

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Gaudete Sunday

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 14 th	5.30pm St P's	John and Janet Cowdall	Vigil of the 3 rd Sunday of Advent (Yr C)
Su 15 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)
	11.00am St P's	The Whalley Family Intentions	
Mo 16 th	No Mass		Weekday in Advent (week 3)
Tu 17 th	8.00am St P's	Margaret Leach A	Weekday in Advent
W 18 th	8.00am St P's	Safe arrival of Ernie Bradley	Weekday in Advent
Th 19 th	No Mass		Weekday in Advent
Fr 20 th	8.00am St P's	Henry Family Intentions	Weekday in Advent

(Each Saturday 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 Winifred Greasley, Pat Walshe, Winnie (Winifred) Kelly, John Ramsdale, Margaret Henry, Fr Charles Macadam SJ, David Mercer, John Marsden, Dr Stanley Devlin, Mary Armstrong, 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 and John Myerscough. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	3 rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)	4 th Sunday of Advent
First	Zeph 3; 14 - 18a	Micha 5; 2 - 5a
Second	Phil 4; 4 - 7	Heb 10; 5 - 10
Gospel	Luke 3; 10 - 18	Luke 1; 39 - 45

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in December 2024

For pilgrims of hope

Let us pray that the coming church jubilee year strengthens us in faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



*I baptize you with water...
 ...but he will baptise you with the
 Holy Spirit and with fire.*

This Sunday

Is the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday or “Rejoicing Sunday”. The liturgical colour is rose. In the gospel John the Baptist gives practical advice to different people about how to prepare for the Lord.

The third Advent candle is lit to symbolize Joy.

Advent and Christmas Items

The repository has been restocked with Advent and Christmas items. A smaller selection is available outside of the chapel in St Joseph’s. Take a look.

Food bank

This year we have had the best ever response to the Food bank appeal. Thank you for your generosity. **Today** is the last opportunity to donate to make sure your gift reaches people in need in time for Christmas. All the usual items are very welcome, but they would also love any long-life Christmas treats. Please leave your items in the box at the back of St Peter’s or give them to Fr Tim after the 9.30am Mass.

Caritas Virtual Gift Catalogue

If you took a Caritas envelope last week, you can return it in the collection basket today.

Visiting the housebound

Fr Tim hopes to visit those who cannot come to church on a Sunday during this week. If you know of someone who needs a visit, please let him know.

Carol singing round Hurst Green

Will take place on the evening of Friday. We join with parishioners of St John’s church. Wrap up warm!

Next Sunday

Is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Just a few days away from Christmas. In the gospel Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. The 4th Advent candle is lit to symbolise love. We need to be ready to receive God’s love in our hearts.

School Christmas Holidays

Stonyhurst and SMH have now broken up for the Christmas holidays. St Joseph’s breaks up on Friday. May everyone enjoy a good rest.

St Joseph’s fundraising

In the wake of the fire at St Joseph’s primary, the school has set up a fundraising page to pay for improvements to school security. To donate please go to: <https://gofund.me/1e5565ff>

Parish Extra

Last call of this year’s Christmas Parish Extra. Please let Fr Tim have copy as soon as possible.

Coffee Stop

There is no Coffee Stop during December. The next one will be on 9th January 2025

St Joseph’s School Fayre – results.

A huge thank you to all of those who supported the St Joseph’s primary Fayre last Saturday. Despite the dreadful weather, there was a good turnout. The fayre raised about £1,500 - well done to all who worked so hard.

Christmas season Mass times

Mass times over the Christmas period are as follows:

Sat 21 st Dec (4 th Advent)	St P’s	5.00pm Benediction 5.30pm Mass
Sun 22 nd Dec 4 th Advent	St J’s St P’s	9.30am Mass 11am Mass
Mon 23 rd Dec	No Mass	
Tue 24 th Dec Christmas Eve	St P’s	5.00pm Carols 5.30pm Mass 8.30pm Carols 9.00pm Mass
Wed 25 th Dec Christmas Day	St J’s St P’s	9.30am (Mass) 11.00am (Mass)
Thu 26 th Dec St Stephen	No Mass	
Fri 27 th Dec St John	St P’s	8.00am Mass
Sat 28 th Dec Holy Family	St P’s	5.15pm Benediction 5.30pm Mass
Sun 29 th Dec Holy Family	St J’s St P’s	9.30am Mass 11.00am Mass
Mon 30 th Dec	No Mass	
Tue 31 st Dec	St P’s	8.00am Mass
Wed 1 st Jan New Year	St J’s	9.30am Mass
Thu 2 nd Jan	No Mass	

After this, the normal Mass schedule resumes.