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THE NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Mass Schedule

| Date | Time | Mass Intentions | Feast |
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| Sa 20 th | 5.30pm St P's | Helen Clarke A | The vigil of the 4 th Sunday of Advent |
| Su 21 st | 9.30am St J's | For the Parish | The 4 th Sunday of Advent |
| | 11.00am St P's | Carol Ann Thomasson A | |
| Mo 22 nd | No Mass | | Weekday in Advent (week 4) |
| Tu 23 rd | 8.00am St P's | Wilcock & Nicholson families | Weekday in Advent |
| Wed 24 th | 8.00am | NO MASS AT 8am | Weekday in Advent |
| | 5.30pm St P's | For the children of the Parish | Vigil of Christmas |
| | 9.00pm St P's | For the Parish | Christmas night Mass |
| Th 25 th | 9.30am St J's | For the Parish | Christmas day |
| | 11.00am St P's | For our loved ones not with us. | Christmas day |
| Fr 26 th | 8.00am St P's | Communion Service | St Stephen |

(Each Saturday during term time 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: John Myerscough, Clifford Wilkinson, Mary Josephine Brown, Leonard Scott, Pearl Heller. James Wilcock, William Duxbury, Michael Crotty, Francis Bretherton, Richard Platt, Carol Ann Thomasson and Florence Shallman. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

| | 4 th Sunday of Advent (Year A) | Holy Family |
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| First | Isaiah 7; 10 – 14 | Sirach 3; 2 – 6, 12 – 14 |
| Second | Rom 1; 1 – 7 | Col 3; 12 – 21 |
| Gospel | Matt 1; 18 – 24 | Matt 2; 13 – 15, 19 – 23 |

Diocesan Website:

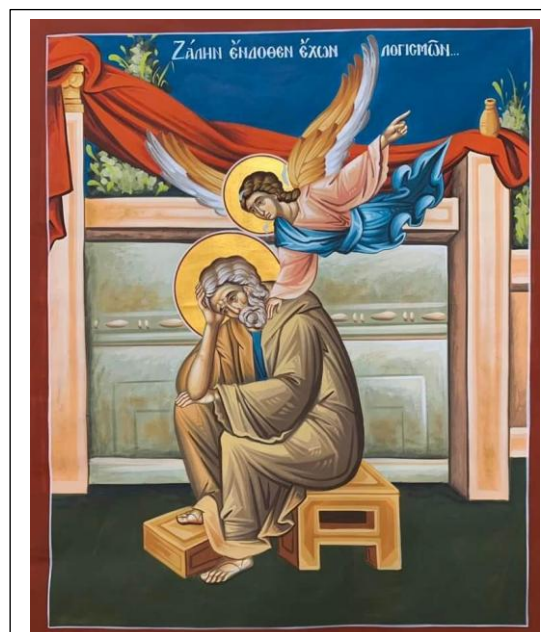
<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in December 2025 For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



Don't be afraid to marry Mary

Today

Is the 4th Sunday of Advent. In the gospel Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife.

Advent wreath

Today we light the fourth and final candle on the Advent wreath. The fourth candle is the candle of love. It is because he loved the world so much that the Father sent his Son to save us.

Jesuit visitors to Theodore House

35 overseas Jesuits studying in Britain are gathering at Theodore House this weekend for a meeting. We hope they will join in the 11am Sunday Mass.

Piety Stall Restocked

Are you stuck for a last minute Christmas present – check out the piety stall at the back of St Peter's.

Foodbank

A huge thank you to all those who contributed to the food bank. Your donations have made a real difference to many people, enabling them to celebrate Christmas.

Parish Visiting

Fr Tim was delighted to visit 11 people in their homes last week to bring them Holy Communion and to administer the sacrament of the anointing. We pray for them at this time of the year.

Weddings this week

Please pray for two couples who will be celebrating the sacrament of marriage in our church soon: Josh Worthington and Lauren Jones and also for Liam Kirby and Stephanie Duxbury. We wish them every happiness.

Next Sunday

Is the feast of the Holy Family. In the gospel Joseph has to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus to escape the wrath of Herod.

St Carlo Acutis relics

Are coming to the diocese in January. They will be at St Mary's Church, Burnley on 28th and 29th January 2026. School visits will be organised during the daytime and parishioners can visit in the evenings.

Crib Offerings

This year will go to the *Friends of The Holy Land*, who will use the money to support Christians in this war-torn part of the world.

Christmas Mass times

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| Sat | 20 th Dec | 4.30pm Confessions in St Peter's 5.30pm Mass in St Peter's (4th Advent) |
| Sun | 21 st Dec | 9.30 am Mass in St Joseph's (4th Advent) 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (4th Advent) |
| Tue | 23 rd Dec | 8.00am Mass in St Peter's (weekday in Advent) |
| Wed | 24 th Dec | 5.00pm Carols in St Peter's 5.30pm Mass including procession to crib In St Peter's (please bring your baby Jesus) (Vigil Mass of Christmas) 8.30pm Carols in St Peter's 9.00pm Mass of Christmas in St Peter's (Mass of Christmas <i>in the night</i>) <i>NB: There is NO Mass at MIDNIGHT.</i> |
| Thu | 25 th Dec | 9.30am Mass in St Joseph's (Christmas Day) 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Christmas Day) |
| Fri | 26 th Dec | 8.00am Communion Service in St Peter's (St Stephen) |
| Sat | 27 th Dec | 4.30pm Confessions available 5.30pm Mass (Holy Family) |
| Sun | 28 th Dec | 9.30am Mass in St Joseph's (Holy Family) 11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Holy Family) |
| Thu | 1 st Jan | 9.30am New Year's Day Mass in St Joseph's |

A happy and blessed
Christmas to all of our
readers. May the light
of the Christ Child lead
you always.