

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



# 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 can only open when supervised. Opening times are shown below. There is a restriction on numbers in church at any one time. All Masses, Rosaries and Exposition from St Peters are also being streamed live.

**Stay safe, stay well!**

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST READING:

*Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*

#### PSALM: 85

**O Lord, you are good  
and forgiving**

#### SECOND READING:

*Romans 8:26-27*

#### 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 13:24-43*

### 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

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Year A

Divine Office Psalter Week 4

ORDINARY TIME WEEK XVI

**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](http://www.churchservices.tv/stockport)

### Sunday 19th 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*

**ROSARY AT 5 00 p.m**

### Monday 20th July 2020

12 noon. Patrick O'Grady

Readings: *Micah 6:1-4,6-8; Psalm 49; Matthew 12:38-42.*

### Tuesday 21st July 2020

12 noon. Mary Graham

Readings: *Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Psalm 84; Matthew 12:46-50*

### Wednesday 22nd July 2020 St Mary Magdalene

12 noon. Nancy Fallon

Readings: *Song of Songs 3:1-4; Psalm 62; John 20:1-2, 11-18.*

### Thursday 23rd July 2020 St BRIDGET

12 Noon **REQUIEM MASS for Bertha Hill**

**There will be very few places available for general parishioners  
unless invited by the family**

Readings: *Galatians 2:19-20; Psalm 33; John 15:1-8*

### Friday 24th July 2020

12 noon Thanksgiving (Ezekiel Don)

Readings: *Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31; Matthew 13:18-23.*

### Saturday 25th July 2020 St JAMES

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

12 noon Maureen Foudy

Readings: *2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 125; Matthew 20:20-28*

### Sunday 26th July 2020 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

10.00 am People of the Parish

Readings: *1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Psalm 118 Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52*

**ROSARY AT 5 00 p.m**

**E mail [admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk)**

**if you want to come to Mass either on Sunday or a weekday  
Because the numbers attending private prayer has dropped off we  
will no longer have these sessions but the church will open  
30 minutes before Mass time**



*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:** Bertha Hill,

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Ellen Ashby, Norah Blaydon, Jean Seymour, Anne Wilkinson, Yvonne Bradley, Mary Ridings, Clair Potts, Mary Lamb, Nancy Fallon, Sheila Cottrill, Stefan Bublik, Bridget Harthill, Alice Melia and Maureen Foudy

**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.*

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew 13:24-43**

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through'.

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us'. He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!

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

The good seed, mustard seed, yeast need care, time and patience to grow...Take time in prayer to ask God to show you where, to whom God is asking you to give care, time and patience...

**For Conversation:** The people who have helped you to grow.



**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>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk) if you want to come to Mass**

### ST PETER'S HAZEL GROVE REFUGEE PROJECT:

**A BIG OOPS!** Unfortunately because of an error in the banking by me over the past few weeks we have been paying money into the Refugee account that should have been paid into another account so there is actually less than we thought in the Refugee account. So instead of the £18300 we mentioned last week it actually stands at £15,800. I can only apologise for this error. Fr Peter

### 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](mailto:helenlyons1957@hotmail.co.uk) or

Rachel on 07724749217 email [rachelemckay@icloud.com](mailto:rachelemckay@icloud.com)

### A WORD FROM OUR CAFOD WORKER—CIARA HOGAN

Just wanted to email and ask if you could pass on my thanks to St Peter's parishioners who have given so generously to the CAFOD coronavirus appeal.

We've been able to filter people's donations by postcode and make an assumption on the church that they attend. There are, of course, some anomalies to this and it obviously assumes everyone who donates to CAFOD is a Mass-going Catholic. Nevertheless, the donations attributed to parishioners from St Peter's are incredibly significant. In a time of pandemic, when there are so many pressures at home, it's easy to forget the plight of our poorer brothers and sister overseas. But CAFOD supporters have been so generous and are directly making an impact on the coronavirus fight overseas. Every penny that is given to the coronavirus appeal goes directly to helping fight coronavirus and it's impacts in the counties that we work.

As you may have seen, the DEC launched a joint appeal on Tuesday, so we are still encouraging people to give. But I felt it was important to convey my deep thanks on behalf of CAFOD.

### HEADTEACHER'S RETIREMENT

This weekend marks the official retirement of Mrs Carol Hogan from being head teacher at St Philip's Primary School. We wish her good health and a happy retirement from her teaching career where she has made a deep impact on the lives of the many young people who have been under her care over the years.

### SCHOOL LEAVERS

We wish those leaving our parish primary schools this week every success and happiness as they move on to the next stage of their education. We are sure they will look back with gratitude at their time in St Peters, St Simons and St Philip's Schools and we look forward to seeing their smiling faces in September in St James and Harrytown High Schools

## 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.

**Please Note** - Call charges may apply depending on the plan you have with your provider

**Offertory Gifts** Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £920 plus £700 by Standing Orders. 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

#### MASS INTENTIONS

If you are making an offering for a Mass intention please make the cheque payable to **St Peter's Hazel Grove Stipend Account.**

Thank you

#### LOURDES

Although the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes has been cancelled this year a group of our young people will be making the trip at the end of this month. They had booked their flights well before lockdown and don't want to lose their money!! We have arranged a good programme which enables them to see aspects of Lourdes that they wouldn't have time to see when with the diocese. Fr Peter will accompany them (there's a surprise—him going away!). There will also be a virtual pilgrimage on the diocesan website and we'll give more details about that next week. In the mean time if you have any prayer petitions to take to the Grotto let us have them by Monday July 27th. Do **NOT** put money in the envelopes with petitions

#### **From Fr Peter.**

Thank you for your co-operation in e mailing or phoning for places at Mass. It is important that you do so that we have an idea of how many people to expect and also for the purposes of 'Track and Trace' if this comes to be necessary. Now that people are able to come to Mass we are **stopping the opening of the church for private prayer** simply because the numbers attending do not warrant opening up. Church will be open before Mass around 30 minutes. Thank you also to those who have been putting their Offertory envelopes through the door. Last week we had a few people who paid their 'arrears' which is why the Offertory Collection looks so healthy last Sunday. We also had a couple of substantial donations including a personal one to me of 200 euros as 'spends' for the forthcoming pilgrimage to Lourdes. Many thanks.

Unfortunately we haven't yet got permission to reopen

at St Philip's Church but I expect this to be sorted this week so that we can give some details next weekend..

We are now authorised to baptise and already enquiries are coming in. The government has placed a restriction of 10 people attending such ceremonies, I don't think this includes the priest of the 'victim'! We can also only accommodate one family at a time. Anyway if you do have a child to be baptised then get in touch as soon as possible and we will arrange it. Numbers watching our live stream on Church Services TV continue to hold up so that has proved a worthwhile investment and of course we will continue to live stream all our services.

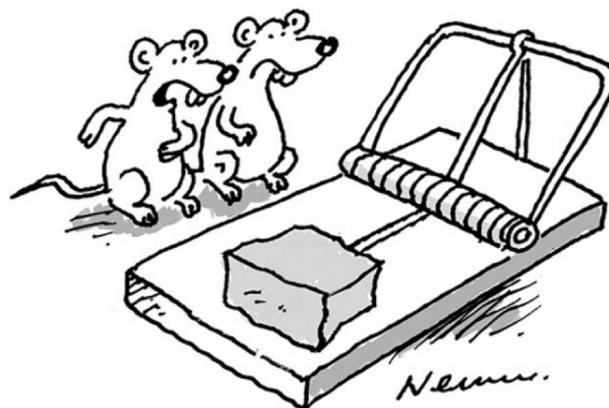
Today marks the 45th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. It took place at Our Lady's Shaw Heath and Bishop Grasar did the honours. Where have all those years gone? Thank you for your ongoing love and prayerful support. I don't think I will do another 45 but hopefully will get 5 more in and we can have another 'do'! In the meantime....

Stay well,

keep safe,

stay alert,

wash your hands



*'It could be dangerous – it's Red Leicester.'*