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THE NEWSLETTER

**Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)
(Gaudete Sunday)**

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 16 th	5.30pm St P's	Alban Snape	Vigil of the 3 rd Sunday of Advent (B)
Su 17 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	3 rd Sunday of Advent (Year B)
	11.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	
M 18 th	No Mass		Weekday of Advent (Advent 3)
Tu 19 th	8.00am St P's	Michael Clowes L	Weekday of Advent
W 20 th	8.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	Weekday of Advent
Th 21 st	No Mass		Weekday of Advent
F 22 nd	8.00am St P's	Leo, Kathleen & Ena Hayhurst Int	Weekday of 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. Catherine Tones. Mary Hughes, Josephine (Josie) Holden, Eileen Louisa Ahearne, John Wilkinson, Eileen Snape, John Myerscough, Clifford Wilkinson, Mary Josephine Brown, Leonard Scott and Pearl Heller. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	3 rd Sunday of Advent (Yr B)	4 th Sunday of Advent (Yr B)
First	Isaiah 61; 1 - 2, 10 - 11	2 Sam 7; 1 - 5, 8 - 12, 14, 16
Second	1 Thess 5; 16 - 24	Rom 16; 25 - 27
Gospel	John 1; 6 - 8, 19 - 26	Luke 1; 26 - 38

Diocesan Website:

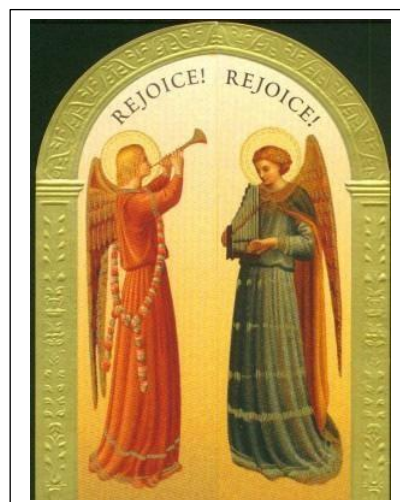
<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in December 2023 For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



Rejoice in the Lord

This Sunday

Is the Third Sunday of Advent, sometimes known as *Gaudete* or *rejoicing* Sunday. The liturgical colour is rose. In the gospel John the Baptist has to explain his mission.

Christmas Card

Together with the Anglican community of St John's in the village we have produced a Christmas card that lists all services in Hurst Green. Maybe take one and pop it in your neighbour's letter box?

Piety Stall in St Peter's

Has a selection of Christmas cards and gifts. A smaller selection is available outside the St Joseph's Chapel.

St Joseph's Carol Service

Takes place in St Joseph's on Thursday at 10am. All Welcome.

Parish Reconciliation Service

Takes place on Thursday in St Peter's at 7pm – followed by mince pies in Fr Tim's house. At the service there will be an opportunity for individual confession – a great spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Carol Singing in Hurst Green

Takes place on Friday. Meet at St Peter's Club at 7pm. A chance to witness in Hurst Green. All voices welcome!

Next Sunday

Is the 4th Sunday of Advent. In the gospel the Angel tells Joseph that Mary's baby is of the Holy Spirit. Sunday is also Christmas Eve, so see the Mass schedule below.

Thanks

A heartfelt thankyou to all who supported the Christmas lunch in the village Hall last week. A total of just over £1,300 was raised for *Help the Children*. Well done to everyone who master-minded the event.

Visiting the Housebound

Fr Tim visited most of those who can't get to Mass on a Sunday last week. If there is anyone else who would appreciate a visit before Christmas, please let him know.

Food bank and Caritas donations

This year as well as supporting the local food bank, Caritas Salford is appealing for items for the

Maryvale Parent and Baby Unit. The food bank needs basic food items and Caritas needs toiletry gift sets, mince pies and chocolates, etc. There are two boxes at the back of St Peter's for your donations. **Today is the last day to donate** to make sure your gifts arrive in time. Thank you for your kindness.

Diocesan Synod

Thanks to all who took part in the Diocese of Salford Synod. Our parish responses are being collated and the report we send into the diocese will appear in the Christmas *Parish Extra*.

Christmas Greetings

Fr Tim and Fr Peter would like to wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas. We pray that you feel the joy of the Christ child born in Bethlehem for the salvation of the world.

Christmas and New Year Mass times

Sat 23rd Dec	5.30pm Mass in St Peter's (4th Advent)
Sun 24th Dec	9.30 am Mass in St Josephs (4th Advent) 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (4th Advent) 5.00pm Carols in St Peter's 5.30pm Mass including procession to crib In St Peter's (please bring your baby Jesus) 8.30pm Carols in St Peters 9.00pm Mass of Christmas in St Peter's <i>There is NO Mass at MIDNIGHT this year.</i>
Mon 25 th Dec	9.30am Mass in St Joseph's 11.00am Mass in St Peter's
Week after Christmas	Tue, Wed and Fri—Mass at 8am in St Peter's
Sat 29th Dec	Exposition at 4.30pm Mass at 5.30pm
Sun 30th Dec	9.30am Mass in St Joseph's 11.00am Mass in St Peter's
Mon 1st Jan	9.30am New Year's Day Mass in St Joseph's