

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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THE NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Mass Schedule for this week

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 26 th	5.30pm St P's	Harry Wilkinson A	Vigil of the 1 st Sunday of Advent
Su 27 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	1 st Sunday of Advent
	11.00am St P's	For the College	
M 28 th	No Mass		Weekday in Advent
Tu 29 th	8.00am St P's	Gerald Cross L (SPG)	Weekday in Advent
W 30 th	8.00am St P's	Michelle Hayhurst A	St Andrew, apostle
Th 1 st Dec	11.00am St P's	Campion Day Mass	St Edmund Campion & Comps
F 2 nd	8.00am St P's	Ann Whitehead L	Weekday in Advent

(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 = Religio

Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time. Eliza Brown, Fr Ronald Hull SJ, Fr Edmund Willoughby SJ, Margaret Wilson, Brian Holden, Helen Wells, George Greasley, Margaret Phillips, Roger Marsden and Mary Whittaker. In this final week of the month of November we pray at each Mass for our deceased family and friends. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	1 st Sunday of Advent (A)	2 nd Sunday of Advent (A)
First	Isaiah 2; 1 – 5	Isaiah 11; 1 – 10
Second	Rom 13' 11 - 14	Rom 15; 1 – 9
Gospel	Matt 24; 37 - 44	Matt 3; 1 - 12

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in November 2022 For children who suffer:

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



Come Lord Jesus

This Sunday

Is the first Sunday of Advent. It marks the beginning of a new year. If you have a missal, the readings for Sundays will be from Year A. On weekdays it is cycle Year 1. Jesus tells us that his second coming will take us by surprise. Today we light one candle on our Advent Wreath. The liturgical colour is purple.

Resources for Advent

At the back of the church there are copies of the *Day by Day* and *Come Follow Me*, which can help you to pray each day in Advent. There are also some Advent Calendars for Children. Please help yourself.

Bishop's Pastoral Letter.

Bishop John has sent a pastoral letter for this Sunday. Rather than reading it at Mass, please take a printed copy home with you so you can read it at leisure. He tells us that next year there will be a diocesan synod and he encourages us not to eat meat on Fridays to help save the planet.

November dead list

As is customary, there will be a book at the back of the church where we can remember our deceased family and friends. These will be remembered at each Mass during this last week of November.

Fr Vaz returns

Fr Vincent Vaz has returned to the parish for a couple of weeks. He will be the guest preacher at the Campion Day Mass. Welcome back Fr Vaz.

St Joseph's Primary Christmas Fair

Takes place in the primary school on next Saturday from 1 – 4pm. Please support this event.

Next Sunday

Is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. In the Gospel John the Baptist preaches a gospel of repentance to the people in the wilderness.

Confirmation

We have 90 candidates for confirmation from our parish, Whalley and Clitheroe. Bishop John Arnold will come and confirm these in St Peter's church on Wednesday 7th December at 7pm. With 90 candidates and their families, the church

will be very full. Each family is restricted to one bench each.

Food bank Christmas request

The Food bank in Blackburn is hoping to make up some food parcels for needy families for Christmas. As well as food items and toiletries, long life puddings, cakes and sweets would be appreciated. Items need to be in by Sunday 11th December. Thanks for your generosity.

Special Coffee Stop

The next Coffee Stop will be on Thursday 8th December will be in the Memorial Hall. This one will involve a buffet lunch and will be a fundraising for Ukrainian refugees living locally. Please support this event. Children from St Joseph's will provide some entertainment.

Year A of the liturgical cycle

Today we begin Year A in the church's liturgical cycle. During this year the Sunday readings focus on the Gospel of Matthew, as his gospel is read to us Sunday by Sunday. Matthew shows that Jesus is the fulfilment of the wishes of the people of the Old Testament. Jesus fulfils our desires too.

Parish Extra

We will once again print a "Parish Extra" for Christmas, featuring the key events that have happened in the parish over the last 12 months. If you would like to contribute a short piece with a picture, please forward these to Fr Tim.

Sick and retired priests

Thank you for your generosity. The collection last Sunday came to £143.80

Pope Francis on Advent

Advent is the season for remembering the closeness of God who came down to dwell in our midst. Let us make the traditional Advent prayer our own: 'Come, Lord Jesus.' ... We can say it at the beginning of each day and repeat it often, before our meetings, our studies and our work, before making decisions, in every important or difficult moment of our lives: 'Come, Lord Jesus.' Having to be watchful, however, means it is now night. Yes, we are not living in broad daylight, but awaiting the dawn, amid darkness and weariness. The light of day will come when we shall be with the Lord. Let us not lose heart: the light of day will come!