

# 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 10 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St P's	John Cowdall A
Su 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St J's	For the Parish
	11.00am	St P's	For the College
Mo 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St J's	For the School
Tu 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	St P's	Mary Moss RIP
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	St P's	Fr Simon Bishop SJ L
Th 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	SMH	For the School
Fr 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	St P's	Holy Souls

(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: Mary Francis Barlow, Fr Harry Macklin SJ, John Cowdall, Robert Wilkinson, Kevin O'Hara, Brenda Ross, Alice Wilkinson, Kathleen Hayhurst, Joseph Smith and Teresa Craven. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.**

**Readings at Mass**

	The Baptism of the Lord	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
First	Isaiah 42; 1 – 4, 6 – 7	Isaiah 49; 3, 5 – 6
Second	Acts 10; 34 – 36	1 Cor 1; 1 – 3
Gospel	Matt 3; 13 - 17	John 1; 29 34

**Diocesan Website:**

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

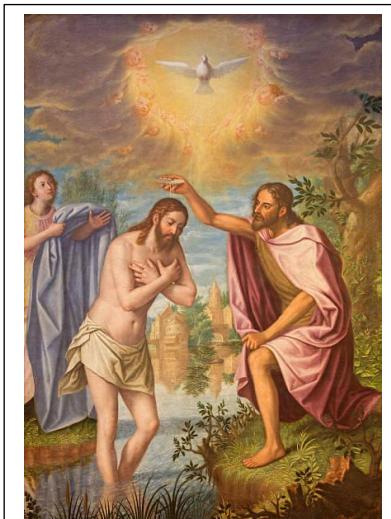
for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

**Praying with the Pope in January 2026**

**For prayer with the Word of God.**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishing for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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



..and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove...

## Today

Is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the gospel John hesitates to baptise Jesus, insisting that Jesus should baptise him.

## The Crib and Advent wreath

Thanks to those who have made our crib and Advent wreath so beautiful this year. They have now been stored away until next Christmas.

## Back to School

As our boarders have returned to school, there will be Holy Hour at 4.30pm and Benediction at 5.15pm every Saturday. The boarders will also join us for the 11am Sunday Mass.

## Ordinary Time

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. Until Lent the church enters "Ordinary Time" so we are back to green vestments. Of course, for those who believe Jesus is the saviour of the world, no time is "ordinary". We live in an age of grace.

## Mass in St Joseph's Primary

Sadly the Mass planned for last week did not take place because the school was closed with heating issues. The Mass has been rescheduled for Monday at 9.15am. All welcome.

## Mission Week at St Augustine's

During this week St Augustine's High School is celebrating its Mission Week. Let us pray that their students deepen their faith in the Lord.

## End of the Jubilee Year

The Jubilee Year finished last week. Many pilgrims came to visit our church during the year. About 300 chose to leave a "hope" in the Jar of Hope. Many hoped for world peace or that their family members might find God. Some hoped for a more united church or hoped for more vocations. Some left personal hopes – for health, for financial security or for a loving relationship. Let us pray that all of these hopes might be fulfilled by our loving God.

## ParkPlay

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

## Next Sunday

Is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel John the Baptist recognises that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

## Day of Prayer for Peace

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Peace. We pray for an end to the many conflicts around the world.

## Fr Simon Bishop SJ, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Simon Bishop who died last week. Simon attended SMH and the College for 10 years. He became a Jesuit and returned to be chaplain. More recently he has been the Master of Novices. Sadly, he lost his battle with cancer.

## St Carlo Acutis relics

Are coming to the diocese in January. They will be at St Mary's Church, Burnley on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026. School visits will be organised during the daytime and parishioners can visit in the evenings.

## Vacancy at Theodore House

Theodore House is looking for a full time Domestic/Guest Manager:

"We are looking to recruit a full-time Domestic & Guest Manager to support our small team. The role requires flexibility, some multi-tasking and good teamwork". More details on their website.

## The Parish in Numbers

During 2025 we celebrated:

	2024	2025
Baptisms	22	<b>21</b>
Receptions	4	<b>8</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Communions	28	<b>20</b>
Confirmations	23	<b>28</b>
Weddings	13	<b>12</b>
Funerals	4	<b>9</b>

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

Some of the funerals were a burial of Ashes in the cemetery, some with a Mass beforehand, some not.