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THE NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Gaudete Sunday

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 13 th	5.30pm St P's	Mary Elizabeth Leach A	The vigil of the 3 rd Sunday of Advent
Su 14 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	The 3 rd Sunday of Advent
	11.00am St P's	Ena, Kathleen & Leo Hayhurst	
Mo 15 th	No Mass		Weekday in Advent (week 3)
Tu 16 th	8.00am St P's	Bishop Tom McMahon L	Weekday in Advent
Wed 17 th	8.00am St P's	For the sick and housebound	Weekday in Advent
Th 18 th	No Mass		Weekday in Advent
Fr 19 th	8.00am St P's	Geoffrey Barrett A	Weekday in Advent

(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: Leonard Mercer, Stephen John Eccles, Richard Embery, Geoff Wilcock, Catherine Tones, Mary Hughes, Josephine (Josie) Holden, Eileen Louisa Ahearne, John Wilkinson, Frances Bernadette Wilcock & Ellen Snape. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	3 rd Sunday of Advent (Year A)	4 th Sunday of Advent (Year A)
First	Isaiah 35; 1 – 6a, 10	Isaiah 7; 10 – 14
Second	James 5; 7 – 10	Rom 1; 1 – 7
Gospel	Matt 11; 2 – 11	Matt 1; 18 – 24

Diocesan Website:

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

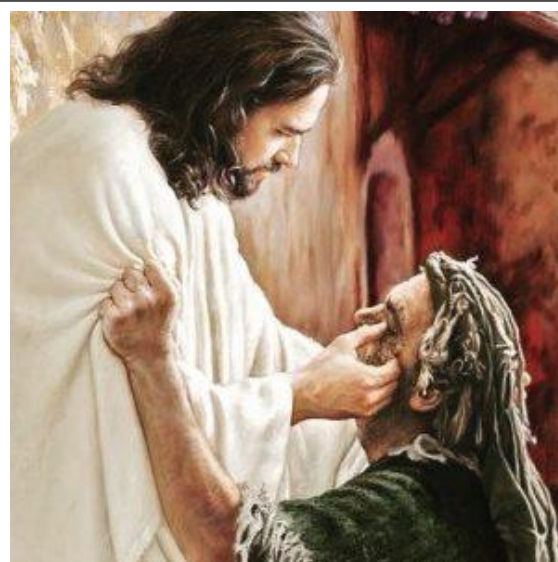
for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



Go and tell John what you see

Today

Is the 3rd Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday (rejoicing Sunday). The liturgical colour is Rose. In the gospel John the Baptist, in prison, is heartened by the news of what Jesus is doing.

Advent wreath

Today we light the third (pink) candle on the Advent wreath as we count down to the celebration of Christmas. The third candle is the candle of joy.

Piety Stall Restocked

The Piety stall at the back of St Peter's now has a new stock of Christmas cards and gifts. Check it out.

College and SMH pupils on holiday

The College and SMH pupils have now begun their Christmas break. While they are away, both the 5.30pm Vigil Mass and the 11am Sunday Mass will be without boarders. Benediction is suspended until the pupils return.

Foodbank

Today is the last day for making donations to the food bank to get it to people in need before Christmas. Thank you to those who have already supported the foodbank. If you can, please donate either regular food items and / or long-life Christmas treats. Thank you for your support.

Caritas Virtual gift catalogue

Please pick up one from the back of the church.

Parish Visiting

Fr Tim hopes to visit the sick of the parish during the week. If you know of someone who needs a visit, please let Fr Tim know.

Jesuit visitors to Theodore House

Overseas Jesuits studying in Britain gather at Theodore House next weekend for a meeting.

Carol Singing around Hurst Green

Takes place on Friday. Gather at St Peter's club at 7pm. Wrap up warm!

Weddings this week

Please pray for John Kramer and Samantha Manley who will be celebrating the sacrament of marriage in our church during the week.

Next Sunday

Is the 4th Sunday of Advent. In the gospel Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife.

Advent prayer: *All is calm, all is bright*

St John's Anglican church has its final Advent candle-light prayer session on Monday – *Praying for the world*, St Wilfrid's, Ribchester. The service will begin at **7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to join in the prayer services.

St Carlo Acutis relics

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

Christmas Mass times

Sat	20 th Dec	4.30pm Confessions in St Peter's 5.30pm Mass in St Peter's (4th Advent)
Sun	21 st Dec	9.30 am Mass in St Joseph's (4th Advent) 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (4th Advent)
Tue	23 rd Dec	8.00am Mass in St Peter's (weekday in Advent)
Wed	24 th Dec	5.00pm Carols in St Peter's 5.30pm Mass including procession to crib in St Peter's (please bring your baby Jesus) (Vigil Mass of Christmas) 8.30pm Carols in St Peter's 9.00pm Mass of Christmas in St Peter's (Mass of Christmas <i>in the night</i>) <i>NB: There is NO Mass at MIDNIGHT.</i>
Thu	25 th Dec	9.30am Mass in St Joseph's (Christmas Day) 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Christmas Day)
Fri	26 th Dec	8.00am Communion Service in St Peter's (St Stephen)
Sat	27 th Dec	4.30pm Confessions available 5.30pm Mass (Holy Family)
Sun	28 th Dec	9.30am Mass in St Joseph's (Holy Family) 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Holy Family)
Thu	1 st Jan	9.30am New Year's Day Mass in St Joseph's