

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY
That today's families may
be accompanied by love,
respect and guidance



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:
Zechariah 9:9-10

PSALM: 144

I will bless your name for
ever, O God my King

SECOND READING:
Romans 8:9,11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and
earth, for revealing
the mysteries of the
kingdom to
mere children
Alleluia

GOSPEL READING:
Matthew 11:25-30

DAILY ROSARY
If anyone would
like to volunteer
to come and lead
a daily Rosary
at 7 00 p.m.
then let Fr Peter
know.

**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation**
will be celebrated by
appointment and subject
to social distancing

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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Year A

Divine Office Psalter Week 3

ORDINARY TIME WEEK XV

ALL SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
ATTENDANCE POSSIBLE BY PRE BOOKING (See note on page 3)

Each evening the Rosary will be said at 7 00 p.m, except Sunday then at 5 00 p.m.
join in on line www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Sunday 12th July 2020 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

10.00 am People of the Parish

Readings: *Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23*

Church open for private prayer 2 30—4 00 pm
ROSARY AT 5 00 p.m

Monday 13th July 2020

12 noon Leslaw Wazydrag

Readings: *Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalm 49; Matthew 10:34-11:1.*

Tuesday 14th July 2020

12 noon Norton Int

Readings: *Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalm 47; Matthew 11:20-24*

Church open for private prayer 10 00-11 30 a.m.

Wednesday 15th July 2020 St Bonaventure

12 noon Brendan Devlin

Readings: *Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16; Psalm 93; Matthew 11:25-27*

Thursday 16th July 2020 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12 Noon Hammond Thanksgiving

Readings: *Isaiah 26:7-9,12, 16-19; Psalm 101; Matthew 11:28-30*

Church open for private prayer 5 00—6 30 p.m

Friday 17th July 2020

12 noon Peggy Saunders

Readings: *Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Psalm 38; Matthew 12:1-8.*

Saturday 18th July 2020

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

12 noon Rose O'Connell

Readings: *Micah 2:1-5; Psalm 9; Matthew 12:14-21*

Sunday 12th July 2020 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

10.00 am People of the Parish

Readings: *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43*

Church open for private prayer 2 30—4 00 pm
ROSARY AT 5 00 p.m

E mail admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk

if you want to come to Mass either on Sunday or a weekday



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 housebound 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: Ann Heald, Bertha Hill, Brendan Devlin

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Leslaw Wazydrag, Ken Oldham, Eileen Earl, Catherine Goldthorpe, Tom Cannally, Sheila Stafford, Dorothy Gregson, Irma Guest, Jane McCormack, Kevin Farrell, Fred Kelly and Maureen Cocker

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.

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew 13:1-23



Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.'

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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

As you reflect on this parable, what connections does it have with your own faith journey?

In prayer, ask Jesus where he is calling you to sow the seed of his Word this week.

For Conversation: The 'lakeside' you go to - perhaps for renewal, to recharge your batteries, to avoid the crowds...

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.

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 which brought in over £1000 during May

ATTENDING MASS AT ST PETERS

If you wish to attend Mass at St Peters for the time being on **ANY DAY** then you **MUST** ask for a place preferably by emailing admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk. or you can phone **4833476**, but e-mailing is the best.

When you arrive, you will be escorted to a place in church where you must stay throughout. You will not be able to choose where to sit. You will sanitize your hands on entering and leaving. You will leave your name and contact details for tracking and tracing in the event of anyone attending the same Mass being diagnosed with the virus. Holy Communion will be brought to you in your place and given in the hand only.

At the end of Mass the stewards will escort you to the door and you should not congregate outside but leave immediately.

I know that these rules seem over prescriptive but they are the regulations laid down by the government and agreed by the Bishop's Conference and we must adhere to them.

E mail admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk if you want to come to Mass

ST PETER'S HAZEL GROVE REFUGEE PROJECT:

This week we had a meeting with the Home Office, Stockport LA, Caritas Shrewsbury and 3 members of the Project Team as we are currently at the Pre-Approval stage. The representative from the Home Office was very complimentary about our application and simply wanted us to tweak a few areas before the application goes to the Approval in Principle stage. So, we will be busy over the next few days making the amendments and then the application will go back off to Caritas and then the Home Office to go in front of the Chair of the application process. Once we have Approval in Principle, we will have to wait until our borders open to countries that are hosting refugees and then we will have to get busy finding a property. As soon as we have a property, we will then complete the application form with details about the house and our application will go to the Full Approval stage. It is at this point that the Home Office will allocate us with a family and we have 5 working days to work with Stockport LA to agree that we can meet the needs of the family. Assuming we agree, the family will be notified and they will make a decision about whether we are right for them. All being well, the family will be with us 6-8 weeks later.

When we initially started this project, the team wanted to make sure the application was submitted by June to give us a good chance of welcoming the family before Christmas. We hit our first deadline but Covid might slow us down in meeting the Christmas deadline - so please hold our initiative in your prayers as we transition to the next stage and pray that the family that we are preparing to welcome will be with us before the winter. The amount raised for the project now stands at £18,300. Many thanks

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We will be Zooming again on the 21st July at 2.00 pm for another chat, prayer and Peter's poems. If you have not joined us before and would like to please email Rachel and she will send you a link. Also if you have a problem getting onto Zoom give us a call, you can join us by phone if you do not have access to the internet.

Contact Helen on 07854928072 email helenlyons1957@hotmail.co.uk or

Rachel on 07724749217 email rachelemckay@icloud.com

ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MISSION DAY

This year the Kiltegan Fathers were due to make the missionary appeal. Owing to the present circumstances this has been cancelled but they are having a 'virtual mission day next Saturday July 18th

EVENT: St Patrick's Missionary Mission Day

DATE: Saturday 18TH July, 10 am

WEBSITE: www.kilteganfathers.org (pls check website before date for more information)

DURATION: 75 minutes.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND WANTS TO LISTEN TO MASS -HERE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS

To join our Mass via telephone please follow the below steps.

Call: **0131 460 1196**

An automated voice will say: "Welcome to Zoom. Enter your meeting ID followed by hash"

Without hanging up, dial the following number into your keypad: **848 5356 7011**

Then dial this key - #

The automated voice will ask for a Participant ID but you can just hold the line, after a few seconds you will be connected. Your telephone will be muted, so while you can hear Mass, nobody else will be able to hear what you say.

Suggested time for ringing in is 5 minutes before Mass starts.

Offertory Gifts Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £385 plus £700 by Standing Orders. Thank you to those who are putting their Offertory envelopes through the door and who have done the online giving.. We also had some £2000 donated via the Diocesan online giving during May and June. Thank you for your continuing generosity
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 online 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

Praise & Worship

We are delighted that Praise & Worship will take place online this coming Friday evening 17th July 2020 at 7.30pm. We will have uplifting music from Fran & Dave Fitton and are delighted to welcome David Welch from Hazel Grove Baptist Church as our speaker for the evening. David is going to share part of his own faith journey with us and the impact it has had on his life. Our gathering will take place via zoom and if you would like to take part please email laurasmall92@outlook.com and a link to enable you to join will be sent out to you closer to the time.

From Fr Peter.

It was great to have a congregation in church again for Mass this week. Its much better seeing and hearing people make the responses at Mass rather than hoping people are watching!! We had a small beginning last Sunday and each day this week we have good numbers but well within the preferred capacity of 38 'units'. (A unit is basically a married couple possibly with children.) We also have begun to make the necessary arrangements for Mass to be celebrated in St Philip's. I hope we will be able to announce something about St Philip's next weekend. In the meantime please remember you **MUST** email us (or you can phone but email is the preferred option) if you want to attend any of our Masses. You will see the address on the front page and on page 3 of this newsletter. The message from Cardinal Nicholls and the Metropolitan Archbishops of England about the reintroduction of public worship is posted on the parish website. You will realise, I am sure, that the safety of everybody is of the utmost importance as well as the correct and dignified way of celebrating Mass. We are grateful for the work of the stewards who will assist in the ordering of the congregation at our Masses. Please make their task easier by following the instructions they will give.

There was encouraging news about the progress of our Refugee project which you can read about on page 3 of the newsletter. Well done to the team and to you all for the fundraising efforts

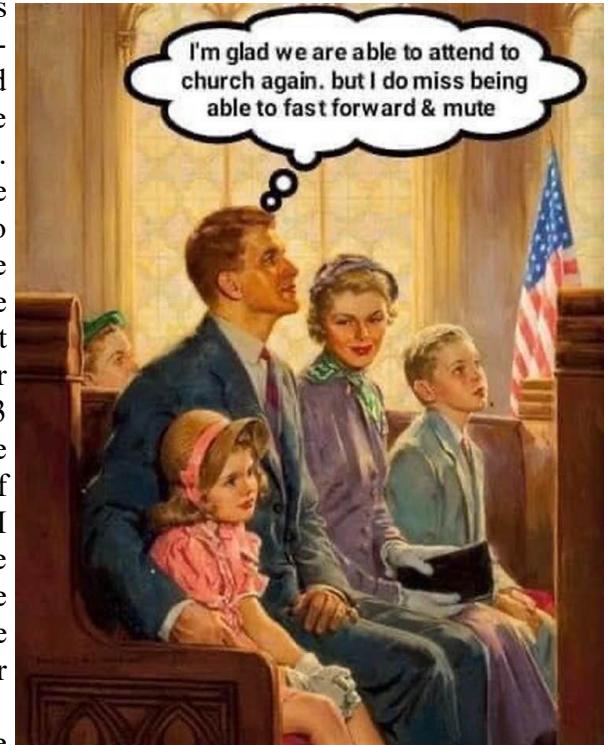
Information about the weekly Mass for the NHS and helpers in the various dioceses seems to have dried up. Last Thursday's was in Liverpool but there is no news for the next ones. Look for information on cbcew.org.uk

Stay well,

keep safe,

stay alert,

wash your hands



Fr Peter

ST PETER'S CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

SUNDAY 2 30—4 00 p.m.

TUESDAY 10 00—11 30 a.m.

THURSDAY 5 00 p.m.—6 30 p.m.

As you will be aware the government has now allowed us to open our churches for private prayer. They have placed quite a number of conditions and restrictions on this which we have to follow. These are

1. The church has to be staffed by stewards all the time it is open
2. There should be no more than 10 visitors to church at any one time.
3. Social distancing is to be strictly observed.
4. The suggested time for each visit is a maximum of 15 minutes. This will only be enforced if there is a queue of people waiting to enter the church
5. There will be **NO** toilet facilities available
6. The Confessional will not be available because there is insufficient scope for social distancing
7. There will be a clearly marked one way system for entry and exit. (You will be asked to enter the church by the usual main door and then go up the right hand side of the church—the Lady Chapel side and then exit by the other aisle using then the side door of the porch.)
8. Hand sanitizer will be available and **MUST** be used on entry and exit.
9. You must not touch any statues.
10. Some prayer cards have been provided by the diocese but if you pick one up you should keep it and take it home with you. Once touched you must keep it in your possession!
11. There are numerous other regulations about cleaning to observe.

If you do wish to come then please follow the directions of the stewards. We have cordoned off a significant area of the church which will not be available to use, this is to save on the cleaning and we will be leaving doors and windows open to enable the flow of fresh air. If you have any symptoms of the virus then you should not come to visit the church.

We will open the church **TODAY SUNDAY AFTERNOON** for an hour and a half and then for two sessions during the week on **TUESDAY MORNING** and **THURSDAY EARLY EVENING**. The precise times of opening are shown at the top of this note

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be stewards and we will be pleased to receive applications from others who would like to offer their services. However we are advised not to accept applications from anyone who is 70 or over, pregnant, or has underlying health problems.

OPENING ST PHILIP'S CHURCH

We are now in the process of getting St Philip's ready to welcome back parishioners for Mass. This involves reconfiguring the seating arrangements and getting permission from the diocesan authorities and Health and Safety people to open the church safely for Mass.

FUNERAL SERVICES IN CHURCH

We may now hold Funeral Services in church including Requiem Masses. The conditions for these services are similar to the conditions we have for Private Prayer visits. There will be strict social distancing and the numbers of those attending is strictly limited. At the moment there can be no hymns sung during these services

FOODBANK DONATIONS

IF YOU HAVE DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK PLEASE WOULD YOU TAKE THEM DIRECTLY TO HAZEL GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH OPEN ON MONDAYS 12 30-14 30, WEDNESDAYS 10 30—12 30 AND FRIDAYS 11 30—14 30. PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO ST PETERS AT THE MOMENT

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.