE WHO COMES AFTER ME RANKS BEFORE ME, BECAUSE HE WAS BEFORE ME.) 16 FOR FROM HIS FULLNESS WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED, GRACE UPON GRACE. 17 FOR THE LAW WAS GIVEN THROUGH MOSES; GRACE AND TRUTH CAME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. 18 NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD; THE ONLY GOD, WHO IS AT THE FATHER'S SIDE, HE HAS MADE HIM KNOWN.

There may be new government legislation affecting churches, but for now we continue to wear masks. Please remember to sanitise and socially distance. Some people are vulnerable, so please respect their space. Hopefully we can keep everyone safe as they come to church.

Usual Mass times are as follows:

Saturday

4.30pm Church opens (with exposition)

5.15pm Benediction

5.30pm Mass in St Peter's

Sunday

9.00am Church opens

9.30am Mass in St Joseph's

11.00am Mass in St Peter's

Confessions

Will be available during holy hour, but, where possible, to be celebrated outdoors.

This Sunday

Is the 2nd Sunday of Christmas. In the gospel we listen to the first chapter of John: The Word has become flesh!

Benediction this Saturday

During the vacation, benediction continues each Saturday at 5.15pm.

The 5.30pm Vigil Mass

Falls on 1st January. The Mass will be the Mass of the Sunday, but as it is the 1st January, we shall also be praying for blessings for the New Year.

The 9.30am Mass

Takes place in St Joseph's as usual

The 11am Sunday Mass

With the college on vacation, this will be a quiet Mass useful for those avoiding crowds.

Christmas Holidays

SMH, the College and St Joseph's are now all on holiday. St Joseph's returns on Tuesday 4th January, while SMH and the College resume on Monday 10th January. Let's pray for a normal term.

RCIA

The RCIA group have their first meeting for the year on Tuesday 4th January at 6.30pm.

Feast of the Epiphany

On Thursday we celebrate the arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem. On Wednesday evening there will be the vigil Mass in St Peter's at 5.30pm. There will be a Mass at 9am in St Joseph's, but for the primary school children only. There will be a Mass in St Peter's at 11am for parishioners.

Next Sunday

Is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is beginning his public ministry by being baptized in the Jordan by his cousin, John the Baptist. This day marks the end of the Christmas Season.

Cemetery Statue Appeal

The statue of the Risen Christ has arrived! We are now planning its installation in the cemetery. The total raised is £7,100.45. Well done! We have now reached our target. Any money over will go to resurfacing the paths in the Cemetery.

Thanks from the Parish Priest

Fr Tim would like to thank everyone who expressed their good wishes over the Christmas season. A huge thank you too for all of those who helped with the Christmas Masses. Each in its own way was very memorable and each helped us to connect to the mystery we were celebrating.

Christmas Collection

The Christmas collection came to £1,016.50 and goes to the Jesuits in gratitude for keeping a priest here.

2021 in Numbers:

Over the last 12 months we have celebrated:

	2020	2021
Baptisms	7	20
Receptions	10	2
1 st communions	24	18
Confirmations	6	44
Weddings	1	18
Funerals	5	22

A busy year for us all.

It is a privilege to accompany so many people at key moments on their spiritual journeys. We rejoice with those who were happy and feel sad for those who were sad.

Happy New Year, Everyone!