

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for this week

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 10 th	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil 6 th Sunday of O.T. (Year B)
Su 11 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	6 th Sunday of O.T. (Year B)
	11.00am St P's	For the College	6 th Sunday of O.T. (Year B)
M 12 th	NO MASS		Weekday
T 13 th	8.20am St P's	Andrew Gilbert 3A	Weekday
W 14 th	8.20am St P's	Leonard Scott L	Ash Wednesday
	7.00pm St J's	Priest's Intention	Ash Wednesday
Th 15 th	NO MASS		St Claude La Colombiere, SJ P
F 16 th	8.20am St P's	Patricia Bird	Weekday

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:

Lucy Wilkinson, George Moon, Hubert Wilcock, Monica Mary Wilson and James Doyle: *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Readings at Mass

	6 th Sunday of the Year	1 st Sunday of Lent
First	Levit 13: 1-2, 44-46	Gen 9: 8 - 15
Second	1 Cor 10: 31 – 11: 1	1 Peter 3:18 – 22
Gospel	Mark 1: 40 - 45	Mark 1: 12 - 15

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in February 2018

Say "No" to corruption:

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist the lure of corruption.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information.

To keep a true Lent

Is this a fast, to keep the larder lean and clean from fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish of flesh, yet still to fill the platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour, or ragged to go, or show a downcast look and sour?

No; 'tis a fast to dole thy sheaf of wheat, and meat, unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife, from old debate and hate; to circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent; to starve thy sin, not bin; and that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick

Wednesday is **ASH WEDNESDAY**: Mass at 8.20 am in St Peter's and at 7.00pm in St Joseph's
 Ashes will be given at both Masses.

It is a day of **fasting** and **abstinence**:

Those aged between 16 and 60 should have one full meal on Wednesday and two "collations" (snacks). Everyone should abstain from eating meat.

Half Term

The College, St Mary's Hall and St Joseph's are all on their Half Term break this week. However, we have set Mass times to be the same during term time as well as during vacations.

On Saturday there will be a Holy Hour (with confessions available) from 4.30pm, Benediction at 5.15pm and the Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (all in St Peter's).

On Sunday the Mass is at 9.30am in St Joseph's and 11am in St Peter's.

Weekday Masses continue at 8.20am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in St Peter's, with an extra Mass for Ash Wednesday at 7pm in St Joseph's.

Lent begins

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the "joyful" season of Lent. It is an opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives with some extra prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It would be a good idea to decide today on something concrete to do to mark this holy season. What will draw me closer to God?

The Collection:

Weekend 3rd / 4th February 2018

Vigil	9.30am	11.00	TOTAL
£117.35	£93.40	47.00	£257.75

In addition to the plate collection some people make their church contribution through a standing order. We received an average of £106.25 per week in Standing Orders during January. Many thanks for your generosity.

Parish Council Membership

We are looking for one or two new members of the parish council, which meets four times a year and advises the parish priest. If you think you would have something to offer, please have a word with Niall MacFarlane or Fr Tim.

The Hummingbird Project

A group from the village community and the college are working on a project to resettle a Syrian family in the village. We have reached the stage where different groups are taking responsibility for different aspects of the project. If you would like to be involved, the next meeting is on Monday 19th February at 7.00pm in St Joseph's Primary.

Lenten reflections

We are hoping to offer some Lenten Reflections around the "Hope in the Future" theme. More details will follow next week.

Fair Trade Fortnight is 26th February to 11th March Fair Trade Fortnight is coming soon. Buying Fair Trade goods is a way in which we can support those in other parts of the world struggling to feed their families. You can be sure that products with the Fairtrade Logo pay their workers a just wage. Ask at your supermarket about their range of products.

St Joseph's Cemetery – a clarification

Parishioners can be reassured that only when we approach Holy Week or the first cemetery mowing activity (whichever is first) will Christmas decorations be removed from the cemetery. It would be appreciated if Parishioners could share this information with family and friends who may have loved ones buried in the cemetery.

CAFOD

Lent begins this week. There will be a Soup and Sandwich Lunch in support of the CAFOD Family Fast on Thursday 22nd February from 12.30 until 2pm in the Village Hall. Donations for CAFOD gratefully received.

The Stonyhurst Holy Week retreat:

Runs from Holy Thursday evening (29th March) to Easter Sunday Midday (1st April). It is open to individuals and families. See the College website for accommodation options. The non-residential cost is £88 (includes all meals and talks). The parish can offer some help to parishioners who would find this cost a burden. Bishop John Arnold will be the keynote speaker. The retreatants will join the parish for the special services of Holy Week and Easter.

And finally... Pope Francis on Lent

Pope Francis has urged Catholics to embrace "the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting" this Lent as a way of countering "secret lies" and "self-deception"....