

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

20th Sunday of OT (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 19 th	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of the 20 th Sunday of OT
Su 20 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	The 20 th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
	11.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	
M 21 st	No Mass		St Pius X Pp
Tu 22 nd	8.00am St P's	Communion Service	Our Lady Queen
W 23 rd	8.00am St P's	Communion Service	St Rose of Lima
Th 24 th	No Mass		St Bartholomew, Apostle
F 25 th	8.00am St P's	In Thanksgiving	Weekday of Ordinary Time (Week 20)

(Each Saturday there 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. Leonard Newbold, Bernadette Armstrong, Isobella Burns, Vincent Joseph Wilcock and Jo (Josephine) Wilcock. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	20 th Sunday of OT (Year A)	21 st Sunday of OT (Year)
First	Isaiah 56; 1, 6 – 7	Isaiah 22; 19 – 23
Second	Rom 11; 13 – 15, 29 – 32	Rom 11; 33 – 36
Gospel	Matt 15; 21 – 25	Matt 16; 13 – 20

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in August 2023 For World Youth Day

We pray that the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help our youth to live the Gospel and give witness to Christ in their lives.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



*Woman, you have great faith,
let your wish be granted*

This Sunday

Is the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel a Canaanite woman tries to embarrass Jesus into giving her what she wants, but it is her clever reply that wins her the miracle she is after.

During the Holidays

There will be Holy Hour on Saturdays at 4.30pm, Benediction at 5.15pm and the Vigil Mass at 5.30pm in St Peter's.

Also there will be Mass at 11am in St Peter's each Sunday morning.

The Fr Tim Away

Fr Tim is away from the parish until Thursday. On Tuesday and Wednesday the weekday 8am Masses will be replaced by Communion Services and Fr Adrian Howell has kindly agreed to celebrate the weekend Masses this weekend. Please make Fr Adrian feel welcome.

Coffee Stop

Takes place on Thursday at 1.30pm in the Bowling Green. All welcome. Come along for a natter and a cup of tea.

Next Sunday

Is the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel, Jesus tells Peter that he is the Rock upon which he will build his church.

Results

Students who were studying for the IB (International Baccalaureate) have received their results already. A Level results came out last Thursday and O Level results are due this Thursday. It can be a challenging time as our young people have difficult choices to make. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Fr Philip Endean SJ

Sadly, Fr Philip is now in end of life care in a hospice in Paris. Fr Tim hopes to visit him next week. He will carry your good wishes and prayers with him.

Eucharistic Ministers

A new academic year lies just around the corner. Fr Tim is looking for people to train as Eucharistic Ministers to help give the chalice at weekend Masses. If you are interested, please let him know.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

A new course will begin in September for those who wish to be baptised as Catholics or who wish to be received into our church. If you, or someone you know would like to join the course, please let Fr Tim know. Baptisms and receptions usually take place at around Easter time.

Why do we call Mary Our Lady Queen?

On Tuesday we have the feast of Our Lady: "Our Lady Queen". In our church many of the feast days of Our Lady mirror feasts of Our Lord. We celebrate the birthday of Jesus on Christmas Day and the birthday of Our Lady on 8th September. 40 days after Easter we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and last week we celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The last Sunday of the year is the feast of Christ the King and this Tuesday we celebrate the feast day of our Lady, Queen. The liturgical year is not trying to tell us that Mary is equal to Jesus by giving her these feasts. Rather we celebrate Mary as the first to enjoy the fullness of redemption through the saving grace of her son. Now in heaven, Jesus wants her to be honoured in the same way he is. Just as Jesus is not a King with an army to command and a country to run, so too Mary is not a Queen in the ordinary sense of the word. We call Jesus king because he demands our loyalty as his follower. Mary too is a follower of Jesus and an example to us of how to be a *perfect* follower of Jesus. In holding up Mary as an example, Jesus wants us to be perfect in the way she is. In holding her in high regard, we esteem the pathway we are called to follow.

