

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

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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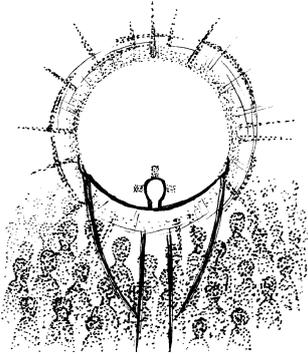


Mother of God
Local
Missionary
Area
in Stockport

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment and is subject to social distancing.



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:
Acts 1:12-14

PSALM: 26:

I am sure I shall see the
Lord's goodness in the
land of the living.

SECOND READING:
1 Peter 4:13-16

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 READING:
John 17:1-11.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A
Divine Office Psalter Week 3
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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

10.00 am People of the Parish
Readings: Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 26; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11
Monday 25th May 2020 OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Patron of the Diocese
12 Noon Maria Hackman
Readings: Ecclesiasticus 4:11-18; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 19: 19, 25-27

Tuesday 26th May 2020 St Philip Neri

12 Noon Kelly Miller
Readings: Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 67; John 17:1-11

Wednesday 27th May 2020 St Augustine of Canterbury

12 Noon Mary Norton Ints
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:2-8; Psalm 116; Luke 10:1-9

Thursday 28th May 2020

12 Noon Neville Holt
Readings: Acts 22:30,23:6-11;; Psalm 15; John 17:20-26
Private Funeral Service for Francis Boote

Friday 29th May 2020 St Paul VIth

12 noon Catherine Burns
Readings: Acts 25:13-21; Psalm 102; John 21:15-19

Saturday 30th May 2020

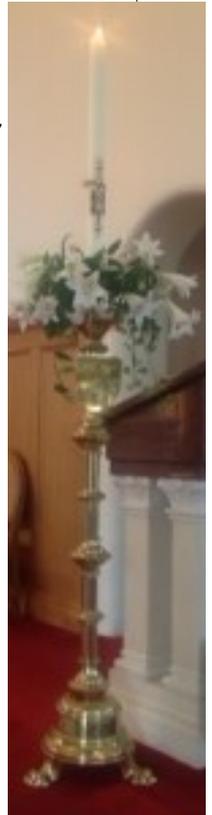
11 00-11 45 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon Tom Helicon
Readings: Acts 28: 16-20,30-31; Psalm 10; John 21: 20-25.

Sunday 24th May 2020 PENTECOST SUNDAY

A DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THECHURCH

10.00 am People of the Parish
Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23.

Our Mass on Pentecost Sunday will have an international flavour with the readings and bidding prayers and some music in different languages



COME HOLY SPIRIT

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: Bishop Vincent Malone auxiliary bishop in Liverpool, Fr John Wright a retired priest of our diocese and Francis Boote
Anniversaries that occur around this time: Patrick Sherry, Paul Edwards, Alex Simpson, Kathleen Jones, Thomas Holland, Mary Imgham, Terence Royle, Thomas Smith., Amy Gillett, Kath Smart James Leyden, Joyce Beverough, Marjorie Brady and Stephen Speight
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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A) John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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

This is the prayer that Jesus prayed for his disciples during the Last Supper and so He continues to pray it for us who are his present day disciples

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

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

The Week of Guided Prayer begins next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday and will be done via Zoom. Thank you to the prayer guides and to all who are taking part in this. We keep them in our prayers and ask that they keep us in theirs

PRAISE & WORSHIP

We are delighted that Praise & Worship will take place online this coming Friday evening 29th May 2020 at 7.30pm. We will have wonderful music to uplift you courtesy of Dave & Fran Fitton and are absolutely thrilled to welcome Julia Cunningham as our speaker. Julia who is a mother of five and former RE teacher is stepping out to share her faith story with us. This virtual gathering will take place via zoom and will be a great way of preparing for Pentecost. If you would like to be part of this then please email laurasmall92@outlook.com and a link to enable you to join will be sent out to you closer to the time.

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>

SHINE

If you know of anyone who would like a printed copy of our magazine 'SHINE' then there are a few copies left so let us know asap. They are free and so is delivery!!

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

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church>

CHURCH SERVICES TV WEBCAM

There were gremlins working hard in the system this week which caused problems during the Footsteps Talk by Owen Le Blanc on Tuesday and the Mass from the Cathedral on Thursday. Recordings of both are now available on our website and the Cathedral website respectively. The talk by Owen is found by scrolling down to **Featured Videos** which is next to Recordings on the Church Services website. Unfortunately last Sunday's Mass from here did not make it through to Dublin so the music and pearls of homiletic wisdom are lost forever!

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).

NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

Pope Francis encourages us to pray the Rosary during this month of May and the Bishops of England Wales and Scotland are organising a National Rosary Rally next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, from 9 00 a.m. till 9 00 p.m.. Each diocese will take an hour and is asked to pray the Rosary during that time. Our diocese is on from 2 00 p.m. till 3 00 p.m. along with the dioceses of East Anglia and Aberdeen. So that we can join in that **next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday**, our **daily Rosary** will be at **2 30 p.m.** instead of the evening.

The prayer intentions for this day are

- For Faith, sanctity of life and peace to prevail in our nations
- For an end to the covid 19 virus, the sickness it causes and its effects that prevent us from living life in abundance (John 10:10)
- For the protection of the common good and peoples economic livelihood
- That the Holy Spirit will preserve us from disaster and war



Offertory Gifts Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £274 plus £600 by Standing Orders and a number of envelopes for the Easter Offerings. There were also some donations totalling £300. 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**

If your bank asks for the name of the account it is **Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocese Trustees** with the above account numbers 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 - £20

From Fr Peter.



Well we are still here and in lockdown which looks like continuing for a while longer. It was encouraging to see quite a number of pilgrims going through the gates of the Sanctuary in Lourdes last weekend. Hopefully the restrictions will be eased a little more soon so that access to the Grotto will be allowed and celebrations of Mass.

I continue to get messages from all over where people are taking part in our Masses and Rosaries, Romiley, Chapel en le Frith not to mention Spain and New Zealand! Had a lovely e mail from Claire and Olli in NZ with pictures of young Milton watching me on their huge TV screen. That should frighten him!!

This weeks offering from HQ is to tell us to start preparing for the reopening for private prayer. We will need to mark out places for social distancing, sanitisers, hand wash, we will need stewards and marshalls and someone to co-ordinate it all. Watch this space.

The Youth Mission Team's Clergy Cafe on You Tube continues this week on Wednesday afternoon at 4 00

p.m. with Frs Nick Kern and Michael Coughlan, who are the main part of the Wythenshawe Team, the subjects. Nick and Michael with assistance of a couple of priests from overseas serve the six churches in Wythenshawe. How times have changed, there were three of us in St Anthony's when I was there—but that was 40 years ago! 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. Last week our own bishop, Mark, featured and this week Bishop Terry Draney from Middlebrough will celebrate Mass. <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/> The Mass begins at 7 00 p.m.

Thanks to the team who produced the printed version of SHINE magazine and ensured its distribution the other day. You would be surprised at how much inter action there is going on in the parish during lockdown. Hopefully no one is being neglected.

Spare a thought for our three primary schools who are grappling with how to ensure the safety of our young people and getting some of them back into school as quickly as possible. It will be interesting to see how the reception children cope with social distancing... perhaps not!

I mentioned last week about our virtual gin tasting on June 26th and it will now be relayed on Zoom so watch this space for further details of how to book coming in the next couple of weeks. 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. So keep Friday June 26th free in your diaries and we will give you more details in the coming weeks.

Stay well, stay alert, keep safe, wash your hands!!

Fr Peter