

St Peter's Newsletter

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Mother of God
 Local Missionary Area
 In Stockport

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We warmly welcome you to St Peter's Church. To help those who might not be familiar with the words of the Mass, booklets and leaflets are available from a welcomer at the back of the church. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH, please join us for a drink (tea or coffee!) in the Parish Centre after 10.00 am Mass; fill in a form you will find at the back of Church and give it to Fr. Peter or put it in the collection basket.

A SMILE CAN MAKE A PERSON FEEL WELCOME
 DON'T SAVE YOUR SMILE JUST FOR PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

EASTER WEEK 7 - Year C Divine Office Psalter - Week 111

Sunday 2nd June 2019 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR ALL WORKING IN THE COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY
 8.30 am People of the Parish
 10.00 am John Pfeiffer RIP
 6.00 pm Special Intention for June
 Readings Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 96; Apocalypse 22: 12-14 John 17; 20-26
Pray for the unity of Christianity

Monday 3rd June 2019 - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Mm
 12 Noon Kennedy Family Intentions
 Readings Acts 19: 1-8; Psalm 67; John 16: 29-33
Pray for the Renewal of society, for the culture of Life and for those in public office

Tuesday 4th June 2019
 12 Noon Raymond Nolan RIP
 Readings Acts 20: 17-27; Psalm 67; John 17: 1-11
Pray for conversion of sinners and a growth in holiness

Wednesday 5th June 2019 - St Boniface, B,M
 12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
 Readings Acts 20: 28-38; Psalm 67 John 17: 11-19
Pray for Reconciliation in broken relationships and healing of life's hurts

Thursday 6th June 2019
 12 Noon Andrew Burns RIP - Birthday Memories
 Readings Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Psalm 15; John 17: 20-26
Pray for empowerment for evangelisation so that we can be effective witnesses of the gospel

Friday 7th June 2019
 12 Noon Neville Povey RIP
 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Readings Acts 25: 13-21; Psalm 102; John 21: 15-19
Pray for the victory of the Holy Cross

Saturday 8th June 2019
 12 Noon Joan Wright RIP
 6.00 pm Mass in Polish
 Readings Acts 28: 16-20. 30-31; Psalm 10; John 21: 20-25
Pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives

Sunday 9th June 2019 - PENTECOST - DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH
 8.30 am Michael Sheridan RIP
 With Reception into Full Communion for Natasha Thornton
 10.00 am Achayi Anthony RIP
 6.00 pm People of the Parish
 With Reception into Full Communion for Tobias Brook
 Readings Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7.12-13; John 20: 19-23
The prayer intentions for each day are those for the Pentecost Novena
For full details see www.thykingdomcome.global

FOOD BANK COLLECTION TODAY

Pope's Prayer Intention for June is for Evangelization: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Team will be on Tuesday 16th July



THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Acts 15: 7:55-60

Psalm 96:

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 22: 12-14

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17; 20-26

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated this week on Saturday from 11.00-11.45

Monday 3rd June - St. Edmund Campion's Guild

Monday 10th June - St. Bede's Guild

Offertory Gifts Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £1369.15 plus £600 by Standing Order
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES If you attend Mass in one of the other parishes and use envelopes from St Peter's do please put them into the collection wherever you attend Mass and they will find their way back to us. This is specially important if you are on GIFT AID. Equally if you are visiting from another parish you may leave your Offertory envelope here and we will return it to the right parish - honest!

GIFT AID DONORS - will any donors who no longer pay Income Tax please notify the Parish office to ensure the accuracy of this year's claim. Date of last payment will assist. Anyone who wishes to join the scheme please contact Hughie 07977414884 or email k13rey@sky.com

Cafod - Thank you for your donations last week which amounted to £61.10

Cleaning - Team 2 are on duty this week.

Callers - Could we ask that callers to the Presbytery please use the front door and also if you are putting an envelope through the letter box there is no need to ring the bell.

References - WE REMIND ANYBODY WHO IS PUTTING FR PETER DOWN AS REFEREE TO CONTACT HIM IN PERSON, NOT BY PHONE OR EMAIL. THIS FOR YOUR OWN ADVANTAGE, FR PETER KNOWS A LOT OF PEOPLE BY SIGHT BUT NOT BY NAME!!
ROTAS FOR READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 10.00am MASS ARE ALL ON THE WEBSITE

Some useful contacts

Stepping Hill Hospital Chaplaincy 419 5889 for requests for Holy Communion in hospital or The Meadows

St Peter's Primary School 0161 483 2431 St Simon's Primary School 0161 483 9696

St James High School 0161 482 6900 Harrytown High School 0161 430 5277

Aquinas College 0161 483 3237

Parish Safeguarding Officer Ali Wrigley ali.godric@hotmail.co.uk

St Peter's Parish Centre

The Centre is available for parties (birthday, wedding, anniversary, christenings etc) Bookings are to be made as follows: Friday to Sunday bookings requiring the bar and children's parties on Saturday should be referred to 07483 114783, or the booking line 480 0741. (If you use this number you must clearly state that you want St Peters). For all other bookings **Monday to Thursday** or anyone wishing to use the Meeting Room phone Helen on 07854 928 072.

Please make sure you check with Helen Lyons that rooms in the Parish Centre are available before advertising any events.

PARISH CENTRE: Bar Staff required for weekend work. Please ring Rita on 07483 114783 if interested

THEATRE TRIPS

EARLY DOORS: 1st August We have booked 26 seats for this the cost including coach is £38.50. Please let us have payment by 30th April 2019.

'A Taste of Honey' at the Lowry in September. We have booked 23 tickets. Thursday 19th September. Cost £35 including coach. Please let us have payment by 30th June

Les Miserables: We have booked 40 tickets for May 21st 2020. If we sell all those the cost, including coach will be £63. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

AND SOME OTHER THINGS>>

OBERAAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020. If you are interested in attending please have a word with Fr Peter. I am still waiting for the details from Lightline Travel who took us to the Holy Land Their last message indicated they were looking at a deal which will run from Tuesday May 19th arriving back on Saturday May 23rd (2020) with the play being on the Friday. I will advertise the full details as soon as I have them.. The Oberammergau Passion play is presented once every 10 years.

Parish Diary

Sunday	Tea and coffee in the Parish Centre after the 10.00am Mass
Monday	Modern Sequence Dancing in the Parish Centre from 2.00 pm-4.00 pm
Tuesday	Centering Prayer in the Parish Centre at 11.15 am Slimming World in the Meeting Room at 5.00 p.m and 7.00 p.m
Wednesday	Luncheon Club in the Parish Centre at noon (Contact Margaret Hulme on 07775 162694
Thursday	Adult Choir Practice in Church 8.00 p.m Alpha in the Parish Centre at 7.00 pm
Saturday	Irish Dancing in the Parish Centre

LIVE ON THE INTERNET

To access our Masses go to www.churchservices.tv/stockport

PLEASE NOTE THAT ST PETER'S CHURCH AND SOME OF THE GROUNDS ARE MONITORED BY CCTV CAMERAS AND

Your prayer are asked for

The sick - remembering, all the sick in the parish, in our hospitals and nursing homes. We also remember those who are housebound and are unable to come to Mass. We remember especially young people who are sick. Fr Pat has been at home in St Hugh's for the past couple of weeks and slowly improving but he is due to take a break from the parish and stay in a nursing home for a couple of months. His walking is better but the right arm remains a problem. Can we also remember Fr Michael Murray who is ill at the moment.

Lately dead -

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time Anthony Myers, Marie Snelson, Cliff Metcalfe, David Barrat, Irena Bublik, Francis McMahon, Lily Parker, Ena Selby, Marian Connell, Robert Hart.

Baptism— We welcome into our Parish Community Elsie Rose Crookes, who was baptised here last weekend. Please remember Elsie and her family in your prayers.

To prepare for this prayer, take time to quieten yourself...become aware of your mood...place any worries or concerns before the Father...ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear this word being spoken to you today.

Gospel John 17:20-26

I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realize that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them."

For Conversation:

How in your daily life this week you will prepare for the feast of Pentecost.



DIOCESAN NEWS

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Details of this are available on the diocesan website. It will run from October 21st—28th this year and the total cost is £1695 based on sharing a twin room, half board and flights from Manchester to Tel Aviv. There is again a Youth pilgrimage which is aimed at young people from 16—25 and this has a subsidised price of £995. The other year a number of our youngsters went on this and thoroughly enjoyed it so I hope that some more may take this opportunity to visit the land of Jesus. See Fr Peter for full details of both pilgrimages which are at the same time and follow similar itineraries.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY 26th—AUGUST 1st

Booking forms are available on the pilgrimage website (www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) There are seats available on the plane but the overland section is now full.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE is to be held on Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 2019 at Liverpool Hope University. You can attend as a day delegate. Daily Mass, Adoration, Healing Service and Speakers. See the Poster on the Notice Board for details

SVP SPONSORED WALK - Our Annual Sponsored Walk takes place TODAY Sunday 2nd June, 12-3pm from The Coffee Shop, Shrigley Road North, Higher Poynton SK12 1TH. The walk starts along the canal and back along the Middlewood way. You don't need to be an SVP Member to take part, everyone is welcome. We aren't asking for sponsors, however donations towards the camp would be appreciated. Members of the SVP will be outside each mass on Sunday 9th June to collect donations. Thank you for your continued support. St Peter's SVP is one of the most active SVP in the district, thanks to the help of our members and the parishioners. For further information or to ask about joining the SVP, please contact our President, Lorraine - lorraineandbobparker@gmail.com

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ARE YOU ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE? If you are responsible for a parish group and are listed in the Community page of our website, we need you to look at what is currently written and update it as necessary. Please go to <https://stpeterscatholic.church/community/>. Also if you are responsible for a sacramental programme, check out the wording on the website: <https://stpeterscatholic.church/sacraments/>. If your group is not there and you'd like to be, submit your wording. Matthew has done a lot of work on the website and we need to keep it as up to date as possible; it's our window for the world. Please send your amendments to Anne-Marie on ambailey@cheerful.com ideally before 28 June. Many thanks.

PARISH EVENTS

BEREAVEMENT GROUP "Walking side by side – travelling the road of bereavement"

Margaret Lillis is a chaplain at East Cheshire Hospice after retiring the **Diocesan Education Service**. We're delighted that she is coming to share her insight and recent experience with us on **Tuesday 4 June at 7 pm** in the parish centre. A very gifted speaker, she will inspire anyone who has known bereavement either recently or in the past, as well as those accompanying people in their bereavement, so probably each one of us would benefit from being there. Is there someone you could invite – a friend, neighbour or relative? This is a great opportunity for us to help others. Ring Helen on 07854 928072 or Rachel on 07724 749217 if you've any queries

ST. PETERS BOOK CLUB

This month we have decided to read *Just Mercy - A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice defending those most in need.

As in previous months, we have also decided to pick a second book, so that members of the group can read an alternative book if they so choose. The second book this month will be *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce.

Our next meeting will be in the Member's Lounge in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th June - please do come along, even if you do not get the time to read the books - enquiries to Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

IMPORTANT - We would really like a few more male readers to join our group, we are very keen to read a wide range of books and all recommendations are welcome.

Next Sunday, 9th June is the feast of Pentecost. To celebrate this special Holy Spirit day, everyone is invited to come **dressed in red or your national dress**. Our readings and prayers will be in a variety of languages at all our Masses, so have a word with Fr Peter after Mass today if you speak a language other than English and would like to be involved. Everyone is welcome to join us for cake in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass. The evening Mass will be led by the SPY and Confirmation groups. At the 8.30 Mass Natasha Thornton will be received into the church and then Tobias Brook will be received at the Evening Mass.

NAME BADGE SUNDAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY 9th June As we have done previously, there will be members of the parish outside church who will be offering you a name badge. Father Peter will encourage us at the beginning of Mass to introduce ourselves to the people sitting nearby and we can then spend time during Mass praying for each other. As we know, Mass is the highest form of prayer and we would like this Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, to be a time of reflection on how God calls us by name and in turn how he wants us to know each other by name. This is a simple way to help us build relationships with each other so that we can continue to grow our community. It is also an excellent way to welcome people who are new to the parish who may just be searching for a place where they can feel at home

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMAL COURSE. The next one begins on June 16th. Contact Karen Haines on justasec55@hotmail.com or 07939 052 357 who will register you on to your preferred course

FIRST COMMUNIONS On Saturdays 15th, 22nd and 29th June and July 20th more of our young people will be celebrating First Communion at the 12 noon Mass. We welcome them and join in prayer for them.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Tuesday July 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ALPHA - continues on Thursday evening in the Parish Centre. Each evening starts with food at 7 pm **EVERYONE** welcome. For more information visit facebook.com/alphahazelgrove or sign up at the back of St Peter's Church or contact Rachel on 07724 749217

JESUS YOUTH 2019 YOUTH CONFERENCE, 'ARISE' to be held from August 29th, 2019 to September 1st, 2019 at the University of Worcester (Full address is University of Worcester, St. John's Campus, Worcester, WR2 6AJ). The conference is intended to be a joyful celebration centred around Isaiah 60:15 – 'I will make you an everlasting pride, a joy from generation to generation' with a specific focus on university students, and around 400 youth from all across UK are expected to take part in this conference. Jesus Youth is an international Catholic Youth Movement that has its beginnings in India in the early 1980's, and is now active in over 30 different countries worldwide and in many towns and cities across UK. See full letter on the notice board.

FOOTSTEPS. Talks by Mary Hardiman. We now have on the **Media** page of our website (<https://stpeterscatholic.church/media>) some recordings of Mary's talks, including her most recent "Finding God in unexpected places". So many people have been asking about this last Footsteps event when she shared her very moving experience of meeting a man, Chuck Mamou, on Death Row in Texas. Now you can listen to it and to her talks from our popular Advent Retreat Day simply by clicking on the title.

FOOTSTEPS heads to Latin America for the next talk. Come and hear **Father John Boles** on **Tuesday 18 June at 7.30pm** in the **parish centre**. He grew up in Our Lady's parish, Edgeley before being ordained in 1996. When he's been 'home' from his missionary work he has given us a glimpse of life in Chile and Peru. Now, after over 20 years there, he reflects on the God of liberation and helps us to understand Christian perspectives from Latin America. Footsteps offers a café-style, informal evening with insight, laughter and plenty refreshments, so do come and join us.

Walking Group: Next walk 23rd June Details next week

LOURDES GROUP. Fundraiser details are now confirmed. A 'Games night' is planned for Saturday June 22nd, doors open 7pm, first game 7:30pm. They'll be race night races, a few rounds of bingo, a quiz etc. An evening of fun to be had by all ages. Burgers and Hotdogs for dinner. Contact James to let us know you're coming jwalker1995@me.com

SAVE THE DATE - Celebrating Diversity Festival in the parish centre in the afternoon and evening of Sunday 23rd June 2019.

You are invited to a festival of fun activities celebrating the contribution of refugees, the diversity of our parish and the end of Refugee Week - more details to follow

NINE WAYS of living gently on the Earth

Our increasing awareness of the environmental crisis demands a response - so inserted into the newsletter today are some practical tips on how you can care for our common home.

Please keep it in a prominent place at home and hopefully you will gradually make changes which will help to save our beautiful planet.

You may also want to read Pope Francis' letter, *Laudato Si*, on the environment and human ecology at www.laudatosi.com