

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Mass Schedule for this week

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 14 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Su 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent
	11.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent
M 16 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS		Weekday in Advent
T 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Michael Cavus (for health)	Mass of 17 <sup>th</sup> December
W 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	Mass of 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Th 19 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS		Mass of 19 <sup>th</sup> December
F 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	For the sick and housebound	Mass of 20 <sup>th</sup> December

(Every Saturday Afternoon: **Holy Hour with Confessions** at 4.30pm, **Benediction** 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 Ramsdale, Margaret Henry, Fr Charles Macadam SJ, Dr Stanley Devlin, Mary Armstrong, Leonard Mercer, Stephen Eccles and Richard Embery. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Readings at Mass

	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
First	Isaiah 35; 1 – 6, 10	Isaiah 7; 10 - 14
Second	James 5; 7 – 10	Rom 1; 1 - 7
Gospel	Matt 11; 2 – 11	Matt 1; 18 - 24

**Diocesan Website:**

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Barbara Mary Thornber (nee Cash)** who died in the week. She will be buried from St Peter's on Wednesday at 10am, and buried in All Souls, Barrowford.

**Praying with the Pope in December 2019**

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Look at [www.ThePopeVideo.org](http://www.ThePopeVideo.org) for more information.



## Today

Is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday. Today we light the third (rose) advent candle and the priest wears rose vestments as a sign of our joy that Christmas is so close. In the Gospel, John the Baptist wonders if Jesus is the Messiah – Jesus asks him to read the signs.

## Hope in the Future

Has produced a leaflet with an update to the programme. It includes some questions for reflection. Please take a copy.

## Time to make your Christmas Confession

Confessions are every Saturday afternoon from 4.30 to 5.10pm, before Benediction.

## Winter food festival

Stonyhurst is holding a winter food festival this weekend. See the Stonyhurst website for details.

## Coffee Stop

There is a Coffee Stop Christmas Special on Monday in St John's Old School from 2pm. Free drinks, cakes, mince pies and cream. All welcome.

## Museum Open Day

The Stonyhurst museum and collections are open to the public on Wednesday. See the college website for details.

## St Joseph's Primary School

Breaks up for the Christmas holidays on Friday. Term ends with a Carol Service at 12.45pm on Friday.

## Visiting the housebound

Fr Tim will visit those who cannot get to church on a Sunday this Friday. If there is anyone who would like a visit, please let him know.

## Carols round the village

Takes place on Friday, starting at 7pm in St Peter's Club. All welcome.

## Next Sunday

Is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, meaning that the celebration of Christmas is just round the corner. The Gospel has Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus.

## The Collection

The collection last week came to:

Vigil Mass	9.30am	11.00am	Total
£ 32.35	£ 85.15	£ 75.00	£ 192.50

*Thanks for your generosity.*

## Parish Extra

We are hoping to publish the bumper Christmas Parish Extra during this week. If you would like to help with distribution, please see Fr Tim.

## Piety Stall Christmas Stock

The Piety Stall in St Peter's has a wide selection of Christmas Cards and gifts. The Diocesan Liturgical directory is also available (£4.50). A selection of these items is also available outside of the chapel in St Joseph's. Worth a look!

## Congratulations to...

Please pray for Charles McDermott and Jordan Riley who will be celebrating the sacrament of Marriage in our church next weekend.

## Carol Services

Parishioners are welcome to join in the following Carol Services:

### *St Joseph's Primary*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12.45pm in St Joseph's

### *Around the Village*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in St Peter's Club

### *St Peter's*

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in St Peter's  
(Before the 5.30pm Vigil Mass)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30pm in St Peter's  
(Before the 9pm Mass of Christmas)

## Mass times over the Christmas period:

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Vigil Mass at 5.30pm in St Peters

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Mass at 9.30am in St Joseph's  
Mass at 11am in St Peter's

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec No Mass

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass for Children at 5.30 in St  
Peter's (please bring your baby Jesus)  
Mass of Christmas at 9.00pm in St  
Peter's

*There is NO Mass at MIDNIGHT this year.*

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass in St Joseph's at 9.30am

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Dec No Mass

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at 8am in St Peter's