

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 2 nd	5.30pm St P's	Mary Moss L	The Vigil of 18 th Sunday of OT
Su 3 rd	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	18 th Sunday of OT
	11.00am St P's	Harry Leach A	
Mo 4 th	No Mass		St John Vianney P
Tu 5 th	8.00am St P's	Mary Bailey L (AS)	Weekday in ordinary time (Week 18)
Wed 6 th	8.00am St P's	Mary Bailey L (AL)	Transfiguration of the Lord
Th 7 th	No Mass		Weekday in ordinary time
Fr 8 th	8.00am St P's		St Dominic P

(Holy Hour and Benediction are suspended for the summer, but confessions from 4.30pm Saturday)

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: Bridie Platt, Mary Cross, Harry Leach, Joseph Dargan, Ettie O'Toole, Tim Layzell, Hanna Bretherton and Leo Cardwell. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	18 th Sunday of OT (Year C)	19 th Sunday of OT (Year C)
First	Eccl 1; 2, 2; 21 – 23	Wisdom 18; 6 - 9
Second	Col 3; 1 – 5, 9 – 11	Heb 11; 1 – 2, 8 - 9
Gospel	Luke 12; 13 - 21	Luke 12; 32 - 48

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

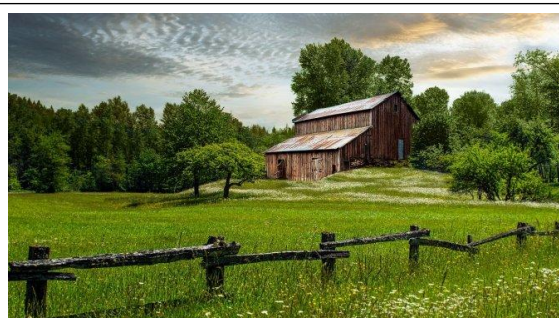
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Moss who died in the week. Mary was in hospital where she died suddenly and unexpectedly. She never regained consciousness. Remember Felix and the family in your prayers too. Funeral details to follow.

Praying with the Pope in August 2025

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that for societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political religious or ideological reasons.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



*I will tear down my barns
and build bigger ones*

Today

Is the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the rich young fool.

Summer school children at the Vigil Mass

There are over 100 children signed up for the Stonyhurst English Language Summer School. They will be joining us for the 5.30pm Vigil Mass for the last time today. We pray that their time with us has been a formative experience for them.

Holy Hour and Benediction over the summer

Very few parishioners now come to the Holy Hour and Benediction on a Saturday evening. Fr Tim has decided to suspend it over the summer, but it will resume once the pupils return. He will still be available for confessions in St Peter's on a Saturday from 4.30pm.

Thanks

To those who helped cover while Fr Tim was on his retreat. Also to those who made Fr Adrian feel so welcome. He enjoyed being here last weekend. Finally thank you to those who came to the St Ignatius day event in Preston last Thursday.

More thanks

To those who came to Preston on Thursday evening. About 100 people attended Mass and enjoyed a Bar-B-Que after the Mass. Thanks to St Wilfrid's for hosting the event.

Next Sunday

Is the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel Jesus is telling us that we must be ready!

New Head at St Joseph's

The Governors of St Joseph's are pleased to announce a new headteacher for the primary school. She is Mrs. Jane McCormack who is currently the Deputy Headteacher of Holy Souls Roman Catholic Primary School, Blackburn. We wish Jane every success in her forthcoming role. I am sure she can count on the support of the parish as she settles into her new school. We are indeed fortunate that Jane is being released from her school and will begin at St Joseph's in September.

Parish Confirmations

The bishop has given a date for confirmations for candidates from the Ribble Valley churches (Clitheroe, Whalley and Stonyhurst). Confirmations will be on Tuesday 23rd September at 7pm at St Mary's, Langho.

Date for your Diary

Once more Caritas Salford is holding a sponsored walk to raise funds. They are doing the Tolkien Trail on Saturday 13th September. More information on their website.

Mount St Mary's College

In a letter to parents and staff the governors of Mount St Mary's College and its prep school, Barlborough Hall announced that the college will be closing with immediate effect. The British Province has said:

"The Jesuits in Britain are deeply saddened to hear of the closure of Mount St Mary's College and its preparatory school, Barlborough Hall. The Jesuits have had a presence in Spinkhill, Derbyshire since 1580, founding Mount St Mary's College in 1842 and opening Barlborough Hall as its preparatory school in 1939. The Jesuits ran the schools for many years before transferring governance to a new charitable trust with its own independent board of governors in 2006. At that time, the Jesuits gifted the land, buildings and financial investments valued at £10.4 million to the new trust, along with an additional £7.1 million to support a sustainable future for the schools.

Unfortunately, since 2015, the schools have faced persistent financial difficulties. Throughout this period, we have accompanied them closely, providing over £3 million in loans on concessional terms, allowing repayment deferrals, and releasing property to enable sales. Despite the commitment and hard work of many, the schools have continued to operate at a loss.

The board of governors, independent since 2006, has now taken the painful but necessary decision to close the schools, concluding that there is no realistic prospect of financial recovery. This comes amid mounting pressures on the independent education sector across the UK, including the introduction of VAT on school fees and the removal of business rate reliefs, which have made the schools' financial position unsustainable....