

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 28 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Mary Moss RIP	The vigil of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
Su 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Second Sunday of Lent
	11.00am St P's	For the College	
Mo 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Mass		St David
Tu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am St P's	Renee Poulter (Wilcock) L	Weekday in Lent
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Kirby Family Intentions	Weekday in Lent
Th 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am SMH	For the School	Weekday in Lent
Fr 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Theresa Shevlin (for health)	Weekday in Lent

(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:** John Raymond Wilcock, Joseph (Keith) Cross, Hannah Platt, Teresa Nutter and Mary Arrowsmith. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

#### Readings at Mass

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)
First	Gen 12; 1 - 4a	Exod 17; 3 - 7
Second	2 Tim 1; 8b - 10	Rom 5; 1 - 2, 6 - 9
Gospel	Matt 17; 1 - 9	John 4; 5 - 42

#### Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

#### Praying with the Pope in March 2026

**For disarmament and peace.**

Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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



*And behold, there appeared with him  
Moses and Elijah*

## **Today**

Is the second Sunday of Lent. In the gospel Matthew tells the story of how Jesus is transfigured on the mountain and Moses and Elijah appear with him.

## **Sacramental Preparation**

Resumes this Sunday at 8.30am in St Joseph's. Please keep these children in your prayers.

## **Thinking about Lent**

Perhaps today is a good day to review our Lent penance. Ask if it is helping you to grow closer to the Lord. We can always change what we are doing if it will help us to do better.

## **Family Fast Day**

Should have been last Friday. However, please take an envelope today and perhaps use next Friday as your personal fast day. Please bring back the envelope next week.

## **Stations of the Cross**

During Lent the parish gathers to celebrate the Stations of the Cross. We alternate between St Peter's and St Joseph's. This week it will be at 7pm in St Joseph's.

## **ParkPlay**

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

## **Next Sunday**

Is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent. In the gospel Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman at the well.

## **Gift Aid**

Thank you to those who gift aid their collection donations. Just a reminder – please let us know if you change your address so that we can continue to claim this money back. Thank You.

## **Christopher Graffius RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Graffius who died after battling an illness. His funeral will be at 12 noon on 18th March at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1 Birch Court, Llay, Wrexham, LL12 OHS.

## **Red boxes**

If you have a Mission Red Box please bring it back to church to be counted. Thank you.

## **New Stations for the cemetery**

We have had to rethink the choice of Stations of the Cross for the cemetery, as some of the images on the set chosen do not relate closely enough to the actual stations. Rather than choose a new set, we have been able to find stations to replace the ones that are inappropriate. See the display at the side altar. The bases are currently being made. The total cost of the 14 stations is likely to be about £11,000. If you would like to make a donation towards this project, you are welcome to do so. We can arrange for this donation to be gift aided.

## **Date for your diary**

There will be a Coffee Stop Special on 19<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm to 3pm in the Memorial Hall in aid of the Blackburn homeless charity: T.H.O.M.A.S. Soup and sandwiches will be served from 1pm to 1.30pm. All welcome.

## **The Transfiguration and St Andrew**

At the Transfiguration, Jesus took with him up the mountain Peter, James and John. Why these three and not the other 9 apostles? Jewish tradition required the testimony of 2 or 3 for a report to be considered reliable.

Remember, Peter was the oldest of the twelve and chosen by Jesus to be the leader after the resurrection. John was the youngest and the one who was with Jesus at the crucifixion. He took Mary into his home. James was the first of the twelve to be martyred and was the leader of the church in Jerusalem. So Jesus chose well.

However, Andrew is the apostle I feel most sorry for. He led Peter to Jesus, but then always seems to be left out. The name "Andrew" is not a Hebrew name, but Greek in origin (meaning "manly"). An unusual choice of name for a fisherman from Capernaum.

He features infrequently in the gospel narratives. As an apostle, after the resurrection, Andrew carried the Good News far and wide. Tradition holds that he was martyred by crucifixion in Greece, but not with a cross like that of Jesus. Nor with an upside down cross like his brother Peter, but rather with an X shaped cross (now known as the Cross of St Andrew).

It is believed that his relics were brought to Scotland – hence Scotland has adopted St Andrew as their Patron Saint, and the Cross of St Andrew (the Saltire) as the national flag and has been incorporated into the Union Jack.