

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

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**THE NEWSLETTER**

**Second Sunday of OT (Year A)**

Mass Schedule

Peace Sunday

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 17 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Emilio Bustamante L	The vigil of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of OT
Su 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
	11.00am St P's	For the College	
Mo 19 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 2)
Tu 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Peter Wayne Jones	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am St P's	Wayne Jodah L	St Agnes VM
Th 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am SMH	For the School	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Fr 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am St P's	Holy Souls	Weekday in Ordinary Time

(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:** James Earnshaw, William Henry Duxbury, Robin Howell, Br Ted Coyle SJ, James Crotty, Mary Edwards and William Brian Ahearne. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

## Readings at Mass

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time
First	Isaiah 49; 3, 5 – 6	Isaiah 8; 23b – 9; 3
Second	1 Cor 1; 1 – 3	1 Cor 1; 10 – 13
Gospel	John 1; 29 – 34	Matt 4; 12 – 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](http://www.ThePopeVideo.org) for more information



*Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world*

### **Today**

Is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel John the Baptist recognises that Jesus is the *Lamb of God*.

### **Day of Prayer for Peace**

Today is the *World Day of Prayer for Peace*. We pray for an end to the many conflicts around the world and for those who strive to bring peace about..

### **Ruds Parents weekend**

The parents of pupils in Rudiments are visiting the college this weekend.

### **Visitors from Uruguay**

The college is currently hosting 28 pupils and 3 teachers from the *Colegio Seminario* in Montevideo. They will join us for the 11am Mass on Sunday.

### **End of the Jubilee Year**

The Jubilee Year finished on 6<sup>th</sup> January. Many pilgrims came to visit our church during the year. About 300 chose to leave a “hope” in the Jar of Hope. Many hoped for world peace or that their family members might find God. Some hoped for a more united church or hoped for more vocations. Some left personal hopes – for health, for financial security or for a loving relationship. Let us pray that all of these hopes might be fulfilled by our loving God.

### **Coffee Stop**

Takes place on Thursday at 1.30pm in the Bowling Green Pavilion. All welcome.

### **ParkPlay**

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

### **Next Sunday**

Is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel Jesus begins his ministry and chooses his first disciples.

### **Caritas Sunday**

Next Sunday is also Caritas Sunday. Fran Duxbury will give out envelopes and make a brief appeal next Sunday so that we can support them in their work. They target needy people within our diocese. More specific information on the Caritas Salford website.

### **Fr Simon Bishop SJ, RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Simon Bishop who died two weeks ago. Simon attended SMH and the College for 10 years. He became a Jesuit and returned to be chaplain. More recently he has been the Master of Novices. Sadly, he lost his battle with cancer.

### **St Carlo Acutis relics**

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

### **Vacancy at Theodore House**

Theodore House is looking for a full time Domestic/Guest Manager:  
“We are looking to recruit a full-time Domestic & Guest Manager to support our small team. The role requires flexibility, some multi-tasking and good teamwork”. More details on their website.

### **Frances Mercer RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances Mercer. Sadly we celebrated the funeral for her husband, David, a couple of years ago. Her funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon, followed by the interment of her ashes in St Joseph’s Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

### **St Agnes**

Agnes of Rome lived at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century. She was persecuted for being a Christian and more specifically for refusing to marry at the age of 13. She is the patron saint of young girls on account of her defense of her virginity. In art she is often depicted with a lamb (her name, “Agnes” means “lamb” in Latin), but also because for her, Jesus was the Lamb of God.