

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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**THE NEWSLETTER**

**Mary the Mother of God (Year A)  
New Year's Day**

## Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 31 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of Mary the Mother of God
Su 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Feast of Mary the Mother of God
	11.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	
M 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Mass		St Basil and St Gregory BB DD
Tu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am St P's	Eucharistic Service	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
W 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	In Thanksgiving	Weekday in the Christmas Season
Th 5 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		Weekday in the Christmas Season
F 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am St P's	Kathleen, Leo & Ena Hayhurst Int.	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>

(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.** Clare Rawcliffe, Sam Smith, Fr Paul Magill SJ, Francis Nutter, Fr Freddy Turner SJ, Margaret Brown, Richard Henry Rogerson, Kathleen Hill, Mary Francis Slater, Elizabeth Hardman and Neil Murtagh. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

## Readings at Mass

	Mary the Mother of God A	The Baptism of the Lord A
First	Num 6; 22 - 27	Isaiah 42; 1 - 4, 6 - 7
Second	Gal 4; 4 - 7	Acts 10; 34 - 38
Gospel	Luke 2; 16 - 21	Matt 3; 13 - 17

## Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

## Praying with the Pope in January 2023 For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Look at [www.ThePopeVideo.org](http://www.ThePopeVideo.org) for more information



### **This Sunday**

Is the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. It is also New Year's Day. We pray that Mary, Our Mother, and the mother of Jesus, will be with us through the joys and challenges of the year ahead.

### **New Year's Day**

On this special day we can take the opportunity to look back on the year that has just concluded. We can thank the Lord for his many blessings. We can also look forward to the year that is to come. May the Lord help us to overcome our failures from the last year. No one can predict what the Lord has in store for us, but we can pray for the grace we need to face future challenges.

### **Fr Tim Away**

Fr Tim is away from the parish until Tuesday making his retreat. Fr Adrian Howell will celebrate the Masses this weekend. Thank you Fr Adrian! The 8am Mass on Tuesday will be a Eucharistic Service. Mass as normal from Wednesday.

### **Parish Extra**

Thanks to those who contributed to our Christmas Parish Extra. If you did not get a copy last week, please take one from the back of the church today.

### **Stonyhurst and SMH and St Joseph's Primary Christmas break**

The College, SMH and St Joseph's have now all broken up for Christmas. However, Benediction on a Saturday afternoon and the 11am Mass on a Sunday will continue as normal over the Christmas period. St Joseph's reopens on Wednesday.

### **Feast of the Epiphany**

Friday is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord when we remember the visit of the Kings. Parishioners who wish to attend Mass that day may come to a Mass for Stonyhurst Staff at 9am in St Peter's. Also, there is a Mass at 2.15pm in St Joseph's for the pupils there, and parishioners may join that one too. There is no 8am Mass on Friday.

### **Next Sunday**

Is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus, ready to begin his ministry, is baptised by his cousin John in the river Jordan.

### **Community Coffee Stop**

Takes place in the Bowling Green on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm. Come and enjoy a natter and some cake and company.

### **Thank You**

A huge thank you to everyone who made our celebration of Christmas so special this year. It shows our parish volunteers at their best. Thank you everyone.

### **Fr Tim says thanks too**

To all those who sent Christmas wishes. You will be in his prayers.

### **The Pope on the New Year**

*In his New Year address in 2021, Pope Francis said:*

"Jesus' life and ministry represent the supreme revelation of the Father's love for humanity. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus showed himself to be the one consecrated by the Lord and "sent to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed". These messianic actions, associated with the Jubilee year, bear eloquent witness to the mission he received from the Father. In his compassion, Christ drew near to the sick in body and spirit, and brought them healing; he pardoned sinners and gave them new life. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is the Good Samaritan who stoops to help the injured man, binds his wounds and cares for him.

At the culmination of his mission, Jesus gave the ultimate proof of his care for us by offering himself on the cross to set us free from the slavery of sin and death. By the sacrificial gift of his life, he opened for us the path of love. To each of us he says, "Follow me; go and do likewise".

*A happy and blessed New Year to all our readers*