# ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mass Schedule for this week

Date	е	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa	16 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P	's Special Intention (R & T)	Vigil of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of OT
Su	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am St P	s For the Parish	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
		11.00am St P	's Livestreamed – link on website	
М	18 <sup>th</sup>	NO Mass		Weekday of Ordinary Time (Week 2)
Т	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P	s Simon John Thomasson A	Weekday of Ordinary Time
W	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P	s Agnes Eccles L	Weekday of Ordinary Time
Th	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.45am SMH	For the school	St Agnes VM
F	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 am St P	s Fr Vincent Comber A	Weekday of Ordinary Time

(The church is open for Adoration from 4.30pm on Saturday with Benediction at 5.15pm)

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday F = Founders Mass

M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time. Kathleen Hayhurst, Joseph Smith, James Earnshaw, William Henry Duxbury and James Crotty. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Praying with the Pope in January 2021 Human fraternity: may the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

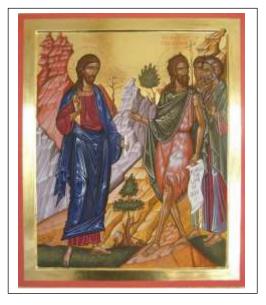
**Readings at Mass** 

	2nd Sunday of OT (Yr B)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of OT (Yr b)
First	I Sam 3; 3 – 10, 19	Jonah 3; 1 – 5, 10
Second	I Cor 6; 13 – 15, 17 - 20	I Cor 7; 29 – 31
Gospel	John 1; 35 - 42	Mark 1; 14 - 20

# **Diocesan Website:**

http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



On 5<sup>th</sup> January England went into a new lockdown. However, churches were permitted to open for public worship and people are allowed to leave their homes to go to church. On the 8<sup>th</sup> January, the CMO of Lancashire wrote to church leaders urging them to close their churches in the county. As a result many parishioners decided not to come to Mass last weekend.

The parish council discussed this matter on 13<sup>th</sup> January and decided that St Peter's would remain open for Mass for those who chose to come, but anyone who feels uncomfortable with this should remain at home. Accordingly, St Peter's will open as follows:

Saturday

**5.15pm** Church opens (**No exposition**)

5.30pm Mass in St Peter's

Sunday

9.15am Church opens

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

**11.00am** Virtual Mass from St Peter's *This will be live streamed and the link can be found on the parish website.* 

# Confessions will only be available on request.

#### Weekday Masses

Mass will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8am in St Peter's. If the government chooses to close churches completely, then St Peter's will close too.

# Coming to St Peter's for Mass:

Since the new strain of the virus is so virulent, we need to take extra care:

- + Do not come to church if you are unwell, self-Isolating, shielding or returning from a country where you have to quarantine
- + You should wear a face covering
- + Observe the one way system
- + Observe social distancing make sure there are
  2 metres between you and anyone else in the
  Church and away from the centre aisle.
- + Any printed materials you touch (Newsletters etc) place in a bin or take home with you.
- + Observe social distancing as you come into church, as you come forward for communion and, very importantly as you leave the church. We have to assume that someone is carrying the virus and take precautions.

*If you are driving, you will need to buzz security at the white gates.* 

#### Those who are shielding:

Should NOT come to church.

# **Returning to Ordinary Time**

With the conclusion of the Christmas season, we are back to Ordinary Time, until Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> February). Our crib and Advent wreath have been stored away until next year and we revert to green vestments. During this liturgical year we hear mostly from Mark's gospel.

# This Sunday

Is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. The gospel recounts how John the Baptist pointed out Jesus to his followers and some of them became his disciples. The bishop has sent a pastoral letter, available with this newsletter and on our website.

#### Fr Tim's availability

If you need to contact Fr Tim, please leave a message on the parish phone line. He checks this regularly and will get back to you as soon as he can.

#### Next Sunday

Is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. The gospel is Mark's account of the call of the first disciples.

# **On Line Pastoral Conference**

Each Jesuit Parish in the British Province is asked to provide a team to take part in a conference on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 10am to 12 noon. If you would like further details, please contact Fr Tim. You will need a computer with Zoom.

#### Newsletter

Available on line or in St Peter's. If you would like one to be delivered, *please let Fr Tim know*.

# Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Begins on Monday and runs to 25<sup>th</sup> January. The Theme this year is "Abiding in Christ". In this parish we are blessed with a good working relationship with our Anglican brothers and sisters. We can pray that this be deepened:

#### Prayer to say everyday

Jesus Christ, you seek us, you wish to offer us your friendship and lead us to a life that is ever more complete. Grant us the confidence to answer your call so that we may be transformed and become witnesses of your tenderness for the world. Amen