

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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THE NEWSLETTER

Feast of the Epiphany (Year A)

Mass Schedule for this week

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 4 th	5.30pm St P's	Robert Furness L	Vigil of the Epiphany
Su 5 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Feast of the Epiphany
	11.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	Feast of the Epiphany
M 6 th	NO MASS		Weekday in the Christmas Season
T 7 th	8.00am St P's	Jack and Cecily Holden R	Weekday in the Christmas Season
W 8 th	8.00am St P's	Holden & Bailey Families RIP	Weekday in the Christmas Season
Th 9 th	NO MASS		Weekday in the Christmas Season
F 10 th	8.00am St P's	Hans Brenninkmeijer	Weekday in the Christmas Season

(Every Saturday Afternoon: **Holy Hour with Confessions** at 4.30pm, **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. May Holden, Richard Henry Bolton, Bernard Edward Snape, Ann Isherwood, Anne Ayrton, Clare Rawcliffe, Sam Smith Fr Paul Magill SJ, Francis Nutter, Fr Freddy Turner SJ, Margaret Brown, Richard Henry Rogerson Kathleen Hill, Mary Francis Slater, Elizabeth Hardman, Neil Murtagh, James Hughes and Mary Melling. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Readings at Mass

	The Epiphany	The Baptism of the Lord
First	Isaiah 60; 1 – 6	Isaiah 42; 1 – 4, 6 - 7
Second	Eph 3; 2 – 3, 5 - 6	Acts 10; 34 - 38
Gospel	Matt 2; 1 - 12	Matt 3; 13 - 17

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in January 2020

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information.



*The wise men travelled from
as far in search of Jesus.*

Today

Is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, where we recall Jesus being shown to all the nations of the earth represented by the Magi who travelled from afar to worship him.

Back to School

Classes at St Joseph's resume on Monday while at SMH and Stonyhurst, classes resume on Wednesday. We keep all our children and grandchildren in our prayers.

Opening Mass for the new Term

The St Joseph's Primary opening Mass will be on Tuesday at 9.15 am in the primary school. There will be Mass for the whole school – SMH and the College – on Wednesday at 9am in St Peter's.

St John's Old School

The St John's Old School is closed for a week from Monday for repairs. This will affect some of the events planned to take place there. The Coffee Stop scheduled for Monday is cancelled. The next Coffee Stop will be Monday 20th January. The Film Club also scheduled for Monday is also cancelled. The next one will be on the first Monday of February. The Hobbits parents and toddler's group scheduled for Thursday is also cancelled.

RCIA recommences

The course for those who wish to be received into the Catholic Church recommences on Thursday. Please keep our seven candidates in your prayers.

Next Sunday

Is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We hear Matthew's account of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday marks the end of the Christmas season.

The Collection

The collection last week came to:

Vigil Mass	9.30am	11.00	Total
£ 101.57	£ 47.25	£ 20.00	£ 168.82

Thanks for your generosity.

The twelve days of Christmas

Tomorrow, Monday, is the 12th day of Christmas and marked the end of a time of feasting to celebrate Christmas.

It is believed that the song about the 12 days of Christmas may have been composed as a coded message about the gifts of God. In 1780, when it was composed, Catholics were still persecuted and needed to find ways of perpetuating their faith. One possible interpretation is as follows:

1 The Partridge in the Pear Tree = the gift of Jesus Christ, born for us at Christmas time.

2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments

3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues

4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and the Four Evangelists

5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch," which gives the history of man's fall from grace.

6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation

7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, or possible the 7 sacraments

8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes

9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments

11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles

12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Enjoy the last of your Christmas goodies...