

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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THE NEWSLETTER

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (year C)

Mass Schedule for this week

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 2 nd	5.30pm St P's	Mary Wilson-White A	Vigil of the 8 th Sunday of OT (year C)
Su 3 rd	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	8 th Sunday of OT (year C)
	11.00am St P's	For the College	8 th Sunday of OT (year C)
M 4 th	NO MASS		Weekday in Ordinary Time - Week 8
T 5 th	8.00am St P's	Paul Flynn MP L	Weekday in Ordinary Time
W 6 th	8.00am St P's	Rosaleen Povey L	Ash Wednesday
	9.30am St J's		
	11.15am SMH		
Th 7 th	No Mass		Weekday in Lent
F 8 th	8.00am St P's	Anne Donnelly L	Weekday in Lent

(Every Saturday Afternoon: **Holy Hour with Confessions** at 4.30pm, **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. Joseph Kitching, Bertie Albert Isherwood, John Earnshaw, Ann Hardman, Joseph Burns and Hannah Platt. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Readings at Mass

	8 th Sunday of OT (year C)	1 st Sunday of Lent (yr C)
First	Ecclus 27; 4 - 7	Deut 26; 4 - 10
Second	I Cor 15; 54 - 58	Rom 10; 8 - 13
Gospel	Luke 6; 39 - 45	Luke 4; 1 - 13

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in March 2019

That Christian Communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information.

Novena of Grace to St Francis Xavier

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the most divine majesty. The memory of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy. And I unite with you in offering to him my humble tribute of thanksgiving and praise. I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession, the all-important blessing of living and dying in a state of grace. I also ask you to obtain the favour I ask in this novena . . . (here pause to ask the favour you seek) But if what I ask is not for the greater glory of God, or the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. **Amen.**

Say this prayer for nine days starting from today

Today

Is the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary time. The last ordinary Sunday before Lent begins.

The Gospel teaches that a man's words flow from what is in his heart.

The next session of the sacramental programme for our children making their first Holy Communion will be today at 8.30am. The 9.30 Mass at St Joseph's will be directed at these children. There will be a cup of tea available after the 9.30 Mass.

The Novena of Grace in honour of St Francis Xavier begins next today. Please see the special Novena Prayer on the front page of the newsletter.

Hummingbird Project Film Night

Will be showing the movie "Suffragette" on Monday at 7.30pm in St John's Old School. Suggested donation £5.00. All welcome.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. This marks the beginning of Lent. There will be a Mass in St Peter's at 8am with the distribution of ashes. College Students will receive their ashes after a special assembly at 8.30am.

There is a Mass in St Joseph's at 9.30am for the primary school pupils and another Mass at 11.15am in SMH for the pupils there. Parishioners are welcome to take part in any of these celebrations.

If you saved your palm from last year, please bring it back to the church TODAY. We use these blessed palms to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. There is a basket for palms at the back of the church.

During Lent the church invites us to intensify our prayer, do some fasting and give alms. Have you decided what you will do for this lent?

Social Afternoon

There is a games playing afternoon, run by some Stonyhurst students, on Thursday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30pm in St Peter's club. All welcome.

Next Sunday

Is the first Sunday of Lent. The Gospel recounts how Jesus fasted for 40 days and how he overcame the temptations of the devil.

Next weekend the parents of our Poetry parents will join us for the 11am Mass.

Also, next Sunday the Rite of Election takes place in the Cathedral in Salford at 2.30pm. We have two people to be received into the church this Easter.

The Collection

Weekend 23rd / 24th February 2019

Vigil	9.30am	11.00am	TOTAL
£113.60	£93.48	£52.00	£259.08

Thank you for your generosity.

Lent Saturday Afternoon Retreats

During Lent, three Saturday afternoons will be given over to mini retreats for some of our parish ministries:

Sat 16th March: Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 23rd March: Readers

Sat 30th March: Children's Liturgy animators

Each retreat will run from 2 to 4pm and will involve some prayer and some practical activity related to the ministry.

All those involved in these ministries are invited to take part, but other people who are interested in this area of service are also welcome to attend.

The Society of Jesus chooses new priorities

Fr General of the Society of Jesus has announced 4 major priorities for all Jesuit works to keep in mind:
+Promoting discernment and the spiritual exercises
+Walking with the excluded
+Caring for our common home
+Journeying with youth

The Parish Council will discuss how we can contribute to these priorities as a Jesuit Parish at the next Parish Council meeting. Your suggestions are welcome.

Welcome into the church

We welcome Alicia Dodgeon into the Catholic Church. She is being baptised this weekend. We pray for her family and friends on this joyous occasion.

Fr Billy Hewitt SJ RIP

The Funeral for Fr Billy Hewitt SJ will take place in Corpus Christi, Boscombe, on Thursday 7th March at 12.30pm. Please remember him in your prayers. *May he rest in peace.*