

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Mass Schedule for this week

Fr Tim will offer a private Mass each day for the following intentions

Date	Time	Fr Tim's Private Mass Intention	Feast
Sa 29 th		For those with Covid 19	Vigil of the 5 th Sunday of Lent (Yr A)
Su 30 th		For the Parish	The 5 th Sunday of Lent (Yr A)
M 31 st		Private Intention	Weekday in Lent (Week 5)
T 1 st April		Jane Hoare L	Weekday in Lent
W 2 nd		Cathy Macfarlane A	Weekday in Lent
Th 3 rd		Private intention	Weekday in Lent
F 4 th		For the health of the parish	Weekday in Lent

(No Holy Hour or Benediction until further notice.)

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: Eugene Erdozain, Oliver Ryan, Cecily Holden, John Holden, Terry Dixon, Br Bernard Elliot SJ, Joseph Richardson and William Joseph Wilson. *May they rest in peace.*

Readings at Mass

	5 th Sunday of Lent (Yr A)	Palm Sunday (Year A)
First	Ezek 37; 12 - 14	Isaiah 50; 4 - 7
Second	Rom 8; 8 - 11	Phil 2; 6 - 11
Gospel	John 11; 1 - 45	Matt 26; 14 - 27;66

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

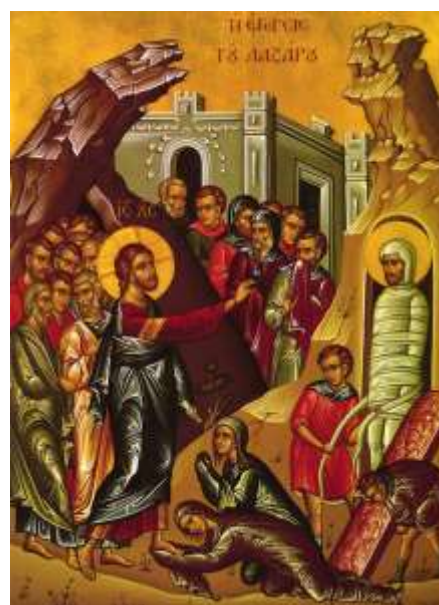
Change your clocks

Remember clocks go FORWARD on Saturday night by one hour.

Praying with the Pope in March 2020

We pray that the church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



As most people are under lockdown, this newsletter is being put through the letter box of every house in the village. I hope you find it of some use with your prayers at this time.

Corona Virus Latest

The bishop has asked that all churches and chapels remain closed until further notice. We will no longer be able to keep St Peter's open for private prayer.

All public Masses are suspended until further notice.

Fr Tim says a private Mass each day. If you have an intention for one of these Masses, please let him know.

Fr Tim's availability

Each day Fr Tim will be in the Parish Office from 9am to 10am and available on the parish number (01254 826268).

At other times, leave a message on the parish answer machine, which will be responded to as soon as possible.

A daily prayer sheet is now available on-line. Lots of people have volunteered to help, so please contact Fr Tim if you need help with shopping, prescriptions, finding a buddy to phone everyday, or anything else!

Regular activities are suspended:

The Pope has asked that confessions be suspended, due to the risk to the priest and the penitent. Please make a sincere act of contrition. The 1st communion programme will resume in the Autumn.

The RCIA programme is almost completed, but it is not clear when our 6 candidates can be received into the church.

Baptisms will be postponed.

The housebound will not be able to receive communion during this period.

Marriages have to be postponed until after the crisis is over.

Funerals may take place but at the graveside/crematorium only. A maximum of 10 people may attend.

Memorial Masses will be held after the crisis is over.

Other parish activities (Hope in the Future, Ignatian Habit, etc are all suspended)

From your home you can:

Request delivery of Newsletter, reflections, copies of readings, bidding prayers (Thanks to those who have volunteered to deliver to every house in the village this week.) Some people will like to participate in Mass streamed over the internet.

(Search "Mass – Live streaming")

Our Jesuit church in Farm Street has begun to live-stream Mass (www.farmstreet.org.uk).

Buddies

Fr Tim invites all parishioners to choose a "buddy". Phone your buddy every day. If they have a need you can't respond to, call Fr Tim. Pray for your buddy every day. Let's all keep safe and look after each other.

Today

Is the 5th Sunday of Lent. The Gospel tells us about the miracle where Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from death to life.

Next Sunday

Is Palm Sunday. The Gospel is the reading of the passion according to St Matthew. Once again, we hope to deliver resources and a palm to all homes in the village.

The Cemetery waste bins..

Were not collected this week as people had put the wrong items in the bins – please be careful.

Thank you from Missio

The Red Box appeal last year raised £726.37 – thank you for your generous support

The Pope on Confession

"I know that many of you go to confession before Easter ... many will say to me: 'But Father I cannot leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me How can I do that unless I find a priest?' Do what the catechism says. It is very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He is your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."