

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

Feast of the Epiphany (Year C)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 4 th	5.30pm St P's	For kings and rulers	Vigil of the Feast of the Epiphany
Su 5 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Feast of the Epiphany (Year C)
	11.00am St P's	For those returning to school	
Mo 6 th	No Mass		Weekday in Christmas time
Tu 7 th	8.00am St P's	Vincent Comber A	Weekday in Christmas time
Wed 8 th	8.00am St P's	Joan Bourke A	Weekday in Christmas time
Th 9 th	No Mass		Weekday in Christmas time
Fr 10 th	8.00am St P's	Carole Stevenson L	Weekday in Christmas time

(Each Saturday 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 Kathleen Hill, Mary Francis Slater, Elizabeth Hardman, Neil Murtagh, James Hughes, Mary Melling, Doreen Kenyon, Winifred Buller, Brigid Hardwick, Richard Algar, James Tomlinson, Isaac Wilkinson. Vincent Comber, Mary Francis Barlow, Fr Henry (Harry) Macklin SJ, John Cowdall. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	The Epiphany of the Lord	The Baptism of the Lord
First	Isaiah 60; 1 - 6	Isaiah 40; 1 - 5
Second	Eph 3; 2 - 3a	Titus 2; 11 - 14
Gospel	Matt 2; 1 - 12	Luke 3; 15 - 16, 21 - 22

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in January 2025

For a right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



They offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh

This Sunday

We celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, even though the 6th January is not until Monday. The wise men having travelled a great distance, find Jesus and his mother in the house. On Monday, the 12th day of Christmas, we mark the end of the Christmas season.

Crib Offerings

This year go to the Friends of the Holy Land. We will leave the crib in the church until Wednesday.

The Messenger

Please take the January issue from the back of the church.

Pupils return to school

St Joseph's and SMH resume classes on Monday and the Stonyhurst pupils begin classes on Wednesday.

St Joseph's school Mass

Takes place in their chapel at 2pm on Monday. We will pray for them that they have a successful new term.

Stonyhurst school Mass

Mass is celebrated on Wednesday at 9am in St Peter's to pray a successful new term.

Coffee Stop

The first Coffee Stop of 2025 takes place on Thursday at 1.30pm in the Bowling Green pavilion. Come along and enjoy some festive cheer!

Next Sunday

Is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. After 30 years "hidden" in Nazareth, Jesus begins his public ministry by being baptised by his cousin, John, in the waters of the Jordan. Next Sunday our boarders will be joining us for the Saturday 5.15pm Benediction and the Sunday 11am Mass.

Website stats

Over the Christmas week 6,000 people accessed the parish website. Of these 176 opened the Newsletter page.

Christmas Collection

This year this came to £1,597. Thank you for your generosity.

Jubilee Year 2025

2025 is a "Jubilee" year, a year of special grace for the Church. The church of St Peter's has been designated as a place of pilgrimage for the Diocese of Salford. It is open for private prayer from early in the morning until the evening. We hope to welcome pilgrims from all over the diocese as they come to pray in our church.



Message from Fr Tim

St Peter's and St Joseph's are wonderful places to work. What makes them so special is the ready and willing contribution of so many parishioners who faithfully turn up week by week to do their bit. Heartfelt thanks to each and every one for this generous service. Without this army of volunteers the parish would be but a shadow of what it is at the moment. While being so grateful for what everyone does, we all recognise that none of us are getting any younger! We always need more volunteers of any age, but especially from younger parishioners. If one of your New Year's Resolutions is to do more for the church community, please have a word with Fr Tim or with Niall Macfarlane.

The Parish in Numbers

During 2024 we celebrated:

	2023	2024
Baptisms	37	22
Receptions	5	4
1 st Communions	34	28
Confirmations	32	23
Weddings	18	13
Funerals	12	4

Our young people from the Parish were confirmed in Langho, so they are not represented in our statistics.