

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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**THE NEWSLETTER**

**Fifth Sunday of OT (Year A)**

Mass Schedule

| Date                 | Time           | Mass Intentions                 | Feast   |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Sa 7 <sup>th</sup>   | 5.30pm St P's  | Lucy Wilkinson A                | The vigil of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT |
| Su 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am St J's  | For the Parish                  | Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time                 |
|                      | 11.00am St P's | For recovery after an operation |   |
| Mo 9 <sup>th</sup>   | No Mass        |                                 | Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 5)             |
| Tu 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am St P's  | Richard Wilson L                | St Scholastica V                              |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am St P's  | Janice Griffiths (for health)   | Our Lady of Lourdes                           |
| Th 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.30am SMH     | For the School                  | Weekday in Ordinary Time                      |
| Fr 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am St P's  | Fr Simon Bishop SJ L            | Weekday in Ordinary Time                      |

(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:** Joseph Melling, Hubert Wells, Adrian Holden, Fr Joe Wareing SJ, John Holden, Bill Bailey, Lucy Teresa Wilkinson, George Moon, Hubert Wilcock, Monica Mary Wildon, Eileen Mary Dunand, James Doyle and William (Bill) Crotty.  
*May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

|        | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time |
|--------|---|---|
| First  | Isaiah 58; 7 – 10                       | Sirach 15; 19 – 21                      |
| Second | 1 Cor 2; 1 – 5                          | 1 Cor 2; 6 – 10                         |
| Gospel | Matt 5; 13 – 16                         | Matt 5; 17 – 31                         |

**Diocesan Website:**

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

**Praying with the Pope in February 2026**

**For children with incurable diseases.**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support never losing strength and hope.

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



*Who would light a lamp  
 And put it under a basket*

### **Today**

Is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel Jesus tells his disciples that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

### **Pupils at the vigil Mass**

This weekend the Stonyhurst boarders will be attending the 5.30pm Saturday vigil Mass. The Mass will be a "Youth Mass" with music more suited to young people. On Sunday the 11am Mass will be a quiet one.

### **The Sacramental programme**

Begins today at 8.30am in St Joseph's. Let's pray for our children beginning this important journey.

### **Day of prayer for victims of trafficking**

This Sunday is the day of prayer for those who are still being taken and forced into work they would rather not do. Today is also the feast of St Josephine Bakhita – patron saint of trafficked women.

### **Coffee Stop**

Takes place on Thursday at 1.30pm in the Bowling Green pavilion. All welcome.

### **ParkPlay**

Continues on Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon on the field behind the Village Hall. All children welcome.

### **Day by Day**

The January Day by Day has readings up to the 17<sup>th</sup> February. The next issue will be one that covers all of Lent. This has not arrived yet but will come before mid-February.

### **Valentine's Day**

Falls next Saturday. We can pray for all of those thinking about celebrating the sacrament of Matrimony.

### **Next Sunday**

Is the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel Jesus explains that he has not come to abolish the Law of the Old Testament, but to fulfil it.

### **Day of prayer for the unemployed**

Pope Leo has asked that next Sunday the whole church pray for the unemployed. It is a fundamental human right that people should be able to work to support themselves and their families.

### **Boarders on Half Term**

Next weekend the boarders will be on half term, so there will be no Benediction on Saturday evening and the 11am Sunday Mass will be a quiet Mass. We can pray for all of our children enjoying a well-deserved half-term.

### **Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP**

Will give a talk at the Holy Name church in Manchester: "How can we keep our hope alive today". Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the church. All welcome.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Is fast approaching. This year it falls on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, as well as the 8am Mass in St Peter's, there will be a 9.30am Mass in St Joseph's. Ashes will be given at both Masses.

### **Last year's palms**

If you kept your palm from last year's Palm Sunday, please bring it back to church. Fr Tim will need them to make the Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

### **Winckley Square Convent School Reunion**

The annual reunion will take place on Saturday 21st February from 1.30pm - 4pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood. PR2 9UE All past pupils, family, carers and teaching staff are welcome to attend. Please bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.

### **Thoughts on Lent**

It is up to each individual to consider how best to celebrate the holy season of Lent. The church gives us these 40 days to help us deepen our relationship with God and so let the grace of the passion and resurrection of the Lord to become transformative in our lives. Some people have a routine: they give up something or do something extra, but it is the same for every Lent. It might be that for this person this is the best way of drawing closer to the Lord, but it is worthwhile asking the question as something else might be better. Of course, we need to be prudent and not try and do too much, which will lead to frustration and us doing nothing at all!