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THE NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent

Masses for this week

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent
Su 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am St P's	For the Parish	The First Sunday of Advent
Su 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am St J's	Priest's Intention	The First Sunday of Advent
M 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.55am	One Sick	Advent Weekday
T 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Advent Weekday
W 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Advent Weekday
Th 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.55am	Priest's Intention	St Ambrose BD
F 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Margaret Henry A	The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance  
 P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday

M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope  
 D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

**Please pray for the following, the anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time:**

Roger Marsden, Mary Whittaker, Thomas Rawcliffe,  
 Winifride Greasley, Pat Walshe

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Readings at Mass

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
First	Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8	Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11
Second	1 Cor 1:3-9	2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel	Mark 13:33-37	Mark 1:1-8

**Diocesan Website:**

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

**Praying with the Pope in December, 2017**

**That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new generations.**

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

*The Prayer of St Francis before the Cross at San Damiano.*

*"Most High glorious God, bring light to the darkness of my heart. Give me a right faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, so I can always observe your holy and true command. Amen."*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jean Mawson**, wife of Peter, who died on November 18<sup>th</sup>. May she rest in peace.

### Advent Confessions

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 2.00pm until 4.00pm in St Peter's Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during this time.

As usual, confessions are available from 5.00pm until 5.15pm on Saturdays before the Vigil Mass.

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December Confession in St Peter's, 10.00am to 11.00am

## **The Collection**

Weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November

Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	TOTAL
£78.85	£143.11	£61.67	£283.63

Many thanks for your generosity.

## **Sale of 'Goods'**

When we closed down the old St Joseph's Chapel we had to clear cupboards etc. in which had accumulated all sorts of items such as vases, some religious pictures, an IKEA flat-pack wardrobe, bits of bric-a-brac, etc., etc.

It is proposed to make these items available on a first-come, first-served basis with a box available nearby for donations this weekend and next weekend.

Please note: some items may be slightly damaged! Caveat emptor!!

## **'Retirement' Party!!**

Frs Griffiths & Twist will be leaving Stonyhurst after Christmas and there will be a farewell party for both in St Peter's Club on the evening of Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm and a supper will be served. If you would like to attend this event, and all are invited, please let the organisers know; they will be present at the end of mass to take your name(s). They are: Niall Macfarlane, Mary Bailey, Cathy Poloczek, Agnes Bland.

## **St Peter's Church Repository**

Take a look! Christmas!!

Christmas Cards including mass requests, 2018 diaries, candles - Advent and seasonal - together with a selection of gifts for adults and children are now available in the Repository at the back of St Peter's Church.

Also on sale are Christmas cards sold on behalf of 'Caritas', the Diocesan Care Organisation.

## **From Mary Bailey.**

There will be a short meeting at St Joseph's on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm to discuss the decorating of St Joseph's Chapel for Christmas! Anyone who would like to help with this would be very welcome to attend. It is hoped that the actual decoration will be done on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, again at 4.00pm. Further details from Mary Bailey 01254 826269

## **From Bishop Arnold**

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

## **Events in December in the lead-up to Christmas**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Coffee Stop in St John's Old School Hall 2-4pm

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Pantry sale in St John's Old School Hall 10-12noon Cakes, crafts, Christmas greenery and much more.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Joint Christmas Service at St John's Old School Hall followed by Christmas Lunch with Carols from the children of St Joseph's. 11.am to 2pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Coffee Stop at St John's Old School Hall with free sherry and mince pies as well as the usual free tea, coffee and cakes.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Joint Carol singing around the village and surrounding pubs. Meet at St Peter's Club 7pm. All monies raised for the 'Thomas' organization in Blackburn.

## Christmas Services at St Peter's and St Joseph's.

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December **Confessions** in St Peter's 10.00am to 11.00am.

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve.

- 5.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas in **St Peter's** preceded by carols at 5.00pm
- 12.00 Midnight Mass in **St Peter's** preceded by carols at 11.30pm

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day  
10.00am in **St Joseph's** - Dawn Mass of Christmas Day