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THE NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 29 th	5.30pm St P's	Harry Wilkinson A	The vigil of the 1 st Sunday of Advent
Su 30 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	The 1 st Sunday of Advent
	11.00am St P's	John Wilcock A	
Mo 1 st Dec	9.30am St P's	For the Stonyhurst Community	St Edmund Campion & Comps
Tu 2 nd	8.00am St P's	Robin Howell	Weekday in Advent (week 1)
Wed 3 rd	8.00am St P's	Steve Masterman L	St Francis Xavier SJ, P
Th 4 th	No Mass		Weekday in Advent
Fr 5 th	8.00am St P's	Holy Souls	Weekday in Advent

(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: Brian Holden, Helen Wells, George Greasley, Margaret Phillips, Roger Marsden, Mary Whittaker and Thomas Rawcliffe.
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Readings at Mass

	1 st Sunday of Advent (Year A)	2 nd Sunday in Advent (Year A)
First	Isaiah 2; 1 – 5	Isaiah 11; 1 – 10
Second	Rom 13; 11 – 14	Rom 15; 4 – 9
Gospel	Matt 24; 37 – 44	Matt 3; 1 – 12

Diocesan Website:

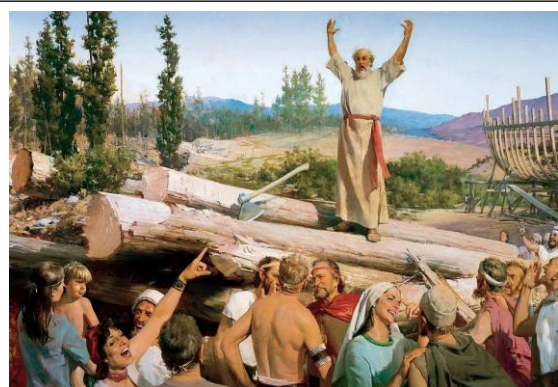
<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in December 2025 For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



*In the days of Noah
people were eating and drinking
and marrying right up until the
flood came.*

Today

Is the 1st Sunday of Advent. In the gospel Jesus instructs the disciples to stay awake as the end will come at a time they do not expect.

This weekend the boarders will come to the Vigil Mass, so the 11am Mass will be a quiet one.

Advent wreath

Today we light the first candle on the Advent wreath as we count down to the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a time of spiritual renewal.

Book of the dead

For the last time this weekend the Book of the Dead will be placed on the altar during Mass. May all of our loved ones rest in peace.

Advent resources

There is a special edition of *Day by Day* and of *Walk with Me* to help us celebrate Advent. Please take a copy from the back of the church.

Piety Stall Restocked

The Piety stall at the back of St Peter's now has a new stock of Christmas cards and gifts. Check it out.

The new Liturgical Year (Year A)

Today is the beginning of the Church's year. We begin Year A. This means that throughout the next 12 months most Sundays we will listen to the gospel of Matthew.

Campion Day

Monday is the feast of St Edmund Campion – the principal feast day for the college. Bishop John Arnold will begin the day with Mass at 9.30am in St Peter's. Parishioners are welcome to the Mass.

Ecumenical Lunch

Takes place on Thursday in the Memorial Hall at 12.30pm. To book a place please contact Gill on tel: 07838423974 / email: gilljacques3@gmail.com

Mass in St Joseph's Primary

Takes place on Friday at 9.15. All welcome.

Next Sunday

Is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. In the gospel today Matthew recounts how John the Baptist came to call the people to repentance.

Next weekend is the last Sunday of the term and the boarders will come to the 11am Mass.

Parkplay

Continues every Saturday. Numbers are still down a little bit. Hopefully they will pick up again. It runs from 10am to 12 noon in the field behind the Memorial Hall.

Foodbank

There has been a drop in donations recently so it would be great if people could donate either regular food items and / or long-life Christmas treats. To enable collection and distribution, please have any items at church by Sunday 14 December. Thank you for your support.

New Director for Jesuit Missions

Jesuit Missions is looking for a new Director - see their website for details.

Advent prayer: *All is calm, all is bright*

St John's Anglican church is organising 3 candle-light prayer sessions:

Monday 1st Dec – *Praying for ourselves*
All Hallows, Mitton

Monday 8th Dec – *Praying for our community*
St John's, Hurst Green

Monday 15th Dec – *Praying for the world*
St Wilfrid's, Ribchester

Each service will begin at **7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to join in these prayer services.

Who was St Edmund Campion?

St Edmund Campion was born in London in 1540, the gifted child of a merchant. He studied at St John's College, Oxford. In 1566, Queen Elizabeth, whilst visiting Oxford, was deeply impressed by a speech Edmund delivered, in Latin, and offered him Royal patronage. He later travelled to Ireland where the Catholic faith was very much alive. After his conversion he studied at the English College in Douai and in 1573 Edmund walked to Rome where he was accepted into the Society of Jesus as a novice. For six years he trained for the priesthood in Prague and celebrated Mass for the first time on 8th September 1578. As a Jesuit priest he was happy as a schoolteacher, but in 1580 he crossed the Channel disguised as a diamond merchant and made his way to London where he visited Catholics imprisoned for their faith and celebrated Mass secretly. He was soon betrayed and was martyred at Tyburn on 1st December 1581. His last prayer on the scaffold was for his queen. He is the Patron Saint of the college.