

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 7 th	5.30pm St P's	Christopher Graffius L	The vigil of the 3 rd Sunday of Lent
Su 8 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Third Sunday of Lent
	11.00am St P's	For the College	
Mo 9 th	No Mass		Weekday in Lent
Tu 10 th	8.00am St P's	Jeremy Grout-Smith A	St John Ogilvie SJ PM
Wed 11 th	8.00am St P's	Mary Moss RIP	Weekday in Lent
Th 12 th	8.30am SMH	For the School	Anniversary of the Canonisation of St Ignatius & St Francis Xavier
Fr 13 th	8.00am St P's	Awad Family Intentions	Weekday in Lent

(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: Lawrence Edwards, Harry Holden, Margaret Mary Thistlethwaite, Hannah Bretherton, Ann Holden, Peter O'Toole, Jeremy (Jem) Grout-Smith & Thomas Smalley SJ. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	3 rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)	4 th Sunday in Lent (Year A)
First	Exod 17; 3 - 7	1 Sam 16; 1b, 6-7 & 10 - 13a
Second	Rom 5; 1 - 2, 6 - 9	Eph 5; 8 - 14
Gospel	John 4; 5 - 42	John 9; 1 - 41

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in March 2026

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



Whoever drinks the water I will give them, will never be thirsty

Today

Is the 3rd Sunday of Lent. In the gospel Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman at the well. He offers her the gift of life-giving water.

Prayers for peace

As tensions around the world are rising, we must be steadfast in our prayers for world peace. Sadly, in war, many innocent people get caught up in the violence. We pray for them.

Sacramental Preparation

Continues this Sunday at 8.30am in St Joseph's. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Family Fast Day

If you took a Family Fast Day envelope last week, please place it in the basket provided.

Coffee Stop

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

Parish Council

Meets this week. To raise a matter please contact Niall Macfarlane.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent the parish gathers to celebrate the Stations of the Cross. We alternate between St Peter's and St Joseph's. This week it will be at 7pm in St Peter's.

ParkPlay

Takes place every Saturday from 10am to 12 noon on the field behind the Village Hall. All children welcome.

Next Sunday

Is the 4th Sunday of Lent, also called Laetare Sunday. It is also Mothers' Day, indeed a day of rejoicing. The liturgical colour is rose.

Pupils at the Vigil Mass

Next Sunday the boarders will be coming to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. It will be a Mass with more modern liturgical music. To give them an opportunity to practice beforehand, there will be no Benediction next Saturday. Next week the Sunday 11am Mass will be a quiet one.

Red boxes

If you have a Mission Red Box please bring it back to church to be counted. Thank you.

Coffee Stop Special

There will be a Coffee Stop Special on 19th March from 1pm to 3pm in the Memorial Hall in aid of the Blackburn homeless charity: T.H.O.M.A.S. Soup and sandwiches will be served from 1pm to 1.30pm. All welcome.

Food bank

Please consider, as part of your Lenten fast, a gift to the food bank. All long-life food items, toiletries and baby items gratefully received. The box for your gifts is by the baptism font.

Gift Aid

Thank you to those who gift aid their collection donations. Just a reminder – please let us know if you change your address so that we can continue to claim this money back. Thank You.

Christopher Graffius RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Graffius who died after battling an illness. His funeral will be at 12 noon on 18th March at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1 Birch Court, Llay, Wrexham, LL12 0HS.

New Stations for the cemetery

The proposed set of stations of the cross have met with general approval. They have been ordered and the bases are being made. The total cost of 14 stations is likely to be about £11,000. A big thank you to those who have already contributed. If you would like to make a donation towards this project, you are welcome to do so. We can arrange for this donation to be gift aided.

Holy Week retreat.

The Stonyhurst Family Holy Week retreat runs from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday (2 -5 April). Those attending Mass in St Peter's - don't need to register, just come along. Those wanting to attend the other events: Free, but you need to register in advance. Those wanting to attend the complete event including meals: There is a daily charge of £25 and you do need to register. experience@stonyhurst.ac.uk

Pope Leo on Peace

On Wednesday Pope Leo said: "Pray for peace, work for peace, less hatred. Hatred in the world is constantly increasing...truly strive to promote dialogue... seek solutions without weapons to resolve problems."