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THE NEWSLETTER

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (Year B)

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 6 th	5.30pm St P's	The Duxbury and Holden Families	Vigil of the Epiphany (Year B)
Su 7 th	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Feast of the Epiphany (Year B)
	11.00am St P's	Private Intention	
M 8 th	No Mass		The Baptism of the Lord
Tu 9 th	8.00am St P's	Private Intention	Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 1)
W 10 th	8.00am St P's	John Cowdall A	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Th 11 th	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time
F 12 th	8.00am St P's	Private Intention	Weekday in Ordinary Time

(Each Saturday 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. James Hughes, Mary Melling, Doreen Kenyon, Winifred Buller, Brigid Harwick, Richard Algar, James Tomlinson, Isaac Wilkinson, Vincent Comber, Mary Francis Barlow, Fr Harry Macklin SJ, John Cowdall, Robert Wilkinson and Kevin O'Hara. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

Readings at Mass

	The Epiphany of the Lord	Second Sunday of OT (Yr B)
First	Isaiah 60; 1 - 6	1 Sam 3; 3 - 10
Second	Eph 3; 2 - 3, 5 - 6	2 Cor 6; 13 - 15, 17 - 19
Gospel	Matt 2; 1 - 12	John 1; 35 - 42

Diocesan Website:

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

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

Frances Wilcock RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances who has died. Please remember her family in your prayers too. The funeral will take place in St Peter's on Monday 15th January 2024 at 11am, followed by a burial in St Joseph's cemetery,

Praying with the Pope in January 2024

For the gift of diversity in the church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic church.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information



...and the star rested right over the place where the child was

This Sunday

We celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Usually it is the 6th January, but as the 6th is a Saturday, we celebrate the feast on the Sunday as well. We recall how Jesus is revealed to the nations by the visit of the Magi.

Donations to the Crib

This year donations to the crib will go to the *Friends of the Holy Land* charity, which assists needy Christian families in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel.

Back to Ordinary time

After the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, we go back to Ordinary Time on Tuesday. The daily readings this week are from Week 1. Ordinary Time lasts until Ash Wednesday which falls on 14th February this year.

Back to School

St Joseph's return to School on Monday. For SMH and the College, classes begin on Wednesday. A very short Spring Term this year as Easter falls early.

Coffee Stop

Takes place in the Bowling Green pavilion on Thursday at 1.30pm. Come along for a new year's natter. All welcome.

Next Sunday

Is the second Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel, John the Baptist points out Jesus as "The Lamb of God".

The Parish in Numbers

During 2023 we celebrated:

	2022	2023
Baptisms	24	37
Receptions	2	5
1 st communions	20	34
Confirmations	137	32
Weddings	18	18
Funerals	8	12

In 2022 we hosted a celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with 100 candidates from many local parishes. We are planning another Confirmation for local young adults this year, but it might be hosted in one of the other parishes.

Website Stats

Our Parish website gets an average of 108 "hits" per week. However, the week before Christmas we had 167 "hits". Thanks to those who keep the website up to date each week.

The Salford Diocese Synod

Our preliminary report from the parish to the diocese was published in the *Parish Extra*. We are due to send the full report at the end of January. If you have a comment to make, please let Fr Tim have this as soon as possible, so that your views can be included in the report.

Trees down in the cemetery

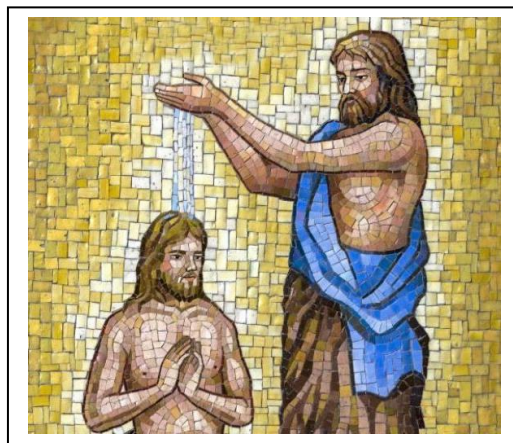
Two trees have blown down in the cemetery due to recent high winds. Others are dead and have been earmarked for removal. Work has begun on removing the dead trees. Take care when visiting your loved ones.

Fr Peter away

On New Year's Day, Fr Peter (and Penny) left for the parish of St Mary's, Benbecula, in the Outer Hebrides. He arrived safely after 36 hours on the road. He is supplying for the local parish priest, so that he can have a holiday. Fr Peter returns to us at the end of the month.

Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and first Holy Communion will be taking place before the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's from the 24th February. If you live in the parish and would like your child to participate in our sacramental preparation programme please message T Morley on 07730373250 so she can send out details of the complete programme, as soon as these are confirmed.



The Baptism of the Lord