

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

## Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 14 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Rita Waring L	Vigil of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of OT
Su 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of ordinary Time
	11.00am St P's	For the College	
M 16 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time (week 2)
Tu 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Special Intention (RG)	St Anthony of the Desert
W 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Special Intention (PH)	Week of prayer for Christian Unity
Th 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am SMH	For the School	Weekday in Ordinary Time
F 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Special Intention (MM)	Weekday in Ordinary Time

(Each Saturday there is 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.** Alice Wilkinson, Kathleen Hayhurst, Joseph Smith, James Earnshaw and William Henry Duxbury. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

## Readings at Mass

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of OT (year A)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of OT (Year A)
First	Isaiah 49; 3, 5 – 6	Isaiah 8; 23 – 9; 3
Second	I Cor 1; 1 – 3	I Cor 1; 10 – 13, 17
Gospel	John 1; 29 – 34	Matt 4; 12 – 23

## Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

## Praying with the Pope in January 2023 For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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



## **This Sunday**

Is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. Until Ash Wednesday we are back to green vestments. In the gospel John points out Jesus to some of his own disciples.

## **College and SMH Boarders**

They will accompany us for Benediction on Saturday evenings and the 11am Mass on Sunday mornings.

## **Visit from Uruguay**

Stonyhurst College will welcome 16 students from Montevideo visiting for the next two weeks. A chance to practice your Spanish?

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Begins on Wednesday. We pray for greater united witness between our churches.

## **Next Sunday**

Is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel we hear Matthew's account of the call of the first disciples.

## **400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the British Province of the Society of Jesus.**

The Society of Jesus is divided up into administrative units called "provinces". Each province has a provincial who directs the work of the province, assigning men to mission and looking after the economic resources. Normally, but not always, a province will cover a given geographical area. Each provincial is responsible to Fr General in Rome.

The English mission of the Society of Jesus began in 1580 when the then Fr General, Everard Mercurian, sent Edmund Campion and Robert Parsons to minister to the oppressed Catholics in England. Robert Parsons was to be the superior of Jesuits who managed to smuggle themselves into the country. As it was illegal to be a Catholic, the work of these two priests had to be conducted in secret. Campion was captured in 1581, tried and executed for treason. Parsons, however, withdrew to the continent where he could better organise a constant supply of Jesuits to come to England. He also established institutions abroad to cater for the education of Catholic youth, including, in 1593, St Omer's in France, the forerunner of Stonyhurst College.

Life was complicated for the mission superior, as England did not come directly under any one province, his Jesuits being members of different European provinces.

It was common at this time for Jesuits in Catholic Europe to beg alms on a daily basis for their sustenance. This was impossible in England as it would lead to immediate arrest, so a process needed to be designed so that money could be solicited and used in our colleges abroad and for the men ministering in secret in England.

In 1619 the situation came to a head with some provinces objecting to Jesuits in their territories being directed by a mission superior.

This problem was solved in 1619 when the General raised the mission to the status of a Vice-Province and he named Fr Richard Blount as the first Vice-Provincial. Importantly now those who wishes to serve in England could belong to this vice-province and its own noviciate was established.

By 1623 Fr Blount was able to demonstrate to the General in Rome that the mission had sufficient resources in terms of money and men to qualify as a Province. The then "English Province" was erected in 1623. At that time they were accepting an average of 10 men per year into the noviciate to supply our colleges and our mission with a steady supply of Jesuit priests. In 1983 the English Province became the British province. The Province is marking this important mile stone with a Mass in Farm Street Church, London, on 21<sup>st</sup> January at 12 noon. The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Let us all keep the needs of our Province in our prayers.

## **Parish Statistics**

During 2022 in St Peter's and St Joseph's we celebrated (figures compared to 2021):

	2022	2021
Baptisms	24	20
Receptions	4	2
1 <sup>st</sup> Communions	28	18
Confirmations	137	44
Weddings	18	18
Funerals	8	22
Masses celebrated	380	375
Av. Mass Attendance	509	468

The increase in activity can partly be ascribed to a post Covid catchup!

Thanks to all of those who helped God's grace to flow out to so many people coming to our church.