

6<sup>th</sup> November 2016

THE NEWSLETTER FOR

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year ( C )



**The Year of Mercy December 2015 – November 2016**  
**“Merciful like the Father”**



Parish Masses for 32<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St Peter's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am St Peter's	For the Parish	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am St Joseph's	Priest's Intention	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Weekday
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Weekday
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.55am	Priest's Intention	St Leo the Great PpD
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	St Martin of Tours B

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance

M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope

P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday

D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

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

John Livesey, John James Brown, Alice Hatton.

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

Readings at Mass:	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year
First Reading	2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14	Malachi 3:19-20
Second Reading	2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5	2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19

**Collections:** Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 29/30 October

Vigil	£107.83	8.30am	£ 80.75	10.00 am	£ 66.17	TOTAL	£254.75
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**Year of Mercy Prayer**

**All loving Father, you sent your Son to show us Your mercy and to teach us how to forgive one another. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to remember that we are all sinners. Let this year of mercy be a pilgrimage, a journey back to you. Make us ambassadors of mercy, sharing Your forgiveness with everyone, especially those who feel they are beyond your love. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

This Feast marks the end of the Year of Mercy proposed by Pope Francis.

To mark the end of the year of mercy, it would seem appropriate to celebrate it in a fitting way. It is proposed that the 10.00 mass in St Joseph's on that Sunday be a special mass of Thanksgiving for the graces received over the past 'year'. The mass will be the mass of Christ the King, but with the added theme of Christ's mercy. All, of-course, will be welcome and there will be refreshments after mass.

## **The Apostleship of Prayer**

[www.ThePopeVideo.org](http://www.ThePopeVideo.org)

For the month of **November**, the Pope's **Universal** request for our prayers is:

that countries that take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

His intention **for evangelization** is:

that within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**12/13<sup>th</sup> November** we are asked to have a collection for the **Retired Diocesan Clergy Fund**.

### **APF – Red Boxes**

If you have a red Mission Box for APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith) please bring it to mass for emptying, or leave it with Lucy Harrison if that is more convenient.

### **St JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

**The St Joseph's School Mass** on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November in honour of **All Saints of the Society of Jesus** will be celebrated in St Joseph's Chapel at 9.15am and all are welcome to attend.

**Friends of St Joseph's School** ... are having a **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** at the school on

Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm.

We have an urgent request for unwanted buttons and ribbons for our craft workshops for our home produce stall. [Bring them to church – I'll hand them on. Fr PG SJ]

### **Knowing the Faith.**

'Classes' on various aspects of Catholic teaching.

Venue: the **sacristy behind St Peter's Church at 7.30pm**

Enter by the stepped entrance at the side of the church.

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November - Liturgy & the Sacraments**

**St Peter's Church Repository** is now stocked for **Christmas**. A few items will also be available for parishioners/parents in the lobby of St Joseph's School Chapel.

**The Medaille Trust** ... is a Catholic charity which runs safe houses for those rescued from human trafficking in our country. Mr Anthony Brown of the Medaille Trust will talk at all masses the weekend 26/27<sup>th</sup> November about the work of the Trust.

## **Help wanted.**

**The Hurst Green Parent & Toddlers Group** meets every Thursday in term time between 9.30am and 11.30am in Hurst Green Memorial Hall, a great place and space to bring pre-school children for them to play in a safe and fun environment. It is also a place for parents with small children to meet and chat. Refreshments are provided for parents and children and the group are always looking for help to prepare and serve simple refreshments so that the parents can keep a watchful eye on the children.

**If you can help with refreshments**, then your help will be much welcomed in this very important part of community life. **Please contact Gill Jacques (01254 878222)** if you would like to volunteer.

**An Advent Course** run by St John's Church in St John's Old School Hall. Dates: Mondays 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December. Time 7.00pm with a meal followed by a look at scripture in an informal setting led by Philip Elson, a Baptist Minister from Blackburn. More information from **David and Gill Jacques (01254 878222)**

**The Three-in-one Coffee Stop on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December** will be raising funds for the British Red Cross. Tea, coffee, cakes plus cakes for sale, a raffle, the usual books and nearly new clothes rail. Please come and support if you can. Any offer of cakes and nearly new clothes will be gratefully received. Contact D & G Jacques as above.

The next **Joint Mid Week Service and lunch** is at 11.00am on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in St John's Old School Hall. More news later, meanwhile names, please to Fr Griffiths if you would like to go.

.... And looking even further ahead to Christmas, could some-one (or a group) volunteer to provide live accompaniment on organ or other instrument(s) for Christmas Midnight Mass in St Peter's Church? Names, please, to Fr Griffiths.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. All are invited to attend the Memorial Service at the Hurst Green War Memorial, assembling at 10.45am in the War Memorial Hall.