

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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**THE NEWSLETTER**

**The Baptism of the Lord (Year A)**

## Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 7 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P's	In thanksgiving for Pope Benedict	Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord
Su 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
	11.00am St P's	Special Intention	
M 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am St P's	For the College and SMH	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tu 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	John Cowdall A	Weekday in Ordinary Time
W 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Joan Flockton L	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Th 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am SMH	For the school	Weekday in Ordinary Time
F 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Cathlyn Osborn L	Weekday in Ordinary Time

(Each Saturday there is 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.** James Hughes, Mary Melling, Doreen Kenyon, Winifred Butler, Brigid Hardwick, Richard Algar, James Tomlinson, Isaac Wilkinson, Vincent Comber, Mary Barlow, Fr Harry Macklin SJ, John Cowdall, Robert Wilkinson, Kevin O'Hara and Brenda Ross. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

## Readings at Mass

	The Baptism of the Lord A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of OT (year A)
First	Isaiah 42; 1 – 4, 6 – 7	Isaiah 49; 3, 5 – 6
Second	Acts 10; 34 – 38	I Cor 1; 1 – 3
Gospel	Matt 3; 13 – 17	John 1; 29 – 34

## Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

## Praying with the Pope in January 2023 For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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



### **This Sunday**

Is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus, ready to begin his ministry, is baptised by his cousin John in the river Jordan. Today marks the end of the Christmas season.

### **His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus, RIP**

The 5.30pm Mass this Saturday will be a thanksgiving Mass for the life and ministry of the late Pope Emeritus.

### **Ordinary Time Resumes**

On Monday "Ordinary Time" resumes. Our weekday readings are from the first week of Ordinary Time (year 1). Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Ordinary Time (year A).

### **Community Coffee Stop**

Takes place in the Bowling Green on Thursday at 1.30pm. Come and enjoy a natter and some cake and company.

### **Fr Tim Away**

Fr Tim thanks those who helped while he was away making his retreat. Special thanks go to Fr Adrian who came over from Preston for the weekend Masses.

### **Parish Extra**

Still a few copies left. If you did not pick up your copy, please do so today.

### **Stonyhurst and SMH and St Joseph's Primary Christmas break**

Everyone is now back from their Christmas break. The Stonyhurst and SMH pupils have their start of year Mass in St Peter's on Monday at 9am.

### **Next Sunday**

Is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. Until Ash Wednesday we are back to green vestments. In the gospel John points out Jesus to some of his own disciples.

### **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (16 April 1927 - 31 December 2022) May he rest in peace**

Benedict XVI, Joseph Ratzinger, who died on 31 December 2022, was one of the most influential figures in the Catholic Church during the late twentieth century and the first years of the twenty first. As Pope, he presided over a Church

that finding its own identity, increasingly divided over the liturgy, and shamed by the failure of its bishops to deal with the scandal of child abuse. But nothing matched the shock of his announcement of his resignation in February 2013, the first by a pope for several hundred years.

Joseph Ratzinger was born on Easter Saturday, 16 April 1927, in Marktl in Bavaria, the youngest of three children born to Mary and Joseph, a cook and a policeman. His early life was deeply affected by the Second World War. His father's opposition to Nazism led to work demotions and harassment. In 1943, at the age of 16, Joseph was conscripted into anti-aircraft work in Munich, later joining the army. By the end of the war he had deserted but he was taken prisoner by the Americans, eventually being released in June 1945.

He entered a seminary and was ordained alongside his elder brother Georg in 1951. He taught in Bonn, Munster and Tübingen, where in 1966 his friend Hans Küng helped him secure the chair in dogmatic theology. During the Second Vatican Council, young professor Ratzinger acted as "peritus" to the Archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal Joseph Frings. He helped to draft the decree on revelation, *Dei Verbum*, and key parts of *Lumen Gentium*, the dogmatic constitution on the Church. He wrote warmly of episcopal collegiality.

In 1977, Paul VI appointed Ratzinger to be archbishop of Munich and Freising, promoting him to the status of cardinal soon after. In 1981 Pope John Paul II called him to Rome to be Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (the former Holy Office).

When John Paul II died in April 2005 it soon became apparent that the cardinals did not want another lengthy papacy. Cardinal Ratzinger was elected after one of the shortest conclaves in modern times.

The 2010 visit to the UK included the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, long a favourite of English Catholics but also held in high personal regard by Ratzinger himself. In 2013 he retired as Pope. He enjoyed a quiet retirement within the walls of the Vatican. He and Pope Francis met frequently. After a brief illness he died on New Years Eve. His funeral was held in the Vatican last Thursday. We commend his soul to the Lord.