

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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THE NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Christmas (Year A)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 3 rd	5.30pm	St P's	Mary Moss RIP
Su 4 th	9.30am	St J's	For the Parish
	11.00am	St P's	Patricia Ashley A
Mo 5 th	No Mass		Weekday in the Christmas Season
Tu 6 th	8.00am	St P's	Vincent Comber A
	9.30am	St J's	For the Primary School
Wed 7 th	8.00am	St P's	In thanksgiving for graces given
	9.00am	St P's	Whole school Mass
Th 8 th	No Mass		Weekday in the Christmas Season
Fr 9 th	8.00am	St P's	Holy Souls

(Each Saturday during term time there are confessions and a Holy Hour from 4.30pm with 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: Margaret Brown, Richard Henry Rogerson, Kathleen Hill, Mary Frances Slater, Elizabeth Hardman, Neil Murtagh, James Hughes, Mary Melling, Doreen Kenyon, Winifred Butler, Brigid Hardwick, Richard Algar, James Tomlinson, Isaac Wilkinson and Vincent Comber. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	2 nd Sunday of Christmas	The Baptism of the Lord
First	Sirach 24; 1 – 2, 8 – 12	Isaiah 42; 1 – 4, 6 – 7
Second	Eph 1; 3 – 6, 15 – 18	Acts 10; 34 – 36
Gospel	John 1; 1 – 18	Matt 3; 13 – 17

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Praying with the Pope in January 2026 For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishing for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



*The Word was made flesh
and lived amongst us*

Today

Is the 2nd Sunday after Christmas. The gospel is the first chapter of St John's Gospel – in the beginning was the Word, and the Word became flesh.

Crib Offerings

This year will go to the *Friends of The Holy Land*, who will use the money to support Christians in this war-torn part of the world.

Day by Day

Please pick up your January edition of *Day by Day* from the back of the church.

Christmas Extra

If you have not done so already, please take a copy from the back of the church. Enjoy the jokes!

Christmas Collection

This was taken up for the Society of Jesus. The total come to £1,736. Thank you for your generosity.

Back to School

St Joseph's and SMH children return to school on Monday. For the college, Tuesday is the travel day with the opening Mass of the new term taking place on Wednesday at 9am in St Peter's. We wish all of our students a successful term.

The feast of the Epiphany

Tuesday is the feast of the Epiphany where we remember the visit of the 3 wise men to Bethlehem. Mass will be in St Peter's at 8am and in St Joseph's at 9.30am.

End of the Jubilee Year

The Jubilee Year officially ends on Tuesday. Many people have visited our church over the last 12 months, and many have left their hopes in our "Jar of Hope". This is your last chance to add your hope to these.

Coffee Stop

The first Coffee Stop of 2026 takes place on Thursday in the Bowling Green pavilion from 1.30pm to 3pm. A chance for us to catch up on what happened over Christmas.

ParkPlay

Resumes on Saturday from 10am to 12 noon on the field behind the Village Hall. All children welcome.

Next Sunday

Is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the gospel John hesitates to baptise Jesus, insisting that Jesus should baptise him. Next Sunday Holy Hour resumes at 4.30pm and Benediction at 5.15pm

St Carlo Acutis relics

Are coming to the diocese in January. They will be at St Mary's Church, Burnley on 28th and 29th January 2026. School visits will be organised during the daytime and parishioners can visit in the evenings.

The Epiphany in other countries

In some countries the celebration of the Epiphany is more important than the celebration of Christmas. In Spain, for example, it is the three wise men who bring the Christmas gifts. Often towns and villages will have a procession through the streets. It is a great honour to be chosen to play the part of one of the wise men. The word, Epiphany, means "showing". When the shepherds saw the baby Jesus he was revealed to the Jewish people, but the coming of the Magi signifies Jesus being revealed to the world. From his very birth, Jesus is shown as the Saviour of the whole world.

The Parish in Numbers

During 2025 we celebrated:

	2024	2025
Baptisms	22	21
Receptions	4	8
1 st Communions	28	20
Confirmations	23	28
Weddings	13	12
Funerals	4	9

Our young people from the Parish were confirmed in Langho, so they are not represented in our statistics.

Some of the funerals were a burial of Ashes in the cemetery, some with a Mass beforehand, some not.