

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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THE NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 17 th	5.30pm St P's	William "Bill" Crotty A	Vigil of 1 st Sunday of Lent (Year B)
Su 18 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	1 st Sunday of Lent (Year B)
	11.00am St P's	For "someone ill in hospital"	
M 19 th	9.30am St J's	For the school	Weekday in Lent (Week 1)
Tu 20 th	8.00am St P's	Eileen Dunand A	Weekday in Lent
W 21 st	9.30am St Jo's	Terry Bowman L	Weekday in Lent
Th 22 nd	8.30am SMH	For the School	The Chair of St Peter
F 23 rd	8.00am St P's	Fr John O'Dea A	Weekday in Lent

(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. Fr Terry O'Brien SJ, Fr Charles Higham SJ, Bernard Livesey, Andrew Turner, James Holden, Ann Wilkinson, Ronald Joseph, Myerscough, Bridget Livesey and John Marsland.
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Readings at Mass

	1 st Sunday of Lent (Year B)	2 nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)
First	Gen 9; 8 – 15	Gen 22; 1 – 2, 9 – 13, 15 – 18
Second	I Peter 3; 18 – 22	Rom 8; 31 – 34
Gospel	Mark 1; 12 – 15	Mark 9; 2 – 10

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in February 2024

For the Terminally Ill

Let us pray for the sick who are in the final stages of life, and for their families, that they receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness... where he was tempted by Satan

This Sunday

Is the first Sunday of Lent. In the gospel Mark gives us a very brief account of how Jesus went into the desert to fast, and how he was tempted by Satan.

Boarders on Holiday

This weekend all of our schools will still be on half term. This means that there will be no boarders at the Saturday afternoon benediction or at the 11am Sunday Mass. These will be for parishioners only. Boarders return on Sunday for classes to begin on Monday.

Mass at St Joseph's

Takes place on Monday at 9.30am. There will be an opportunity for those who did not get ashes on Wednesday to receive them then. Parishioners welcome.

Coffee Stop

Coffee Stop on Thursday will have some special guests; pupils from Stonyhurst will be presenting highlights from their upcoming production of Sweeney Todd. Join us at Hurst Green Bowling Club Pavilion from 1.30-3pm for free drinks and chat, and special musical entertainment. All welcome

Family Fast Day

Next Friday is the CAFOD Family Fast day. Please take an envelope from the back of the church. Do without something on the day and put the money in the envelope and bring it back next Sunday.

Stations of the Cross

Take place in St Peter's at 7pm on Friday. The following week will be St Joseph's. All welcome.

Fr Philip Endean SJ Memorial Mass

Takes place at Farm Street Church on Saturday at 12noon. Fr Tim hopes to attend. May Fr Philip rest in peace.

Next Sunday

Is the 2nd Sunday of Lent. In the gospel Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his disciples. Boarders will be at benediction and 11am Mass

Sacramental Programme

Resumes next Sunday at 8.40am in St Joseph's. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Tree felling in the cemetery

Please take care when visiting our cemetery. Also, if you have a Christmas wreath on your loved ones grave, please remove it.

Food Bank

For many years our parish has supported a foodbank in Blackburn. They are really grateful for our support. Perhaps during Lent you could make it part of your fast to donate an extra item to the foodbank. This ticks off two of our Lenten goals: fasting and almsgiving. If you pray for those receiving your gift you score three out of three.

Prayers please:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Terry Bowman, father of Judith McHugh and father in law of David Ridout who has died recently. His funeral will be at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Stydd Lane, Ribchester on Wednesday 21st February at 11am

The Pope's Lenten message

In his message for Lent 2024, Pope Francis invites the faithful to "pause" for prayer and to assist our brothers and sisters in need, in order to change our own lives and the lives of our communities. Part of his letter is as follows:

"Lent... is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God's dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind."

The complete letter can be found on the Vatican website.