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THE NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent

Masses for this week

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 9 th	5.30pm St P's	Margaret Leach A	Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent
Su 10 th	8.30am St P's	For the Parish	The Second Sunday of Advent
Su 10 th	10.00am St J's	Priest's Intention	The Second Sunday of Advent
M 11 th	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Advent Weekday
T 12 th	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Advent Weekday
W 13 th	8.00am	Mary Elizabeth Leach A	St Lucy VM
Th 14 th	7.55am	Priest's Intention	St John of the Cross PD
F 15 th	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Advent Weekday

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:

John Ramsdale, Margaret Henry,
 Dr Stanley St Cuthbert James Devlin, Mary Armstrong,
 Leonard Mercier, Stephen John Eccles,
 Richard Embery, Geoff Wilcock
*May their souls and **the souls of all the faithful departed** through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
 Amen.*

Readings at Mass

	2 nd Sunday of Advent	3 rd Sunday of Advent
First	Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11	Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11
Second	2 Peter 3:8-14	1 Thess 5:16-24
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8	John 1:6-8.19-28

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 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 18th. May she rest in peace. Amen.

As announced at masses last Sunday, starting from the weekend 6th/7th January, parish masses will be as follows: Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm in St Peter's Church.

Sunday 9.30am Mass in St Joseph's Chapel in St Joseph's School.

The College Mass will take place at 11.00am in St Peter's Church and parishioners are welcome to attend. There will be no 8.30am mass.

The Collection

Weekend 2nd/3rd December

Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	TOTAL
£138.55	£130.10	£105.02	£373.67

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. Finishes this weekend.

'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 16th 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, 11th 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, 18th December, again at 4.00pm. Further details from Mary Bailey 01254 826269

Reception into the Roman Catholic Church.

At a special mass on Friday, December 15th, at 200pm in St Peter's Church, **Mr David Harrison** will be received into the Catholic Church. All are welcome to attend the mass and the reception afterwards at St Peter's Guildhall in the village.

Events in December in the lead-up to Christmas

Monday, 11th Stonyhurst Association Carol Service in St Peter's Church at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 13th 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 18th 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 22nd 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, 23rd December Confessions in St Peter's 10.00am to 11.00am.

Sunday, 24th 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, 25th December Christmas Day
10.00am in **St Joseph's** - Dawn Mass of Christmas Day

Charity Fund

The Parish Finance Committee agreed a year or two ago, that 10% of the total offertory, collection and standing orders, should go to chosen charities.

For the year December '16 to November '17, the total thus raised came to £1971.07 which means that £492.77 was sent to each of the following: CAFOD, Jesuit Missions, T.H.O.M.A.S Blackburn, and Aid to the Church in Need.