

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Christmas (Year B)

Mass Schedule for this week

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 2 nd	5.30pm St P's	Gordon Nicholson L	Vigil of the 2 nd Sunday of Christmas
Su 3 rd	9.30am St P's	For the Parish	2 nd Sunday of Christmas
	11.00am St P's	Agnes Eccles L	
M 4 th	NO Mass		Weekday of the Christmas season
T 5 th	8.00am St P's	Wilcock Family RIP	Weekday of the Christmas season
W 6 th	9.30am St P's	For the Parish	Feast of the Epiphany
Th 7 th	NO MASS		Weekday of the Christmas season
F 8 th	8.00 am St P's	Special Intention	Weekday of the Christmas season

(The church is open for Adoration from 4.30pm on Saturday 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. Francis Nutter, Fr Freddy Turner SJ, Margaret Brown, Richard Henry Rogerson, Kathleen Hill, Mary Francis Slater, Elizabeth Hardman, Neil Murtagh, James Hughes, Mary Melling, Doreen Kenyon, Winifred Butler, Brigid Hardwick, Richard Algar, James Tomlinson, Isaac Wilkinson and Vincent Comber. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	2 nd Sunday of Christmas	Baptism of the Lord
First	Ecc 24; 1-2, 8-12	Isaiah 55; 1 - 11
Second	Eph 1; 3 - 6, 15 - 18	I John 5; 1 - 9
Gospel	John 1; 1 - 18	Mark 1; 7 - 11

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in January 2021

Human fraternity: may the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



Wednesday is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

A Happy new year to all

We are now under tier 4 restrictions. Fortunately we can still gather for communal worship, but we need to be extra careful about keeping social distance as we enter the church, choose a place to pray, come forward for communion and as we leave the church. Be aware that someone in the church might have the virus, but without symptoms. Let's keep each other safe.

Weekend times are as follows:

Saturday

4.30pm to 5.15pm Exposition
Confessions will be available

5.15pm Benediction

5.30pm Mass in St Peter's

Sunday

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

11.00am Mass in St Peter's

Parishioners are able to come to the 11am Mass this Sunday, but with the college returning next week, this Mass will be for students only. Sadly, for the time being, we cannot celebrate Mass in St Joseph's.

Coming to St Peter's for Mass or private prayer:

- + Do not come to church if you are unwell, self-isolating or shielding or returning from a country where you have to shield
 - + You should wear a face covering
 - + Observe the one way system
 - + Observe social distancing
 - + Any printed materials you touch (Newsletters etc) place in a bin or take home with you.
- If you are driving, you will need to buzz security at the white gates.*

This Sunday

Is the Second Sunday of Christmas, where we continue to deepen the joy of the feast we have just celebrated. The Gospel is the beginning of John's gospel where John reflects of the meaning of Jesus' coming upon the earth. In the Society of Jesus, we celebrate today the naming of Jesus who gives his name to our order.

Fr Tim's availability

If you need to contact Fr Tim, please leave a message on the parish phone line.

Weekday Masses

Take place this week on Tuesday and Friday at 8am. Wednesday is the feast of the Epiphany, Mass in St Peter's will be at 9.30am.

The Epiphany

On Wednesday we remember the arrival of the Magi at Bethlehem to worship the child Jesus. This is a Holiday of Obligation in England and Wales, but the obligation is suspended during the Covid crisis. Mass will be at **9.30am in St Peter's**.

Next Sunday

Is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and marks the end of the Christmas season. The gospel is Mark's account of the baptism of Jesus.

Return to School

Some overseas students are due to return to Stonyhurst today, so they can isolate before classes begin. At the moment, day students return on Monday 11th January. Pupils of St Joseph's are due to return this Monday. We wish all well for their studies during this term.

Newsletter

These are available in St Peter's whenever the church is open. If you would like one to be delivered to your home, *please let Fr Tim know*.

Pope Francis on the Epiphany

"The light of God shines on those who receive it. Isaiah, in the first reading (cf. 60:2), tells us that that light does not prevent the darkness and the thick clouds from covering the earth, but shines forth on those prepared to accept it. And so, the prophet addresses a challenging summons to everyone: "Arise, shine" (60:1). We need to *arise*, to get up from our sedentary lives and prepare for a journey. Otherwise, we stand still, like the scribes that Herod consulted; they knew very well where the Messiah was born, but they did not move. We also need to *shine*, to be clothed in God who is light, day by day, until we are fully clothed in Jesus. Yet to be clothed in God, who like the light is simple, we must first put aside our pretentious robes. Otherwise, we will be like Herod, who preferred the earthly lights of success and power to the divine light. The Magi, instead, fulfil the prophecy. They arise and shine, and are clothed in light. They alone see the star in the heavens: not the scribes, nor Herod, nor any of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

New year blessings

Let us pray that this New Year will bring us many blessings. May we all grow closer to the Lord.