

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

(with St Joseph's, Hurst Green)

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**THE NEWSLETTER**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

Mass Schedule

*Passion Sunday*

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sa 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm St P's	Private Intention	The vigil of the 5 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
Su 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am St J's	For the Parish	Fifth Sunday of Lent
	11.00am St P's	For world peace	
Mo 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No Mass		Weekday in Lent (week 5)
Tu 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Mary Moss RIP	Weekday in Lent
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Priest's Intention	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
Th 26 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		Weekday in Lent
Fr 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am St P's	Holy Souls	Weekday in Lent

(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:** Leo Wells, Mary Lakeland, John Gillett, Philip Holden, Celia Roberts and Angus Robertson. *May they rest in the peace of the Lord.*

#### Readings at Mass

	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)	Palm Sunday (Year A)
First	Ezek 37; 12 – 14	Isaiah 40; 1 – 7
Second	Rom 8; 8 – 11	Phil 2; 6 – 11
Gospel	John 11; 1 - 45	Matt 26, 14 – 27, 66

#### Diocesan Website:

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

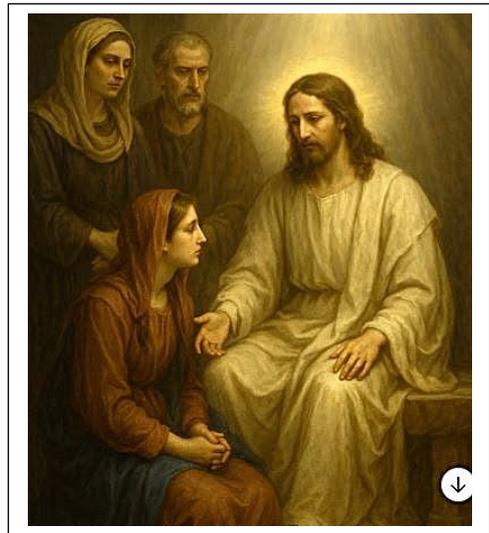
for information on our Diocese and what is happening.

#### Praying with the Pope in March 2026

**For disarmament and peace.**

Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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



*Whoever believes in me, though he die will live!*

## **Today**

Is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. In the gospel we hear of how Jesus raises his friend, Lazarus, from the dead.

## **Pupils on their Easter break**

As the Stonyhurst boarders are on their Easter break, this weekend there will be no benediction at 5.15pm on Saturday. However, Confessions will be available from 4.30pm. The 11am Sunday Mass will be a quiet one.

## **Prayers for peace**

As tensions around the world are rising, we must be steadfast in our prayers for world peace. Sadly, in war, many innocent people get caught up in the violence. We pray especially for them.

## **Sacramental Preparation**

The final session takes place this Sunday at 8.30am in St Joseph's. Their First Reconciliation (confession) will be celebrated on Monday.

## **Visiting the housebound**

Now that Stonyhurst has broken up, Fr Tim hopes to visit the sick and the housebound during the week. Please let him know if someone needs a visit from a priest.

## **Feast of the Annunciation**

Wednesday is the feast of the Annunciation where Mary accepts the invitation to be the Mother of the Saviour of the World.

## **Coffee Stop**

Takes place at 1.30pm in the Bowling Green pavilion. All welcome.

## **Stations of the Cross**

During Lent the parish gathers to celebrate the Stations of the Cross. We alternate between St Joseph's and St Peter's. This week the last one will be at 7pm in St Peter's.

## **ParkPlay**

Takes place every Saturday from 10am to 12 noon on the field behind the Village Hall. It continues during the holidays. All welcome.

## **Next Sunday**

Is Palm Sunday. We begin our Mass outside of church with a blessing of palms and a procession into the church. At Mass we read Matthew's Passion.

## **Clocks go forward.**

Don't forget to adjust your clocks next Saturday night. Spring has sprung?

## **Holy Week Ecumenical Service**

Takes place on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11am in Theodore House. We pray and share a simple lunch. All welcome. If you are coming, please let Canon Brian know: 07973 740981. (£15.00)

## **Red boxes**

If you have a Mission Red Box please bring it back to church to be counted. Thank you.

## **Food bank**

Please consider, as part of your Lenten fast, a gift to the food bank. All long-life food items / personal items gratefully received. Easter treats would be particularly welcome. Please could any Easter donations be in the box by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March so we can ensure they can be collected and distributed in time for Easter. The box for your gifts is by the baptism font. Thank you.

## **New Stations for the cemetery**

These are currently being made, along with their bases. Those who wish may contribute to the cost of their purchase.

## **Items on graves in the cemetery**

Grass cutting season will soon be upon us. If you have items on the graves of your loved ones, please remove them to make way for the strimmer

## **Raph's fundraising**

Raph Morley is doing sponsored back flips to help 3 pupils in Uganda to pay their school fees. To sponsor her, please take a flyer from the back of the church.

## **Stonyhurst Holy Week Retreat.**

The Stonyhurst Family Holy Week retreat runs from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday (2 -5 April).

\*Those attending Mass in St Peter's - don't need to register, just come along.

\*Those wanting to attend the other events: It's free, but you need to register in advance.

\*Those wanting to attend the complete event including meals: There is a daily charge of £25 and you do need to register.

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