

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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THE NEWSLETTER

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mass Schedule for this week

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 13 th	5.30pm St P's	Mary Taylor A	Vigil of the 6 th Sunday of OT
Su 14 th	9.30am St P's	For the Parish	6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time
	11.00am St P's	Livestreamed – link on website	
M 15 th	No Mass		St Claude de la Colombiere SJ P
T 16 th	8.00am St P's	Special Intention (GN)	Weekday of Ordinary Time (Week 6)
W 17 th	9.30am St P's	For the parish	ASH WEDNESDAY
Th 18 th	No Mass		Weekday of Lent
F 19 th	8.00 am St P's	Maureen Mercer (B'day)	Weekday of Lent

(For the time being there is NO Adoration or Benediction on a Saturday. The church opens 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: John Francis Melling, Michael John Ahearne, Harry Wilkinson, Fr Terry O'Brien SJ, Fr Charles Higham SJ, Bernard Livesey and Andrew Turner. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	6 th Sunday of OT (Yr B)	1 st Sunday of Lent (Yr B)
First	Levit 13; 1 - 2, 44 - 46	Gen 9; 8 - 15
Second	I Cor 10; 31 - 11; 1	I 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.

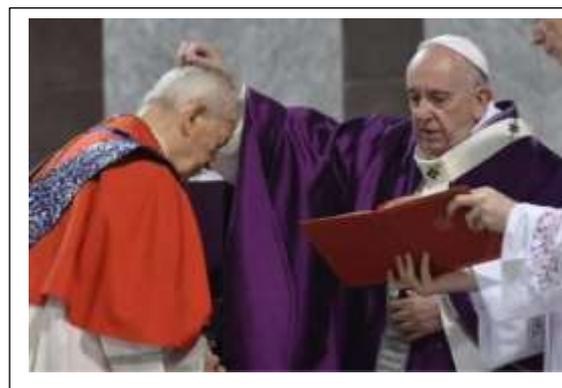
Letter from the Bishop

With this newsletter please find a letter from our bishop on how to keep a good Lent.

Praying with the Pope in February 2021

Violence against women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



This year ashes will be given by sprinkling them on the top of the head.

Some people are coming out to Mass but others are preferring to stay home. However, if you have any doubts, please continue to pray from home. The 11am Mass, which is now on-line only, is retaining its popularity.

Mass times are as follows:

Saturday

5.15pm Church opens (**No exposition**)

5.30pm Mass in St Peter's

Sunday

9.15am Church opens

9.30am Mass in St Peter's

11.00am Virtual Mass from St Peter's

This will be live streamed and the link can be found on the parish website.

Confessions will only be available on request.

Weekday Masses

Mass will take place on Tuesday and Friday at 8am in St Peter's. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, so the Mass will be at 9.30am in St Peter's.

Coming to St Peter's for Mass:

Since the new strain of the virus is so virulent, we need to take extra care:

- + Do not come to church if you are unwell, self-isolating, shielding or returning from a country where you have to quarantine
- + You should wear a face covering
- + Observe the one way system
- + Observe social distancing – make sure there are 2 empty benches between you and anyone else in the Church and away from the centre aisle.
- + Any printed materials you touch (Newsletters etc) place in a bin or take home with you.
- + Observe social distancing as you come into church, as you come forward for communion and, very importantly as you leave the church. We have to assume that someone is carrying the virus and take precautions.

If you are driving, you will need to buzz security at the white gates.

This Sunday

Is the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel, Jesus decides to cure a leper with consequences for his own style of life. Today is Valentine's day, an opportunity to pray for young couples.

Next Sunday

Is the 1st Sunday of Lent. The gospel is Mark's account of Jesus fasting and praying in the wilderness for 40 days preparing for his mission.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We cannot have a vigil Mass for this feast, so the Mass will be on Wednesday at 9.30am in St Peter's.

At the Mass ashes will be blessed. Instead of making a cross of ash on your forehead, ashes will be sprinkled on the top of your head.

Ashes will be available for those who wish to take some home for those who cannot get to Mass. Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Fr Tim's availability

If you need to contact Fr Tim, please leave a message on the parish phone line. He checks this regularly and will get back to you as soon as he can.

Newsletter

Available on line or in St Peter's. If you would like one to be delivered, *please let Fr Tim know.*

Materials for Lent

At the back of the church you will find a special Lent edition of the *Day by Day* booklet and the *Walk With Me* booklet. If you would like one delivered, please let Fr Tim know.

Coronavirus vaccine

Congratulations to those who have received their first jab. Remember, you still need to be careful.

Having a good Lent

Everyone is encouraged to do something to mark the holy season of Lent. Some have something they do every year, like giving up sweets or alcohol. Lent is a moment of conversion so is an opportunity to control a vice or practice a virtue. Before deciding what to do for Lent, take a moment to look at your life. Have a conversation with the Lord about how things are going, especially in these extraordinary times. Think about what would make the biggest difference to the invitation you have to live life to the full. Maybe you do have a dependency on alcohol or an addiction to computer games. If this behaviour is having a negative impact on your life, then this would be an ideal moment to live without it for 6 weeks. As well as avoiding something negative, we can choose a virtue and decide to practice that virtue every day during Lent. Maybe you could do with being more generous or more tolerant. Whatever you choose, review each day how you have done.