

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

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**THE NEWSLETTER**

**Fourth Sunday of OT (Year A)**

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 31 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Mary Taylor (B'day)	The vigil of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT
Su 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
	11.00am St P's	For the College	
Mo 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Mass		Presentation of the Lord
Tu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am St P's	Communion Service	St Blaise
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Geraldine Ashley A	Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 4)
Th 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am SMH	For the School	St Agatha VM
Fr 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Agnes Haworth A	St Paul Miki SJ & other SJ martyrs

(Each Saturday during term time there are confessions and 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:** Christine Crouch, Edward Holden, Peter Hardwick, Dorothy Murtagh, Cyril Snape, Janet Bailey and Mary Agnes Haworth.  
*May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
First	Zeph 2; 3, 12 – 13	Isaiah 58; 7 – 10
Second	1 Cor 1; 26 – 31	1 Cor 2; 1 – 5
Gospel	Matt 5; 1 – 12a	Matt 5; 13 – 16

**Diocesan Website:**

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

**Praying with the Pope in February 2026**

**For children with incurable diseases.**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support never losing strength and hope.

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



*Blessed are the poor in spirit  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

### **Today**

Is the fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel Matthew recounts the first sermon of Jesus where he proclaims the beatitudes.

### **World Day of Prayer for racial justice**

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for racial justice. May all feel included.

### **Caritas Sunday**

If you took an envelope last week, please place it in the ordinary collection basket. Thanks for your support.

### **Feast of the Presentation**

Monday is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the temple. It marks 40 days since his birth. Mary and Joseph go to make the offering required for the safe delivery of their child.

### **St Blaise**

Tuesday is the feast of St Blaise. Fr Tim will be attending the funeral of Simon Bishop in Birmingham. The 8am morning Mass will be replaced with a communion service. The traditional blessing of throats will be given after Mass on Wednesday.

### **Fr Simon Bishop SJ, RIP**

Simon's funeral will be on Tuesday at 11am at St Mary's Church, Harborne, B17 0DN. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

### **ParkPlay**

Continues on Saturday from 10am to 12 noon on the field behind the Village Hall. All children welcome.

### **Day by Day**

The January Day by Day has readings up to the 17<sup>th</sup> February. The next issue will be one that covers all of Lent. This has not arrived yet but will come before mid-February.

### **Next Sunday**

Is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel Jesus tells his disciples that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

### **Pupils at the vigil Mass**

Next weekend the Stonyhurst boarders will be attending the 5.30pm Saturday vigil Mass. The Mass will be a "Youth Mass" with music more suited to young people. Next Sunday the 11am Mass will be a quiet one.

### **Day of prayer for victims of trafficking**

Next Sunday is the day of prayer for those who are still being taken and forced into work they would rather not do. Next Sunday is also the feast of St Josephine Bakhita – patron saint of trafficked women.

### **St Josephine Bakhita**

Was a slave from Sudan. She was enslaved when she was 7 or 8 years old – so young that did not remember her own name. She was called Bakhita by her enslavers (it means "fortunate" in Arabic). Eventually she was owned by the Italian Vice Consul who, on his return to Italy, brought her with him. In Venice she asked to become a Catholic and then entered the noviciate of the Canossian sisters. As a nun she spent the rest of her life as a "slave of Christ". She was canonised by pope John Paul II in 2000 and is the patron saint of trafficked women.

### **Vacancy at Jesuit Missions**

Jesuit Missions is looking for a new 'Campaigns & Outreach Officer'. This is a remote working opportunity, with travel across the UK. For more information about Jesuit Missions, the Job Description/Person Specification go to: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/vacancies/> Closing date: 9am, 2nd February 2026.

### **Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP**

Will give a talk at the Holy Name church in Manchester: "How can we keep our hope alive today". Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the church. All welcome.

### **Last year's palms**

If you kept your palm from last year's Palm Sunday, please bring it back to church. Fr Tim will need them to make the Ashes for Ash Wednesday.