

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Good shepherd Sunday

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 25 th	5.30pm St P's	Michael Lee L	Vigil of 4 th Sunday of Easter
Su 26 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Fourth Sunday of Easter
	11.00am St P's	For the Stonyhurst Confirmandi	
Mo 27 th	No Mass		St Peter Canisius SJ PD
Tu 28 th	8.00am St P's	David Gadsden A	Weekday in the Easter Season (week 4)
Wed 29 th	8.00am St P's	Mary Moss RIP	St Catherine of Siena VD
Th 30 th	8.30am SMH	For the school	Weekday in the Easter Season
Fr 1 May	8.00am St P's	William Doherty Int	St Joseph the Worker

(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: Jasper Isaac Wilkinson, Francis Aloysius Holden, Gordon Nicholson, Barbara Worthington, James Hunt, Fr Bernard Magill SJ, Francis Marsland.. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fifth Sunday of Easter
First	Acts 2; 14a, 36 – 41	Acts 6; 1 – 7
Second	1 Peter 2; 20b – 25	1 Peter 2; 4 – 9
Gospel	John 10; 1 - 10	John 14; 1 - 12

Diocesan Website:

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

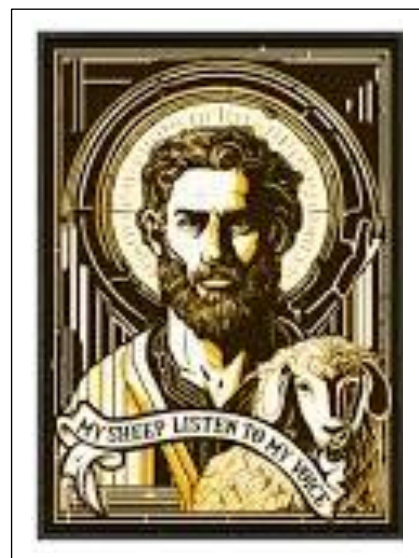
for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in April 2026

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



The sheep hear his voice when he calls

Today

Is the 4th Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday. We pray especially for vocations, and a collection will be taken up for the training of priests. In the gospel Jesus tells his disciples that we must enter the sheepfold through him, for he is the shepherd.

Sacramental Preparation

Our children have now made the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) and are now beginning their preparation for 1st Holy Communion. The class is today at 8.30 am in St Joseph's, before the 9.30am Sunday Mass. Please keep these children in your prayers.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Will be celebrated for Stonyhurst pupils this Sunday with Bishop John Arnold presiding at the 11am Sunday Mass. We are planning a confirmation for parishioners in June. More details to follow.

Prayers for peace

We still seem to be far away from constructive peace talks to end the conflict in the Middle East. We need to be steadfast in our prayers.

Welcome to the new head

William Doherty, the new head at Stonyhurst, begins officially on Friday. Let's keep him, and the college, in our prayers.

ParkPlay

Takes place every Saturday from 10am to 12 noon on the field behind the Village Hall. Now that the weather is better, we hope for more participants. New leaders welcome: contact Catriona on 07775 801057.

Next Sunday

Is the fifth Sunday of Easter. In the gospel Jesus tells the disciples that he is the way, the truth and the life.

Pupils at the vigil Mass

Next weekend the Stonyhurst boarders will come to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday. This will be a Mass with more contemporary music. The 11am Sunday Mass will be a quiet one.

New Stations for the cemetery

These are currently being made, along with their bases. Those who wish may contribute to the cost of their purchase. A thank you to those who have contributed already.

News from Caritas

Spring copies of the Caritas newsletter are available at the back of the church.

Stonyhurst Inspection

Stonyhurst has recently undergone an ISI inspection (equivalent to OFSTED). A full report will be published in due course, but verbal feedback indicates that the inspectors were impressed with school in all areas, and identified one area in particular as outstanding. Well done to the staff and students who were able to show the college at its best.

Anniversary of the death of Pope Francis

Occurred last Tuesday. May he rest in peace.

Vocations to the priesthood and religious life

On this Sunday every year we pray for more people to present themselves to become priests, sisters or brothers. Yet, at the moment, those coming forward are few in number. Perhaps it is time to reflect on why this is so. Commitment is often mentioned as a stumbling block to religious life. Young people find it difficult to commit. However, the number of marriages we celebrate in this parish is not in decline, so perhaps commitment is not the case. Over the years ordinary parishioners are taking on more and more parish responsibilities, and this is good. However, we will still need priests to celebrate Mass and hear confessions. Where these will come from, we don't know. We all need to pray for vocations, but perhaps be more proactive and encourage younger people to consider this life choice. There have been many Jesuit vocations from former pupils at the college, but only one from the Hurst Green!

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