

13<sup>th</sup> November 2016

THE NEWSLETTER FOR

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year ( C )



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



Parish Masses for 33<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St Peter's	A Birthday	Vigil of 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am St Peter's	For the Parish	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am St Joseph's	Carol Ann Thomasson R	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.55am	Priest's Intention	St Joseph Pignatelli SJ P
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Weekday
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Ss Roch Gonzalez & others SJ Mm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.55am	Priest's Intention	St Elizabeth of Hungary R
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Dedication of Basilicas Ss Peter & Paul

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:

Lily Crossley, Betty Wilkinson, Thomas Gornall, Margaret Myerscough, John Dowd.

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

Readings at Mass:	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year	Feast of Christ the King
First Reading	Malachi 3:19-20	2 Samuel 5:1-3
Second Reading	2 Thessalonians 3:7-12	Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:35-43

**Collections:** Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 5/6<sup>th</sup> November

Vigil	£ 56.41	8.30am	£ 87.23	10.00 am	£ 91.02	TOTAL	£234.66
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**This week, there is a Second Collection for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Salford.**

**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**

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

**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, 14<sup>th</sup> November 'Virtues & Vices'**

**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.

The winter edition of **Jesuits & Friends** will be coming soon. In addition to news from the 36<sup>th</sup> General Congregation of the Society of Jesus in Rome, it contains news from the Philippines and South Africa, Zimbabwe and Guyana plus an appreciation of peace activist, Dan Berrigan SJ and an account of the first year in the life of the novitiate.

### **'Caritas'.**

Copies of the Annual Review 2016 of the organization Caritas are available at the back of the church. They are free and make interesting reading.

## **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.

