

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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THE NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of OT (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 7 th	5.30pm St P's	Lucy Wilkinson A	The vigil of the 5 th Sunday of OT
Su 8 th	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 th	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 5)
Tu 10 th	8.00am St P's	Richard Wilson L	St Scholastica V
Wed 11 th	8.00am St P's	Janice Griffiths (for health)	Our Lady of Lourdes
Th 12 th	8.30am SMH	For the School	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Fr 13 th	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 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
First	Isaiah 58; 7 – 10	Sirach 15; 19 – 21
Second	1 Cir 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 loosing strength and hope.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



Who would light a lamp
And put it under a basket

Today

Is the 5th 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 17th 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 6th 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 17th February at 7pm in the church. All welcome.

Ash Wednesday

Is fast approaching. This year it falls on Wednesday 18th 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!