

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 21 st	5.30pm St P's	Robin Howell A	Vigil of the 3 rd Sunday of OT
Su 22 nd	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	3 rd Sunday of ordinary Time
	11.00am St P's	For the College	
M 23 rd	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time (week 3)
Tu 24 th	8.00am St P's	Special Intention for health	St Francis de Sales
W 25 th	8.00am St P's	Andrew & Jenny Snape (Sp Int)	The Conversion of St Paul
Th 26 th	8.30am SMH	For the School	St Timothy & St Titus Bb
F 27 th	8.00am St P's	Peter Stokes L	Weekday in Ordinary Time

(Each Saturday there is 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. Robin Howell, James Crotty, Mary Edwards, William Brian Ahearne, Claire Eleanor Morris, Margaret Holden, Beatrice Cross, Grace Clare Shoesmith, Rosanna (Rose) Wilcock, Peter Joseph Shoesmith, Mary Cecilia Rogerson, James Holden and Ann O'Hara.
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Readings at Mass

	3 rd Sunday of OT (Year A)	4 th Sunday of OT (Year A)
First	Isaiah 8; 23 – 9; 3	Zephaniah 2;3, 3; 12 – 12
Second	I Cor 1; 10 – 13, 17	I Cor 1; 28 – 31
Gospel	Matt 4; 12 - 23	Matt 5; 1 - 12

Diocesan Website:

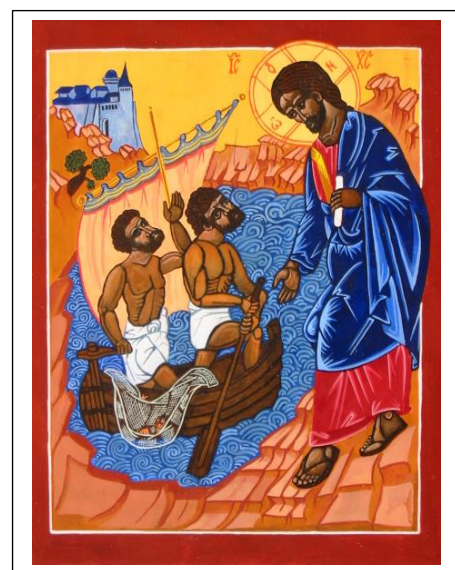
<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in January 2023 For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



This Sunday

Is the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel we hear Matthew's account of the call of the first disciples.

Visit from Uruguay

Stonyhurst College have welcomed 24 students from Colegio Seminario in Montevideo. They have been with us one week, and have another week to go. A chance to practice your Spanish?

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We are in the week of prayer for Christian Unity. The theme this year is "Do Good – Seek Justice". We will say a prayer for the Unity of Christian Churches at the end of Mass. This year the week has been organized by the Christian Churches of Minneapolis and focuses on Racial Justice.

Special Coffee Stop.

On **Thursday** the Coffee Stop is a special one, so this time will take place in the Memorial Hall. It will begin at 1pm and soup and sandwiches will be served from 1pm to 1.30pm. There will be some visitors. Funds raised will go to Maryvale Young Parents' Accommodation, Blackburn. All welcome.

Next Sunday

Is the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The gospel is the "sermon on the mount" where Jesus teaches us where true happiness is to be found.

Special Collection

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for the work of Caritas, Salford.

Parish Statistics

During 2022 in St Peter's and St Joseph's we celebrated (figures compared to 2021):

	2022	2021
Baptisms	24	20
Receptions	4	2
1 st Communions	28	18
Confirmations	137	44
Weddings	18	18
Funerals	8	22
Masses celebrated	380	375
Av. Mass Attendance	509	468

Prayers Please

Please keep Mary Bailey in your prayers. She has temporarily moved to a care home for some respite.

Praying for the Unity of Christian Churches

(Hope through racial justice)

In the first book of the Bible, we are told that we are made in the image of God, not just individually but corporately. All of humanity, people of all ethnicities, cultures, languages and religions, together represent the image of the Creator. This means that to deny that image in any one race, indeed in any one person, is to reject God's presence in the whole of humanity. To be Christian means to be a disciple. We are called to learn together what it is to do good, and who and what it is in God's creation that needs us to stand in solidarity. As society becomes more indifferent to the needs of others, we, as the children of God, must learn to take up the cause of our oppressed brothers and sisters by speaking truth and if necessary, plead their case so that they may live in peace with justice. In doing this we will always do the right thing, will always be recognising God's image in all of us. Our commitment to eradicate and to be healed of the sin of racism requires us to be prepared and willing to be in relationship with our Christian sisters and brothers. It will be a sign of unity for the whole world.



Prayer

O God, you made us in your own image, and then became one of us, proud of those you have made. Make us proud of being part of that worldwide family, and eager to discover and celebrate your image in every person, every culture, every nation that we are privileged to encounter. We make our prayer through your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen