

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

## Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 27 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Gordon Nicholson A	Vigil of 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)
Su 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday (Year B)
	11.00am St P's	Stonyhurst Confirmation Cands	
M 29 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		St Catherine of Sienna VD
Tu 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Survivors of sexual abuse	Weekday in the Easter season: week 5
W 1 <sup>st</sup> May	8.00am St P's	Justin Leang L	St Joseph the Worker
Th 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am SMH	For the school	St Athanasius BD
F 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am St P's	Fr Peter Brook SJ, L	St Philip & St James, Mm apostles

(Each Saturday 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, and Lucy Platt.  
*May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

### Readings at Mass

	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B)	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
First	Acts 9; 26 - 31	Acts 10;25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Second	I John 3; 18 - 24	I John 4; 7 - 10
Gospel	John 15; 1 - 6	John 15; 9 - 17

### Diocesan Website:

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

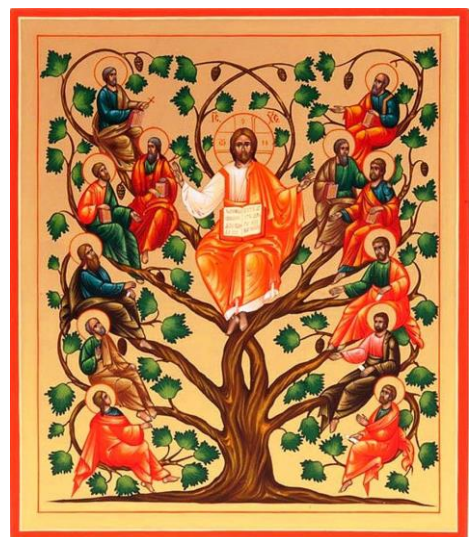
for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

### Praying with the Pope in May 2024

**For the formation of men and women religious and seminarians**

Let us pray that than men and women religious and seminarians grow in their own personal vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation that leads them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel,

Look at [www.ThePopeVideo.org](http://www.ThePopeVideo.org) for more information



### **This Sunday**

Is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. In the gospel Jesus tells his disciples that he is “the true vine”.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

Congratulations to those candidates who made their first reconciliation before Easter. The second part of their course begins today to prepare them for receiving their First Holy Communion. They meet at St Joseph’s today at 8.40am. Let’s keep them in our prayers.

### **Day of Prayer**

The Catholic Church in England and Wales has asked that Tuesday be a world day of prayer for survivors of sexual abuse.

At 6pm on Tuesday Bishop John will celebrate Mass to mark this day at St. Patrick’s, Livesey Street. Collyhurst. All welcome.

### **Angus Robertson RIP**

The funeral for Angus Robertson (OS 2012) takes place in St Peter’s on Thursday at 11am. As he was enlisted in the Navy he will be buried with full military honours. Please keep his family in your prayers.

### **Next Sunday**

Is the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. In the gospel, at the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples that a man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

### **Ascension Thursday**

This year falls on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Parishioners who wish to attend Mass may:

- \* join SMH at 9.30am in their chapel
- \* join the College at 11am in St Peter’s or
- \* join St Joseph’s pupils at 2.15pm in their chapel.

### **Cemetery Update**

Work on felling the trees in the cemetery has paused for the moment. There is more work to be done and it will resume shortly.

### **Parish Accounts 2023**

A summary of last year’s parish accounts is now available. Please take a copy. They will be presented to the parish AGM over the summer.

### **Feedback on Holy Week**

Thank you to those who provided feedback of the Holy Week Retreat and our liturgies. Most were overwhelmingly positive, so thank you for that. There are some tweaks, however, which we can put in place for next year.

### **Reflection on today’s gospel**

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John’s Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God’s promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus’ presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ’s disciples is sustained through God’s Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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