

20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

THE NEWSLETTER FOR

The Feast of Christ the King ( C )



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



Parish Masses for 34<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St Peter's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of Christ the King
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am St Peter's	For the Parish	Feast of Christ the King
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am St Joseph's	Priest's Intention	Feast of Christ the King
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	St Cecilia VM
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Weekday
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Ss Andrew Dung Lac & Companions Mm
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Priest's Intention	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

D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversaries of whose deaths occur at this time:

Richard Joseph Wilson, Tom Whipp, Charles Berkeley Hill, James Wells, John Wilcock, Ann Earnshaw.

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

Readings at Mass:	<i>Feast of Christ the King</i>	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
First Reading	2 Samuel 5:1-3	Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading	Colossians 1:12-20	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Luke 23:35-43	Matthew 24:37-44

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

Vigil	£ 80.10	8.30am	£ 66.40	10.00 am	£ 68.20	TOTAL	£214.70
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**The Collection for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Salford = £120.78**

**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.**

***Today, 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. The 10.00 mass in St Joseph's this Sunday be a special mass of Thanksgiving for the graces received over the past year. The mass is the mass of Christ the King, but with the added theme of Christ's mercy. 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.

**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, 21<sup>st</sup> November 'The Life of Prayer'**

**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 next 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.

**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.

### **Carol Singing around Hurst Green village and environs!**

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 A joint project with St John's and All Hallows churches.

Meet in St Peter's Club at 7.00pm.

.... 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.

### **Advance Notice.**

**Christmas Masses in St Peter's and St Joseph's 2016**

#### **St Peter's**

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Vigil Mass** with blessing of crib 5.30pm

**Midnight Mass** at 12.00pm preceded with carols.

#### **St Joseph's**

Sunday, Christmas Day **10.00 mass** in St Joseph's Chapel