

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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**THE NEWSLETTER**

**Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)**

## Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 9 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Margaret Elizabeth Leach A	Vigil of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)
Su 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year B)
	11.00am St P's	Fabrice L	
M 11 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		Weekday of Advent (Advent 2)
Tu 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Sheila Turner L	Our Lady of Guadalupe
W 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Mary Leach A	St Lucy VM
Th 14 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		St John of the Cross PD
F 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	John & Janet Cowdall A	Weekday of Advent

(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.** David Mercer, John Marsden, Stanley Devlin, Mary Armstrong, Leonard Mercer, Stephen John Eccles, Richard Embery and Geoff Wilcock. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

## Readings at Mass

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Yr B)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Yr B)
First	Isaiah 40; 1 – 5, 9 – 11	Isaiah 61; 1 – 2, 10 – 11
Second	2 Peter 3; 8 – 14	1 Thess 5; 16 – 24
Gospel	Mark 1; 1 – 8	John 1; 6 – 8, 19 – 26

## Diocesan Website:

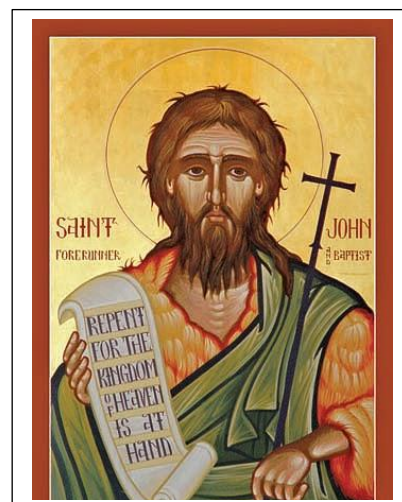
<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>

for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

## Praying with the Pope in December 2023 For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

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



*A voice cries in the wilderness*

### This Sunday

Is the Second Sunday of Advent. Mark begins his Good News about Jesus, the Son of God, by showing how John the Baptist fulfilled the words of the prophet Isaiah.

### College and SMH pupils

Are now on their Christmas Vacation. However, while they are away, we continue to have benediction on a Saturday at 5.15pm, and the 11am Sunday Mass is celebrated as normal.

### Piety Stall in St Peter's

Has a selection of Christmas cards and gifts. A smaller selection is available outside the St Joseph's Chapel.

### St Augustine's Carol Service

Takes place on Tuesday at 7pm in the School Hall. All welcome.

### Visiting the housebound

Fr Tim hopes to visit those in the parish who can't get to church on a Sunday during this week. If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit, please let him know.

### Next Sunday

Is the Third Sunday of Advent, sometimes known as *Gaudete* or *rejoicing* Sunday. The liturgical colour is rose. In the gospel John the Baptist has to explain his mission.

### Parish Reconciliation Service

Takes place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December in St Peter's at 7pm – followed by mince pies in Fr Tim's house. There will be an opportunity for individual confession – a great spiritual preparation for Christmas.

### Carol Singing in Hurst Green

Takes place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Meet at St Peter's Club at 7pm. All voices welcome!

### Food bank and Caritas donations

This year as well as supporting the local food bank, Caritas Salford is appealing for items for the Maryvale Parent and Baby Unit. The food bank needs basic food items and Caritas needs toiletry gift sets, mince pies and chocolates, etc. There are two boxes at the back of St Peter's for your donations. Thank you for your kindness.

## Christmas and New Year Mass times

Sat 23rd Dec	<b>5.30pm</b> Mass in St Peter's (4th Advent)
Sun 24th Dec	<b>9.30 am</b> Mass in St Josephs (4th Advent) <b>11.00am</b> Mass in St Peter's (4th Advent) <b>5.00pm</b> Carols in St Peter's <b>5.30pm</b> Mass including procession to crib In St Peter's (please bring your baby Jesus) <b>8.30pm</b> Carols in St Peters <b>9.00pm</b> Mass of Christmas in St Peter's <i>There is NO Mass at MIDNIGHT this year.</i>
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>9.30am</b> Mass in St Joseph's <b>11.00am</b> Mass in St Peter's
Week after Christmas	Tue, Wed and Fri—Mass at <b>8am</b> in St Peter's
Sat 29th Dec	Exposition at 4.30pm Mass at <b>5.30pm</b>
Sun 30th Dec	<b>9.30am</b> Mass in St Joseph's <b>11.00am</b> Mass in St Peter's
Mon 1st Jan	<b>9.30am</b> New Year's Day Mass in St Joseph's

### Parish Extra

At Christmas we publish the *Parish Extra* magazine, which features some of the activities of the groups of the parish. If you would like to feature an activity, let us have a brief report as soon as possible. Thanks to those who have sent in their article already.

### The Big Listen

Thanks to all who took part in the Diocese of Salford Synod. Our parish responses are being collated and the report we send into the diocese will appear in the Christmas *Parish Extra*.

### News from Canon Brian McConkey

Canon Brian is the parish Priest of St John's, Hurst Green. He thanks us for our prayers. He is recovering well from his operation and will have a gradual return to work in January.