

St Peter's Newsletter



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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.

Attitude is a little thing that makes a great difference. A friendly attitude will put great warmth into our church community.

Pope's Intentions for March
Evangelisation: That the Church
in China may persevere in its
faithfulness to the Gospel and
grow in unity.



THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading:
Genesis 12: 1-4;

Psalm: 32
May your love be upon
us ,O Lord, as we place
all our hope in you.

Second Reading:
2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Gospel Acclamation:
Glory and praise to you,
O Christ! From the bright
cloud the Father's voice
was heard:"This is my
Son, the Beloved. Listen
to him."Glory and praise
to you, O Christ!

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 17: 1-9

**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation
will be celebrated this
week on
Saturday
from
11.00—11.45
And during
Friday Exposition**

**Please do not leave your
valuables unattended at
anytime, either in Church
or the Parish Centre**

Second Sunday of Lent- Year A Divine Office Psalter Week 11

Sunday 8th March 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am Ted Curley RIP
10.00 am People of the Parish
6.00 pm Margaret Dewison RIP
Readings Genesis 12: 1-4; Psalm 32: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10; Matthew 17: 1-9

Monday 9th March 202

12 Noon Peter Carraher RIP
Readings Daniel 9: 4-10; Psalm 78; Luke 6: 36-38

Tuesday 10th March 2020

12 Noon Elaine's Mum RIP[
Readings Isaiah 1: 10. 16-20; Psalm 49; Matthew 23: 1-12

Wednesday 11th March 2020

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips
12.Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings Jeremiah 18: 18-20; Psalm 30; Matthew 20: 17-28

Thursday 12th March 2020

12 Noon Valdo Quiligotti RIP
Readings Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1; Luke 16: 19-31

Friday 13th March 2020

12.noon Requiem Mass for Mary O'Donaghue
Readings Genesis 37: 3-4,12-13,17-28; Psalm 104; Matthew 21: 33-43,45-46
6 00—8 00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Each Friday of Lent)

Saturday 14th March 2020

12 Noon Isabel Anna Paul
6.00 pm Mass in Polish
6.00pm Mass at St. Phillips
Readings Micah 7: 14-15.18-20; Psalm 102; Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32

Sunday 15th March 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am People of the Parish
10.00 am Vernon Whittingham RIP
6.00 pm Florence Gleason RIP
Readings Exodus 17: 3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5: 1-2,5-8; John 4: 5-42

Monday 9th March 2020—St. Winefride's Guild Monday 16th March 2020—St. St. John Fisher's Guild

Offertory Gifts Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £ 1203.68 plus £600 by Standing Orders. THE NEW SET OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR IN APRIL ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH. THEY ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

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!

PRIESTS'S RETIREMENT COLLECTION—Thank you for your donations the final total is now £1999.67

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

CAFOD Collection - £104.14

Cleaning - Team 6 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 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.

THEATRE TRIPS

LES MISERABLES: . All seats sold. If you have not paid yet. please let us have a cheque for £63 Payable to St Peter's asap
PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: All seats sold. Please let us have a cheque for £65 made payable to St. Peter's asap
THE LION KING : Palace Theatre on November 19th 2020 we have booked 27 tickets at a cost of £55 each including the coach, payment by 30th April

PARISH DIARY

Sunday	Tea and Coffee in the Parish Centre after 10.00 am Mass Youth Alpha in the Parish Centre at 7.00 pm
Monday	Modern Sequence Dancing in the Parish Centre from 2.00 pm—4.00 pm Brownies in the Scout Hut 6.30—7.45 pm
Tuesday	Centering Prayer in the Meeting Room at 11.15 Slimming World in the Meeting Room at 5.30 and 7.30 pm Cubs in the Scout Hut 7.00- 8.30 pm Guides at School St. HQ 7.45 - 9.30 pm
Wednesday	Luncheon Club in the Parish Centre at noon (Contact Margaret Hulme on 07775162694) Beavers in the Scout Hut 6.00 - 7.15 pm (Contact Angela at beavers@2ndhazelgrove.co.uk) Scouts in the Scout Hut at 7.30—9.30 pm (Contact Samantha at scouts@2ndhazelgrove.co.uk)
Thursday	Little Fishes in the Parish Centre at 9.30 am Chatterbox in the Members Lounge at 10.00 am Rainbows in the Scout Hut 6.15-7.15 Marriage Course in the Parish Centre at 7.00 pm Adult Choir Practice in Church at 8.00 - 9.30 pm
Friday	Junior Choir Practice in the Meeting Room 5.45-6.30 pm Praise and Worship in the Meeting Room at 7.30 pm
Saturday	Irish Dancing in the Parish Centre at 10.30 am

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 LIVE STREAMING CAMERAS 24/7

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Your prayers are asked for

The sick - remembering, all the sick in the parish, in our hospitals and nursing homes. We also remember those who are house-bound and are unable to come to Mass. We remember especially young people who are sick. Please remember Stephen Pomeroy and his family in your prayers., Stephen was at one time a Deacon here at St.Peter's and Fr Jim McGrath one of our retired priests who has had a major stroke.

Lately Dead: Mary O'Donoghue whose Requiem Mass will be on Friday March 13th at 12 noon.and Canon Chris Dwyer one of our retired priests whose Requiem is on Monday at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church Baguley

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Mariette Hahn, Thomas Parker, Peter Keary, Mary Wright, Vic Chesham, Alan Morgan, Margaret Parker, Arnold Riddiough, Frederick Car, Jacob Holmes, John Glancy, Ernest Marsden, James Nutt, Matthew Byrne,

Prayer Intentions– We have left a file in the Lady Chapel and invite you to write there any particular intentions for prayer that you may have and we would ask that if you go to light a candle you include in your prayers all the intentions mentioned in the Prayer File.

To prepare for this prayer, spend a few moments asking the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear this Word being spoke to

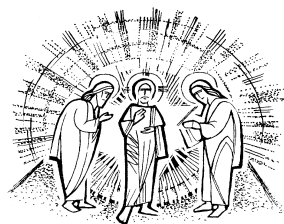
Second Sunday in Lent (Year A)

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage pausing at the words/phrases that draw your attention, stir memories.
2. Imagine the scene... the journey up the mountainside... the sudden transfiguration of Jesus... the responses, the feelings of the disciples...
3. Place yourself with Peter, James and John – *Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.* Spend time in quite contemplation, simply reverencing *My Son, the Beloved.*
4. For daily prayer: '*Do not be afraid*'. Let the phrase echo in you throughout the day.



For Conversation:

The ways you make time to listen to him in the busyness of daily life.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. Booking forms and brochure for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July are available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. Prices show a slight reduction on last year!

YEAR OF THE WORD - if you struggle to read the Bible or you would simply like to engage in listening to Scripture every day, why not try the Alpha Bible in one year. You can download the App, listen to it as a podcast or sign up for emails.

The **Bible in One Year** can be accessed by going to www.bibleinoneyear.org or by downloading the **BIOY** app on your iPhone or by searching for the Bible in One Year in your Podcasts. You are looking for logo with a red capital B on a white background. Each day there is an introduction read by Nicky Gumbel and then three short passages, including a Psalm, a passage from the New Testament and the Old Testament. Nicky Gumbel gives a short commentary on each passage and if you are listening to it, it will take about 20-25 minutes. Its not too late to start

THE CELEBRATE NORTH WEST FAMILY CONFERENCE takes place on April 25-26 at All Hallows College, Macclesfield. The conference is a two-day event packed full of interesting and thought provoking experiences that help to engage and encourage the faith of all ages by offering an all-age, exciting, faith-building experience. For further information, please phone Chris and Martina on 01706 640 359, or email them at northwest@celebrateconference.org or go to <https://www.celebrateconference.org/north-west>

CHANGES OF MASS TIMES IN THE LOCAL AREA

Fr Geoff O'Grady is retiring as parish priest of St Ambrose Adswood and St Vincent's Bramhall in a couple of weeks time. The care of these parishes will go to Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath and the new Mass times from the weekend of March 22nd will be Saturday 5 30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St Ambrose Sunday 9 30 Mass at St Vincent's and 11 00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady's

SHREWSBURY CARITAS. A vacancy has arisen for the appointment of CEO at Caritas, Diocese of Shrewsbury. This is in the location of Wallasey and Manchester with regional travel. For more information please visit <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/news/job-vacancies/> closing date noon 13 March 2020.

SCOUTS - As Scouts we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. 2nd Hazel Grove Scouting takes place in the hut at the back corner of the car park. We currently have vacancies in our Cub and Scout Groups (see back of newsletter for meeting days and times.

SAINT AMBROSE COLLEGE have a vacancy for a Part Time Teacher, required for September, please see the notice board at the back of Church for more details. Closing date 13th March 2020.

CORONAVIRUS

We are constantly getting updates on the advice surrounding the above. The important advice is to keep hands clean and to be careful if you sneeze. If you do have an infection such as a cold or flu and you come to Mass you are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand and to refrain from taking the Chalice. If we need to update this advice then we will do so but at the moment there is no need to take any further precautions.

PARISH EVENTS

BAPTISMAL COURSE - If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Peter's, please contact Karen Haines at justa-sec55@hotmail.com or 07939052357 who will register you on your preferred course. The next available dates are: March 8th, 15th & 22nd; May 10th, 17th & 24th; June 21, 28th & July 5th. Each course takes up three Sunday mornings after the 10.00 am Mass. On the first Sunday families are **introduced at Mass and receive a Bible. Baptisms are normally celebrated on Sundays at 12 Noon but not during Lent.**

WALKING: Next walk will be on the 22nd March. Meet at Etherow Car park at 10.00am. Should be firm underfoot.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR

Despite the recent poor weather our last Footsteps event was very well supported and the audience was extremely moved to hear Mary Hardiman talk about the journey of faith experienced by a man on Death Row, Louisiana. Jeremiah's life of total contrasts was like nothing we would probably experience and his testament of faith is extraordinary. If you would like to hear a recording of Mary's talk, go to the media page on our parish website <https://stpeterscatholic.church/media/>. It's the fifth talk listed "Ain't no man put them damn clouds in the sky".

ST. PETER'S LOURDES GROUP are having a **St. Patricks Night Ceilidh on Friday 13th March, 7pm for 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets on the door £5, Children £3 , to include pulled pork rolls and hotdogs. Ceilidh dancing and Irish Dancing display. Bar open. Raffle prizes would be appreciated All proceeds will go to the Lourdes Group towards their Pillgrimage in July/August this year.**

PRAISE AND WORSHIP - This Friday 13th March in the meeting room at 7.30pm. Do join us for an uplifting musical evening with friends. We are delighted to welcome our speaker this time -Rachael Thomas who is the leader and heart of 'Evoke Her Beauty', a movement which puts value upon women and brings God's word into everyday life. She enjoys recording messages for Premier Christian Radio and sharing about God's amazing love.

ST PETER'S AND ST. PHILIP'S REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

We are delighted to inform parishioners that we have raised over **£13,800** so far!! **We raised £900 at the Race Night** - thank you so much for your kind generosity.

IRISH COFFEES - Sunday 15h March - The Refugee Sponsorship group will be hosting teas and coffees after 10am Mass and will be serving Irish coffees for all those wishing to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

BANK DETAILS - If you would still like to make a bank transfer, the Account Number is 59655360 and Sort Code 30-15-52.

GIFT AID - if you know that you have given a one off donation, we now have the Gift Aid forms at the back of church. Simply fill one in and bring it back to church in an envelope labelled Parish Refugee Group and we will apply for the gift aid on your donation.

Project update - We meet again on the 10th March, we should be well on our way!

YORKSHIRE 3 PEAKS - A very fit and committed group of walkers will also be walking 24 miles in 12 hours at some point over the summer so please watch this space as they will be looking for sponsorship.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS As we are now starting to consider providing a support network for our family both before and after they arrive, we will be looking for lots of people who will be available to help with decorating, DIY, helping to furnish the home, picking the family up to take them to the doctors or dentists, help them to navigate public transport, go to the supermarket and withdraw money from the bank etc... Anyone who will come into regular contact with the family will need to be DBS checked. If you think you may be able to help, please contact **Carmel O'Malley on 0161 483 8296** and she will register your interest. This will be a really important part of the project as we aim to make our family feel as welcome as possible as well as make their transition to a new a home and culture as smooth as we can.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES—PRAYER FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

LENTEN LUNCHES will be starting on Friday 6th March after the midday Mass, all donations will be going to the Chimbote Mission in Peru. Soup and a bread roll followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. If you are able to make soup please give Helen a call on 07854928072.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HAZEL GROVE The **Lenten Reflections** will take place on the 11th March at the URC Church; the 18th March at St Peter's; the 25th March at Norbury Parish Church and the 1st April at the Methodist Church.All commence at 7.30pm.

CAFOD—LENT FAMILY FAST DAY. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day and is an opportunity to reach out and support highly skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Envelopes will be available during Lent and you will be able to read about the work of Sister Consilia—a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe. As is our custom the Family Fast collection will be taken on Easter Sunday so that all the money you save by giving up sweets, chocolates or alcohol you can give to Cafod.

There will be **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** on the Fridays of Lent from 6 00 p.m.— 8 00 p.m. And apart from next Friday there will be the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

FOOTSTEPS COMING SOON

The next event in the Footsteps series of presentations is on **Thursday 26 March at 7.30pm in our parish centre.** James Gallogly from our own parish will be looking at the positives to be found on the journey through Lent and Holy Week. He's a chaplain in HM Prison Manchester (so it's not just God who works in Strangeways!). James will be considering some of the crosses and personal prisons that can get in the way. Footsteps is a relaxed, informal evening with plenty refreshments in a café-style setting – and with an effective loop system for those with hearing devices! All are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY - THE WAY OF THE CROSS - 11ame

It is hoped that a group of young people (Year 4 upwards) will present this in church as usual. If you would like to be involved, please email your name to juliewilliams10@ymail.com as soon as possible and before 22nd March. If there is enough interest, the practices will be on Palm Sunday 5th April , Wednesday 8th April, times to be confirmed, and from 9am on Good Friday.