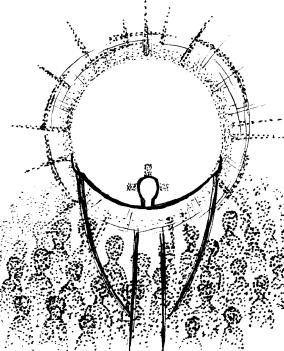


POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY
That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be a n invigorating symbol for the entire Church



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:
Acts 8:5-8,14-17

PSALM: 65:

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

SECOND READING:
1 Peter 3:15-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia

GOSPEL READING:
John 14:15-21

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Local
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YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

During the present emergency the churches have to remain closed. All Masses, Rosaries and Exposition from St Peters are being streamed live.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A

Divine Office Psalter Week 2

ALL SERVICES WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
Each evening the Rosary will be said at 7 00 p.m, join in on line

www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Sunday 17th May 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00 am People of the Parish

Readings: Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Monday 18th May 2020

12 Noon Patrick Cahill

Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149; John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday 19th May 2020 St Milburga

12 Noon Harry Knox

Readings: Acts 16: 22-34; Psalm 137; John 16:5-11

Private Funeral Services today for Pamela Autherson, Maureen Kinneck and Alexander Murphy

Wednesday 20th May 2020

12.Noon Wyn and Allan Robertshaw

Readings: Acts17:15, 22-18:1;; Psalm 148; John 16:12-15

Private Funeral Service for Jose Duarte Matos

Thursday 21st May 2020 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12 Noon People of the Parish

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Friday 22nd May 2020 DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

12 noon Secular Clergy Fund

Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; Psalm 1 Chronicles 29: John 2:13-22

Saturday 23rd May 2020

11 00-11 45 a.m. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

12 noon Bill Garrard

Readings: Acts 18: 23-28; Psalm 46; John16:23-28.

Sunday 24th May 2020 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00 am People of the Parish

Readings: Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 26; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11.

ROSARY AT 7 00 p.m. Each evening streamed live
churchservices.tv.stockport



CORONAVIRUS

There is a group of volunteers from the parish who will be happy to help those who are unable to get out to shop or just want a chat over the phone. If you need such help then get in touch via our parish phone 0161 483 3476 or email and leave a message and we shall get back to you.



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. Let us also keep in our prayers all those who have care of the sick and the dying at this time often putting their own lives at risk in the process.

Lately Dead: Alexander Murphy, Pamela Autherson, Maureen Kennerk, Jose Duarte Matos and Francis Boote

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Leonard Clegg, Kathleen Hand, Rosemary Crewdson Gerald Francom, Peter Webb, Sue Morrison, Bill Garrard, Angela Kennereley Irene King and Michael Waldron.

Prayer Intentions - We have a team of 'prayer warriors' who will pray for your intentions at this time, send your intentions to the parish office and they will be forwarded. You can also light a 'virtual' candle on the parish website.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples. 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees or knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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Spend some time quietly and reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.

Take time to be with the disciples. Hearing Jesus' promise to remain with you - whatever the struggles, Jesus is with you. Notice your thoughts, feelings...

Allow the truth of this to take route more deeply - respond to Jesus

What might your Gospel 'motto' for the coming week be?

For Conversation:

The ways in which your parish community renews its ways of keeping Christ's commandments.

FOOTSTEPS continues apace – this week!

The next Footsteps meeting planned for this coming **Tuesday 19 May** will not be open for public access. However, the talk will be given in **church** to enable us to stream it live on the internet, so you can watch it at **7.30pm** (not at 8pm) using this link: <https://stpeterscatholic.church/webcam-2/>. Owen Le Blanc examines the "call to holiness", how we can grow towards it and how does it fit into the lives of ordinary Christians. Owen is a deacon for the diocese of Nottingham and ministers in Glossop. He also co ordinates the formation programme for permanent deacons based at Oscott College. Do join us online and ask any questions during the talk by Emailing them straight away to petersharrocks@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk. Fr Peter will relay them to Owen so he can respond on the night. How's that for being interactive?! The following day a recording of the talk will be available, using the same link, just look further down that same page. Come and follow our Footsteps.

ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been added to the Parish website. **Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way. The link for each of our two parishes is shown below** The page can also be used to set up a regular monthly donation, and you can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further. If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

The page can be found at:

For St Peters <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stpeterdioceseofshrewsbury2122>

For St Philip's use <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/StPhilipOffertonDioceseofShrewsbury2161>

Thank you to those of you who have taken advantage of this scheme.

A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER -still on the calendar!

Earlier in the year a week of Guided Prayer was written in to the Parish Calendar to start the very last day of May. Then the virus invasion that swept into all our lives, changing them beyond recognition, led us to assume the week would have to be postponed for another time. However the genius of modern technology means that need not be the case. **We can and will still have our week of Guided prayer from 31st May – 6th June but it will be a Virtual week available online**

A week of accompanied prayer is an ideal way of drawing closer to God in the midst of daily living, particularly in our present circumstances, and will be open to all who have access to the internet. Each day participants set aside a half hour prayer period based on Scripture and, in addition, receive face to face spiritual support /guidance from a member of the prayer team each day via Zoom or Skype or .any other communication ap that is readily available

Participants make their prayer exercise at home and but also make a timed internet appointment with their assigned prayer companion for 30 minutes Monday to Friday inclusive. On the opening Sunday and the closing Saturday there will hopefully be a group session via Zoom

If you are interested in availing of this personal retreat on line please send an email clearly headed Directed Prayer week to: michaeldomalley@sky.com Please include your name, your phone number; and your email address and also, very importantly, whether you will be using Facetime; Skype or Zoom to communicate with your prayer companion.

Please do not delay in making your decision as it is important to know the number for which plans need to be made.

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB IN LOCKDOWN

In these unprecedented times we are hoping that more people within the parish will be looking to pick up a good book, so please find a little list that will hopefully keep you going - *Conversations with Friends* by Sally Rooney, *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri, *The Book Thief* by Markus Lefteri, *Mud Larking* by Lara Maiklem, *The Parisian* by Isabella Hammed, *The Woman in the Window* by AJ Finn, *Firefly* by Henry Porter, *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, *The Winter Soldier* by Daniel Mason, *The Binding* by Bridget Collins, *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn and *The Wolf and the Watchman* by Niklas Natt och Dag.

VIRTUAL TEAS AND COFFEES SUNDAY AT 11 AM

If you would like to receive the link to join the Zoom Sunday Morning Virtual Teas and Coffees and haven't already registered your email address on the stpetershelpers website, then please click on the link below and register your email address.

Register here;- <https://forms.gle/9oRc4QRs3JJnJ9Yu9>

MARRIAGE CARE: If you are going through difficulties in your relationship, Stockport Marriage Care offers a confidential counselling service. You can contact us on 0800 389 3801. We are currently providing couple counselling via a secure webcam (Zoom).

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

CAFOD, our Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. Coronavirus (Covid-19) has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Many countries have very weak healthcare systems and will not be able to cope. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water, possibly living with other diseases, will be particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. It is not just a public health emergency. Many of the world's most vulnerable people will lose their jobs and be unable to support their families. The poorest and most marginalised communities, working hard to transform their lives, will be pushed further into poverty. CAFOD is adapting its programmes to help manage the risk of coronavirus in communities and working with local Church aid agencies on the frontline of this crisis. They are already working to get food to where it is needed most; to improve hygiene, handwashing and sanitation in communities and households; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal, or put money in an envelope marked CAFOD through the presbytery door with your offertory envelope

SHINE

If you know of anyone who would like a printed copy of our magazine 'SHINE' then let us know today or tomorrow

THY KINGDOM COME

We shall be following the annual Pentecost Novena which begins on Thursday. At Mass we will have the Novena prayers and in the evening at the Rosary we will use the intercessions to Our Lady. You can follow the novena and pray for the ongoing evangelisation of our country at the special website <http://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church>



Offertory Gifts Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £288 plus £600 by Standing Orders and a number of envelopes for the Easter Offerings. Thank you to those who are putting their Offertory envelopes through the door and who have done the on line giving.

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 AND THEY WILL STILL BE THERE WHEN WE GET BACK TO 'NORMAL'!

DURING THE PRESENT EMERGENCY WE STILL HAVE BILLS TO PAY!! Please continue to put your offerings in an envelope and save them until we are 'back to normal' or you can post them through the presbytery door. If you wish you can send an offering by cheque payable to St Peters Hazel Grove or do a direct transfer to

St Peters Hazel Grove at Lloyds Bank 30 15 52 54607668 or set up a Standing Order or for St Philip's go to **St Philips Offerton 30 15 52 54674660**

See also the note on page 2 about on line giving via a new website

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 - £150

From Fr Peter. MAKE SURE YOU READ THE LAST PARAGRAPH!!

Well we are still here and in lockdown which looks like continuing for a while longer. Some good news this week came from the Rector of the Sanctuary of Lourdes announcing that they are partially reopening the sanctuary to pilgrims for a few hours each afternoon. These hours will be extended as the public authorities further relax their lockdown regulations. Our bishops are hoping that there may be some relaxation for us to open our churches for private prayer before too long. Don't hold your breath! The Youth Mission Team's Clergy Cafe on You Tube continues this week on Wednesday afternoons at 4 00 p.m. with Fr David Charters who works for the Vatican Diplomatic Corps and is attached to the Mission to the UN. It is certainly a different type of ministry. All those cocktail parties must be very draining. Another initiative from the Bishops of England and Wales is that one of them will celebrate Mass each Thursday evening for the NHS workers in thanksgiving for all their hard work.



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

This week our own bishop, Mark, will feature on Thursday which is Ascension Day. All these Masses begin at 7 00 p.m. and are streamed live from the various cathedrals.

There seems to be a lot more funerals at the moment but thankfully they are not all parishioners. With a number of the local clergy being over 70 and still advised to stay indoors us 'young ones' have to do a bit extra. Roll on January!!

Now here is something to wet the appetite. In the recent edition of 'Shine' the most popular article was about

Stockport Gin! So to begin the celebrations for the weekend of St Peter and St Paul at the end of June we are doing a tutored on line gin tasting, a sort of secular life in the spirit seminar! For £18 you will get a pack of 3 double gins, tonics and garnish and the link to Paul and Cheryl talking you through each one on line. You will need a **Facebook** account. So keep Friday June 26th free in your diaries and we will give you more details in the coming weeks. And now you know why I told you to read the last paragraph!

Stay well, stay alert, keep safe,

wash your hands!!

Fr Peter