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THE NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

Masses for this week

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 16 th	5.30pm St P's	For the Parish	Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent
Su 17 th	8.30am St P's	In thanksgiving for Zimbabwe	The Third Sunday of Advent
Su 17 th	10.00am St J's	Syd & Mary Armstrong A	The Third Sunday of Advent
M 18 th	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Advent Weekday
T 19 th	8.00am	NO MASS	
W 20 th	8.00am	Teresa Brasier L	Advent Weekday
Th 21 st	7.55am	Holden & Duxbury families R	Advent Weekday
F 22 nd	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Advent Weekday

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

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:

Catherine Tones, Mary Hughes, Eileen Louisa Ahearne, John Wilkinson, Ellen Snape, John Myerscough, Clifford Wilkinson, Mary Josephine Brown, Pearl Heller.

*May their souls and **the souls of all the faithful departed** through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Readings at Mass

	3 rd Sunday of Advent	4 th Sunday of Advent
First	Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11	2Sam 7:1-5,8-12, 14, 16
Second	1 Thess 5:16-24	Romans 16:25-27
Gospel	John 1:6-8.19-28	Luke 1:26-38

Diocesan Website:

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

Praying with the Pope in December, 2017

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new generations.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information.

The Prayer of St Francis before the Cross at San Damiano.

"Most High glorious God, bring light to the darkness of my heart. Give me a right faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, so I can always observe your holy and true command. Amen."

As announced, starting from the weekend 6th/7th January, parish masses will be as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm in St Peter's Church.

Sunday 9.30am Mass in St Joseph's Chapel in St Joseph's School.

The College Mass will take place at 11.00am in St Peter's Church and parishioners are welcome to attend. There will be no 8.30am mass.

The Collection

Weekend 9th/10th December

Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	TOTAL
£51.37	£58.27	£49.57	£159.21

Many thanks for your generosity.

St Peter's Church Repository

Take a look! Christmas!!

Christmas Cards including mass requests, 2018 diaries, candles - Advent and seasonal - together with a selection of gifts for adults and children are now available in the Repository at the back of St Peter's Church.

Also on sale are Christmas cards sold on behalf of 'Caritas', the Diocesan Care Organisation.

From Mary Bailey.

The decorating of St Joseph's Chapel for Christmas will be done on Monday, 18th December, at 4.00pm. Further details from Mary Bailey 01254 826269

Events in December in the lead-up to Christmas

Monday 18th Christmas Coffee Stop at St John's Old School Hall with free sherry and mince pies as well as the usual free tea, coffee and cakes.

Friday 22nd Joint Carol singing around the village and surrounding pubs. Meet at St Peter's Club 7pm. All monies raised for the 'Thomas' organization in Blackburn.

Christmas Services at St Peter's and St Joseph's.

Saturday, 23rd December **Confessions** in St Peter's 10.00am to 11.00am.

Sunday, 24th December Christmas Eve.

- 5.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas in **St Peter's** preceded by carols at 5.00pm
- 12.00 Midnight Mass in **St Peter's** preceded by carols at 11.30pm

Monday, 25th December Christmas Day
10.00am in **St Joseph's** - Dawn Mass of Christmas Day

Tuesday, 26th December Feast of St Stephen (Boxing Day)

Mass @ 10.00am in St Joseph's Chapel in thanksgiving for graces received during Christmas, but especially to give God thanks for the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Agnes Eccles. Congratulations!

Hope in the Future

Members of the Steering Group who are helping us share in Bishop Arnold's project to build missionary parishes, were asked to list all the good works which were being done in the parish now, at this very moment, never mind what we might do in the future. Looked at through the eyes of the congregations of the three masses, 5.30pm. 8.30am and 10.00am, the good works fall into two groups: a) good works being done outside the walls of church and chapel b) good works being done within walls to promote the prayer life of the parish community, especially at mass.

This week, I would like to consider a) - the already existing outreach to 'the world outside'

- The parish has a representative on 'Caritas', the Diocesan organization which cares for the poor in the Diocese. Also, there are two representatives promoting the work of the Medaille Trust which cares for the victims of modern-day slavery.
- Many people contribute to the Food Bank and one member of the parish ensures that the food reaches its destination.
- Several members of the congregation are Governors of schools, especially St Joseph's.
- Some teach in schools or offer voluntary help.
- A team of dedicated workers keep the parish cemetery in very good condition, and, in its own unique way, the cemetery exercises an influence on the neighbourhood at large.
- The St Peter's Guild, with its facility of the Guild Hall, touches the lives of parishioners and others on a variety of occasions.
- and in many other ways!!

In the next Newsletter, I shall consider b) the considerable amount of work being done to support our praying together, particularly at mass.
Fr Peter Griffiths SJ

