

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Mass Schedule for this week

| Date | Time | Intention | Feast |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Sa 21 st | 5.30pm St P's | James (Jim) Holden A | Vigil of 4 th Sunday of Advent |
| Su 22 nd | 9.30am St J's | For the Parish | 4 th Sunday in Advent |
| | 11.00am St P's | Duxbury and Holden Families | 4 th Sunday in Advent |
| M 23 rd | NO MASS | | Mass for 23 rd December |
| T 24 th | NO Morning mass | | |
| | 5.30pm | Christmas vigil | Mass for children |
| | 9.00pm St P's | Sam Smith A | Vigil Mass of Christmas |
| W 25 th | 9.30am St J's | Carol Ann Thomasson A | Christmas Day |
| Th 26 th | NO MASS | | St Stephen |
| F 27 th | 8.00am St P's | Wilcock Family intentions | St John the Evangelist |

(Every Saturday Afternoon: **Holy Hour with Confessions** at 4.30pm, **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. Geoff Wilcock, Catherine Tones, Mary Hughes, Eileen Louisa Ahearne, John Wilkinson, Eileen Snape, John Myerscough, Clifford Wilkinson, Mary Josephine Brown and Leonard Scott. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Readings at Mass

| | 4 th Sunday of Advent | Holy Family |
|--------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| First | Isaiah 7; 10 - 14 | Ecclus 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Josephine Holden** who died in the week. The funeral will take place in St Peter's at 2pm on Monday 30th December. *May she rest in peace.*

Praying with the Pope in December 2019

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information.



Today

Is the 4th Sunday of Advent meaning that the celebration of Christmas is just round the corner. The Gospel has Matthew's account of how Joseph takes Mary to his home as his wife.

Parish Extra

Hopefully everyone has received a copy of the special Parish Extra Christmas edition. If you did not get one, there are still a few copies available at the back of the church.

Fr James (Jimmy) Langan SJ

Some of you will know Fr Jimmy from the Jesuit community in Preston. He died in his sleep last week. His funeral is at St Wilfrid's in Preston on Monday at 12.15 am.

Christmas Eve

There is no morning Mass on Tuesday.

We have two Masses for the Vigil of Christmas:

5.30pm - A vigil Mass of Christmas for Children.

This is preceded by Carols from 5pm
Children are invited to bring their baby Jesus from their crib at home to be blessed at the beginning of Mass.

This Mass is in St Peter's

9.00pm - The Vigil Mass of Christmas

This is preceded by Carols from 8.30pm
This Mass is in St Peter's

Note: There is NO MASS at MIDNIGHT this year.

Christmas Day

There is just one Mass on Christmas Day at 9.30am. This Mass is in St Joseph's and will be followed by a cup of tea and a mince pie.

Christmas Mass offerings

The Mass offerings at the Christmas Masses go to the Society of Jesus and are used for the training of new Jesuits and the support of the retired ones. Thanks for your generosity.

Feast of St Stephen

There is no Mass on Thursday this week.

Feast of St John

Mass is back to its usual time of 8am in St Peter's. Today is the feast day of the Anglican parish in Hurst Green. We wish them a happy feast day.

Next Sunday

Is the feast of the Holy Family. The Gospel recounts how Mary and Joseph had to flee into Egypt to escape Herod who wanted to Kill Jesus. Today we can remember the thousands who still have to flee their homes to avoid persecution.

The Collection

The collection last week came to:

| Vigil Mass | 9.30am | Total |
|------------|---------|----------|
| £125.64 | £ 98.94 | £ 224.54 |

Thanks for your generosity.

Mass for the New Year

On Wednesday 1st January there will be a Mass to celebrate the New Year at 10am in St Joseph's. On this day we celebrate the feast of Mary the Mother of God. This replaces the 8am Mass on that day.

Piety Stall Christmas Stock

Are you still stuck for that last minute Christmas present? Religious items are available in the Piety Stall in St Peter's and a smaller selection outside the Chapel in St Joseph's. Worth a look!

Congratulations to...

Please pray for Philip Ward and Caroline Church-Taylor who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage in our church this week. Please pray for their happiness.

Welcome into the church

We welcome Charles Christopher Heap who will be baptised in our church next weekend. Please pray for him and his family.

A blessed Christmas

Fr Tim wishes all of our parishioners and all those associated with the parish a happy and blessed Christmas. May this be followed by a grace filled New Year.