

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE
That all those who suffer
may find their way in life,
allowing themselves to be
touched by the heart of
Jesus

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Mother of God
Local
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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 2:1-11

PSALM: 103:
Send forth your Spirit O
Lord and renew the face
of the earth.

SECOND READING:
1 Peter 4:13-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of the faithful
and kindle in them the
fire of your love.
Alleluia

GOSPEL READING:
John 20:9-13

*The texts of the first two
readings and psalm are
on pages 5 & 6 of the on
line newsletter along
with the bidding prayers
and a short reflection for
today.*

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PENTECOST SUNDAY - Year A
Divine Office Psalter Week 1
ORDINARY TIME WEEK IX
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 31st May 2020 PENTECOST SUNDAY

A DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

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

10.00 am People of the Parish
Readings: *Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13;*
ROSARY TODAY AT 2 30 p.m. *John 20:19-23*

Monday 1st June 2020 Mary Mother of the Church

12 Noon Don McDermott and Sean Blaney
Readings: *Genesis 3:9-15; Psalm 86; John 19:25-27*

Tuesday 2nd June 2020

12 Noon Conor Rafferty Int
Readings: *2 Peter 3:11-15,17-18; Psalm 89 Mark 12 13-17*

Wednesday 3rd June 2020 St Charles Lwanga and Companions

12 Noon John Pheiffer
Readings: *2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12; Psalm 122; Mark 12:18-27*

Thursday 4th June 2020 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

12 Noon Francis Kenny
Readings: *Hebrews 10:4-10; Psalm 39; Matthew 26:36-42*

Friday 5th June 2020 St Boniface

12 noon Jessica Henderson (sick)
6 00—8 00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Readings: *2 Timothy 3:10-17; Psalm 118; Mark 12:35-37*

Saturday 6th June 2020

11 00-11 45 a.m. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
12 noon Andrew Burns
Readings: *2 Timothy 4:1-8; Psalm 70; Mark 12:38-44*

Sunday 7th June 2020 TRINITY SUNDAY

10.00 am People of the Parish
Readings: *Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; Psalm Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;*
John 3:16-18



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: Christopher Glynn (brother of Pat Dorrian)

Anniversaries that occur around this time: John Pheiffer, Saad Youseff Abo Negm, Patrick Kedney, Peter Birtles, Joyce Cuningham, Herbert Wright, Anthony Stout, Roy Griffiths, Anthony Myers, Marie Snelson, Cliff Metcalf, David Barratt, Irena Bublik, Noah Whalley, Francis McMahon, Lily Parker, Ena Selby, Marian Connell and Robert Hart

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.

Pentecost Sunday
John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine the mood in the room - the fear, the confusion following the death of Jesus. Place yourself there, alert to all you see, hear, feel...
3. Notice the transformation when Jesus appears...your own response as you hear Jesus' message of peace, his mission. Hear his words addressed to you - take time to talk with Jesus about all that this means to you.

To whom might you take this gift of peace and joy during the coming week?

For conversation:

The barriers in the parish community caused by fear that might be dismantled.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

To Canon Pat Munroe on the 45th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood next Sunday and to Fr Philip McGovern who celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his ordination on Wednesday this week.



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 today, Pentecost Sunday and will be done via Zoom. Eight pilgrims have signed up for the week with the possibility of one more. 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.

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!!

WARNING WARNING

We received a warning during the week about an e mail scam which has attempted to impersonate the parish priest in order to get parishioners to send money to them in the form of gift cards . NEVER respond to them. If anyone you know does receive such an email, please consider reporting it to Action Fraud by sending the information to this email: report@phishing.gov.uk or by telephoning 0300 123 2020. For more information on Action Fraud please follow this link: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/scam-emails>

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

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 **TODAY, 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 £690 plus £600 by Standing Orders and a number of envelopes for the Easter Offerings. There were also some donations totalling £200. 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. At least we have had some very pleasant weather which makes us all feel a lot more cheerful. We might even start looking forward to a holiday. (Though not if the pilots are working from home!) There were more relaxing of the lockdown regulations the other day which were most welcome but whilst we seem to be able to do most things now we still cannot pop into church for a quiet moment. Perhaps it is time to write to our MP and tell him its time we were allowed back in church. In the meantime we are looking at the safest way to be able to welcome people to our churches. I would be grateful if you would let us know the best times for opening. I think initially we would be open during the week for a couple

of hours and perhaps not every day depending on the number of volunteers we get. I hope we would open both churches at some time during the week.

The Youth Mission Team's Clergy Cafe on You Tube last Wednesday afternoon at 4 00 p.m. with Frs Nick Kern and Michael Coughlan, didn't happen for some reason but has been rescheduled for this Wednesday. Nick and Michael are the main part of the Wythenshawe Team, and with assistance of a couple of priests from overseas serve the six churches in Wythenshawe. 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. This week our neighbour from Salford, Bishop John Arnold will celebrate the Mass and it can be found on churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral The Mass begins at 7 00 p.m.

STOCKPORT GIN VIRTUAL TASTING NIGHT FOR ST PETERS PARISH FRIDAY 26th JUNE



Live on Zoom beginning at 8 00 p.m. and talking attendees through each of our gins and making the perfect serve for each. We will also talk about the history of gin, about us (Paul and Cheryl) and who we are as well as all about Stockport Gin. It should last 1.5-2 hours

Packs will be **£20** each and include the following:

3 x 50ml Stockport Gins

3 x 150ml Tonics for pairing

Garnish

Personal Invite to the taster night

Bookings will open after Mass next Sunday direct with Stockport Gin

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

Fr Peter

PENTECOST SUNDAY.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.



Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians,

Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord. All: - **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 103. *The response to the psalm is;*

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

12:3-7,12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

All: - Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

The Gospel is proclaimed in English

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr Peter: We pray to the Lord, asking that the gift of Holy Spirit be poured out afresh on the Church and the whole world:

1. A PRAYER in WELSH FOR A FRESH OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE CHURCH.

We pray for a New Pentecost in the Church, that the Holy Spirit will renew the whole Church in prayer, holiness, communion and mission.

Come, Holy Spirit

All: And kindle in us the fire of your love.

2. A PRAYER IN MALAYALAM FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS.

We pray for Pope Francis and all the Bishops and priests of the Church. May the Holy Spirit fill them afresh with his love, grace and power.

Come, Holy Spirit

All: And kindle in us the fire of your love.



3. A PRAYER IN POLISH FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We pray for Christian unity, for reconciliation and the healing of divisions in the Body of Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may all disciples of Jesus be one in heart, mind and soul.

Come, Holy Spirit

All: *And kindle in us the fire of your love.*

4. A PRAYER IN CHINESE FOR OUR WORLD.

We ask for your Holy Spirit to move over this earth and breathe the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control into our world. We ask God to give wisdom to all national leaders and bring peace to our world.

Come, Holy Spirit

All: *And kindle in us the fire of your love.*

5. A PRAYER IN IGBO FOR THE MISSIONARY LIFE OF THE CHURCH

We pray for a renewal in the missionary life of the Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may every Christian, every family, every parish and school be enabled to witness to Jesus Christ in their lives

Come, Holy Spirit

All: *And kindle in us the fire of your love.*

6. A PRAYER IN ITALIAN FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND SUFFERING

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain especially those suffering from the Coronavirus. We also pray for those who have care of them.

Come, Holy Spirit

All: *And kindle in us the fire of your love.*

. A PRAYER IN GAELIC FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED

We pray for those who have been bereaved and have been unable at this time to give their loved ones the funeral they would wish. May the God of consolation be with them.

Come, Holy Spirit,

All: *And kindle in us the fire of your love.*

8. A PRAYER IN NYANJA FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER OF INTER-CESSION TO OUR LADY

We pray for all those who have died recently remembering especially members of our own families. May they be welcomed into the loving arms of our Father.

Come, Holy Spirit,

All: *And kindle in us the fire of your love.*

Our Lady stayed with the Apostles as they waited on the Holy Spirit. We bring all our needs to her intercession as we say....(Everyone in their own language)

All: Hail Mary.....

Fr Peter: Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Amen

A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

SPIRIT OF GOD



Come into our hearts and introduce us to Jesus.

Guide us to the Father.

Inspire us with your love,

Teach us wisdom.

Give us insight.

Empower us with courage

Instil perseverance.

Enliven our hope.

Strengthen us with your fortitude.

Lift us with your power.

Visit us with your mercy.

Speak to us in silence.

Transform our lives to service and love.

Raise us with Jesus to the Father.

Descend on us as you came to the disciples.

Comfort us as we walk through life.

Support us as we accept God's plans.

Transform us as we look for you.

Hold us in your love as we seek God.

Be the guiding force in our lives.

Love us with the love of the Trinity.

Unite us with all who love us.

Support us as we seek forgiveness.

Encourage us to be like Jesus.

Fire us with enthusiasm.

Lead us to holiness.

Holy Spirit of God stay with us as we wend our way to God and eternal peace. As we travel, may we take others with us and show the way to those who falter. Be the strength and the guiding force we need to fulfil your designs and may we always go out and proclaim the Gospel of Love fearlessly and with enthusiasm.

We ask this through Jesus, our brother and our exemplar.

AMEN

Celia Birmingham