

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 2 nd	5.30pm St P's	For the Stonyhurst Community	Vigil of 5 th Sunday of Easter
Su 3 rd	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	11.00am St P's	Joseph Bolton L	
Mo 4 th	No Mass		The English Martyrs
Tu 5 th	8.00am St P's	Private Intention	Weekday in the Easter Season (week 5)
Wed 6 th	8.00am St P's	Survivors of Sexual Abuse	Weekday in the Easter Season
Th 7 th	8.30am SMH	For the school	Weekday in the Easter Season
Fr 8 th	8.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	Weekday in the Easter Season

(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: Lucy Platt, Francis Burns, Fr Thomas (Tom) Shufflebotham SJ, Mona Moon, Joseph Bolton, Henry Holden, Fr John Bridges SJ, William Mather, John Wilcock *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sixth Sunday of Easter
First	Acts 6; 1 - 7	Acts 8; 5 - 8, 14 - 17
Second	1 Peter 2; 4 - 9	1 Peter 2; 4 - 9
Gospel	John 14; 1 - 12	John 18; 12 - 17

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in May 2026

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and so ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



I am the way, the truth and the life

Today

Is the fifth Sunday of Easter. In the gospel Jesus tells the disciples that he is the way, the truth and the life. Through him we find direction and meaning in our lives.

Pupils at the vigil Mass

This weekend the Stonyhurst boarders will come to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday. This will be a Mass with more contemporary music. This Saturday there is no Holy Hour or Benediction, but confessions are available. The 11am Sunday Mass will be a quiet one.

Sacramental Preparation

Continues on Sunday at 8.30am in St Joseph's. Pray for our children as they learn about Mass.

Day by Day

Please pick up the May copy of *Day by Day* from the back of the church.

Prayers for peace

We still seem to be far away from constructive peace talks to end the conflict in the Middle East. We need to be steadfast in our prayers.

Welcome to the new head

William Doherty, the new head of Stonyhurst, has taken up his term of office. Let's keep him, and the college, in our prayers.

May Devotions

During May we gather each Wednesday at 7pm to pray the rosary. This Wednesday we gather in St Peter's. After the rosary we can decide the venue for further Wednesdays.

Polling Day

Thursday is Polling Day for many parts of the UK. There are no elections taking place in our area, but we can pray that people use their vote wisely.

ParkPlay

Takes place every Saturday from 10am to 12 noon on the field behind the Village Hall. Now that the weather is better, we hope for more participants. New leaders welcome: contact Catriona on 07775 801057.

Next Sunday

Is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In the gospel Jesus promises that whatever we ask in his name will be granted.

New Stations for the cemetery

These are currently being made, along with their bases. Those who wish may contribute to the cost of their purchase. A thank you to those who have contributed already.

Ascension Thursday

This year falls on Thursday 14th May.

Parishioners can

Join Stonyhurst pupils for Mass at 9am

Join St Joseph's pupils for Mass at 2.15pm

The Sacrament of Confirmation

We will join with the parishes of Clitheroe and Whalley for the celebration of confirmation for our young people on Tuesday 23rd June at 7pm in St Mary's Langho. To be confirmed you need to be in year 8 or above. For those at St Augustine's High School, preparation will be done in school. Fr Tim will run a course for everyone else. The registration form will be available next week.

May devotions

During May and during October we display our magnificent rosary banners around the church. There is one banner for each of the 20 mysteries of the rosary. The mysteries help us to focus on key points of the life of Mary and the life of Jesus as the story of our salvation unfolds. But why has the church chosen May to be the month that we dedicate to Our Lady?

At least in the Northern Hemisphere, May is the month where nature comes alive once more. The trees are now coming into leaf and there is an abundance of flowers and insects to pollinate them. We enjoy warmer weather and longer days. May helps us absorb the new life that spring gives.

I am sure many of our senior parishioners will remember May processions. Different groups in the parish would accompany the statue of Our Lady in an outdoor procession. Maybe those days have gone, but we can still honour Mary by saying the rosary frequently during this month.