

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 17 th	5.30pm St P's	Bridie Platt L	Vigil of 20 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Su 18 th	9.30am St P's	For the Parish	20 th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)
	11.00am St P's	Hamish Williamson Kirkpatrick A	
M 19 th	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time (week 20)
Tu 20 th	8.00am St P's	Anna Jones L	St Bernard Ab D
W 21 st	8.00am St P's	Bridie Platt L (CP)	St Pius X Pp
Th 22 nd	No Mass		Our Lady Queen
F 23 rd	8.00am St P's	Barbara Hargreaves L	Weekday in Ordinary Time

(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 Hamish Williamson Kirkpatrick, Leonard Newbold and Bernadette Armstrong. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	20 th Sunday of OT (Yr B)	21 st Sunday of OT
First	Proverbs 9; 1 – 6	Joshua 24; 1 - 2, 15 - 17, 18
Second	Eph 5; 15 – 20	Eph 5; 21 – 32
Gospel	John 6; 51 - 58	John 6; 60 - 69

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in August 2024

For political leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



if you do not eat my flesh and drink my blood...

FIRE at ST Joseph's

We are still not able to use the chapel in St Joseph's. The cogs are turning, but very slowly. There is no power and no water in the building, and once these are restored, we need to get the lift checked out. **So for the next few weeks the 9.30am Sunday Mass will be in St Peter's.**

The 5.30pm Vigil Mass

This Saturday will be offered for Bridie Platt. Her funeral last Thursday was a service, so this is a chance for us to offer a Mass for the repose of her soul. Please keep her family in your prayers as well. May she rest in peace,

This Sunday

Is the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel Jesus tells his followers that they must eat the flesh of the Son of Man.

Summer Holidays

All of our pupils are enjoying their summer break. We pray for them that they use their time well. While our boarders are away, we will continue to celebrate benediction at 5.15pm on a Saturday afternoon and the 11am Mass on a Sunday.

Coffee Stop

Takes place in the Bowling Green Pavilion on Thursday at 1.30pm. A police support officer will be there to talk to us about keeping safe.

Next Sunday

Is the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel many people decide to leave Jesus because his teaching is too hard.

Year B Interlude

We are currently in Year B in the liturgical cycle. This means that most Sundays we hear from the gospel of Mark. However, for the next few weeks are hearing from John as we listen to the *bread of life* discourse.

New Sunday Missal

The translation that we use for the readings at Mass is changing in November. A new Sunday missal with the correct translation is available from Redemptorist Publication. You can order your own copy directly, but Cathy Poloczek is happy to order one for you. Cost is £20.

Dates for your diary

As part of their *Every Step* campaign, Caritas is holding a sponsored walk around Whalley on Sunday 14th September. Check out their website for more details

There will be a *Coffee Stop Special* on Thursday 26th September to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. 1pm to 3pm in the Memorial Hall. All welcome.

Neighbourhood Watch

Please take a leaflet about the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. A community police officer will come to the next Coffee Stop (22nd August) to talk about keeping us safe.

Best kept village competition

The judging for this competition has been completed. Though the winners have not been announced, we have been informed that we are no longer in the running. Well done to everyone who spruced up their garden.

Blood in Jewish tradition

At the time of Jesus and even today Jewish people do not eat blood or blood products. It was important that when an animal was killed for eating, all the blood would be drained from the animal first. This makes the food kosher or fit to eat.

At the time of Jesus people believed that blood contained the essence of life. Life was sacred, a gift from God. So to drink blood was to show disrespect to God.

The nations surrounding the land of Israel would drink the blood of their defeated enemies, but this practice appalled the Jews (and the Romans). Thus when the followers of Jesus heard that they must drink his blood they were dismayed. It was only at the Last Supper that we begin to understand Jesus' command to drink his blood.

It is the way in which the very life of God can enter our lives. What a privilege it is for us to be able to eat his body and drink his blood.

