

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. Our churches open about 30 minutes before Mass. 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.



### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST READING:

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

#### PSALM: 118

LORD HOW I LOVE YOUR  
LAW

#### SECOND READING:

Romans 8:28-30

#### 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 13:44-52

#### 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.

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Year A

Divine Office Psalter Week 1

ORDINARY TIME WEEK XVII

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 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**

### Monday 27th July 2020

12 noon. For successful surgery

Readings: Jeremiah 13:1-11; Psalm Deuteronomy 32; Matthew 13:31-35.

### Tuesday 28th July 2020

12 noon. John Minogue

Readings: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Psalm 78; Matthew 13:36-43

### Wednesday 29th July 2020 St Martha

12 noon. Nancy Lloyd

Readings: 1 John 4:7-16; Psalm 33; John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42.

### Thursday 30th July 2020 St BRIDGET

12 Noon Alexandra Hamilton

Readings: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalm 145; Matthew 13:47-53

### Friday 31st July 2020 St Ignatius of Loyola

12 noon Bernard Elsdon

Readings: Jeremiah 26:1-9; Psalm 68; Matthew 13:54-58.

### Saturday 1st August 2020 St Alphonsus Liguori

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

12 noon Bertha Hill

Readings: Jeremiah 26:11-6,24; Psalm 68; Matthew 14:1-12

This Saturday Mass will use the texts for Sunday

### Sunday 2nd August 2020 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

10.00 am Mary Duffy

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 144; Romans 8 35,37-39; Matthew 14 13-21

**ROSARY AT 5 00 p.m**

E mail [admin@stpetershazलगrove.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpetershazलगrove.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



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

*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:** Tony Culshaw (Requiem Mass on Friday August 7th) and Michael Holland (Crematorium Service on Monday August 10th)

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Fred Lavery, Clare Coe, Sarah Toye, Diane Earlam, Michael Grennan, Maeve O'Sullivan, Geoffrey Nicholls and George Hargreaves

**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.*

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**Matthew 13:44-52**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes'. And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old'.

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

Take time to reflect on the treasure, pearl, good haul you have found...What difference has it brought to daily life? How might God be calling you to use these riches? Spend time in prayer asking for discernment.

**For Conversation:**

The treasure(s) that has brought/brings you great happiness.



**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 **483 3476**, 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**

## APPEAL FROM THE FLOWER ARRANGERS

In the next couple of weeks our flower arrangers will be coming back to work, Fr Peter is getting tired of watering the existing arrangements!! We look forward to seeing their usual high standard of displays soon.

We are in need of some more volunteers to join our flower arrangers to arrange the church flowers. Don't worry if you don't have any experience as our friendly team members are willing to share their skills. Please contact Colette on 07714 470854 if you feel you can help

## CHURCH CLEANING

Church cleaning restarts. Team 2 is on duty this week beginning tomorrow 27 th July. Another rota Fr Peter can come off!!

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next Zoom meeting will be at 2.00 pm on the 4th August, If you have not been on before and would like to join us please let Rachel know and she will send you the link. You can also join us by phone, details below.

Contact Helen on 07854928072 email [helenlyons1957@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helenlyons1957@hotmail.co.uk)  
Rachel on 07724749217 email [rachelemckay@icloud.com](mailto:rachelemckay@icloud.com)

## SCHOOL NEWS

This week St Peters and St Simons Schools finished the term and saw the departure of Year 6 pupils to pastures new. We wish all our leavers well and look forward to welcoming the new intake in September. Obviously it has been a difficult term for them all this last couple of months and I am sure that both staff and pupils will be looking forward to their summer break.

We also keep in mind those from our secondary schools and especially those waiting for their assessed results in the public examinations. A happy holiday to all!

St. Peter's School have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant , all the details can be found on St. Peter's School Website.  
[www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk)

**OUR DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** It was with great sadness that back in March we realised that in these extraordinary times it would be impossible to go ahead with our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. We are very anxious, however, to reach out to our regular pilgrims and to all people around the Diocese to invite them to join us in a spiritual pilgrimage online during the time that we would have been in Lourdes. With this in mind we have created a Virtual Pilgrimage which includes a daily Mass led by the Bishop or different priest associated with the Pilgrimage As well as many regular devotions and activities that form our Pilgrimage. The programme can be found on page 5 of this newsletter or downloaded from the Pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) The Diocesan Website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Or the virtual Pilgrimage website <https://shrewsburylourdes.com>

## 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. You 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 £698 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 PILGRIMAGE CONTINUED

Although the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes has been cancelled this year a group of our young people will be making the trip this week. 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 details about that are available in this newsletter. In the mean time if you have any prayer petitions to take to the Grotto let us have them by TOMORROW Monday July 27th. Do **NOT** put money in the envelopes with petitions

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

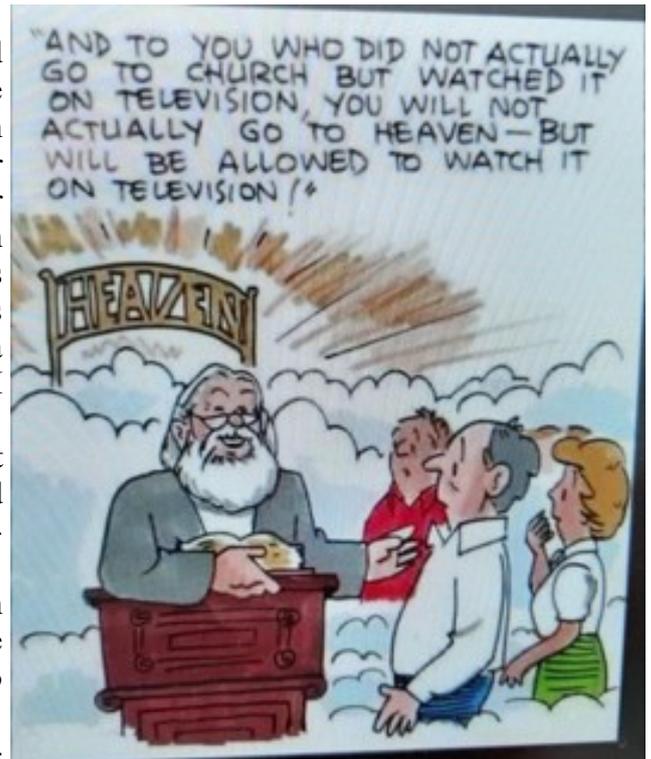
Thank you for all your good wishes and prayers last weekend on the occasion of my ordination anniversary as well as the cake and other things which arrived on the doorstep!! I am grateful for all your personal kindnesses to me. Thank you for your continuing co-operation in e mailing or phoning for places 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. It is equally important to let us know if, when you have reserved a place, your plans change and you cannot come. Last week I had to refuse some people only for some not to turn up.

We now have permission to celebrate Mass again in St Philip's and there is a 'tester' this weekend by invitation and we hope to restore the regular Saturday Vigil Mass from Saturday August 8th when I get back from Lourdes.

The Baptism appointments are beginning to come in. We can only have one family at a time and then the water has to be changed, what our water bill will be like this quarter I have no idea!!

I am off to Lourdes on Tuesday with some of the young people of the parish and will remember you all there. You can see the details of the Diocesan Virtual Pilgrimage on the next page. Remember if you have any prayer petitions for the Grotto let me have them today or tomorrow.

Fr Geoff O'Grady has agreed to celebrate Mass here during the week and next weekend your old friend (and mine) Canon John Rafferty will be here for Mass on Saturday and Sunday. For the time being we will be using the Sunday Mass texts for the Saturday midday Mass but do remember that the Bishops of England and Wales have suspended the Sunday Obligation for the time being, which is just as well because we couldn't accommodate you all in our church and observe the social distancing rules! For you TV addicts I hope you like the cartoon



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



**Diocese of Shrewsbury**  
**Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes Programme**  
**Shrewsbury Cathedral** [churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral](http://churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral)  
**Heald Green** <http://christchurchhg.co.uk/>  
[www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk)  
**Woodchurch** [churchservices.tv/woodchurch](http://churchservices.tv/woodchurch)  
**St Albans,** [churchservices.tv/macclesfield](http://churchservices.tv/macclesfield)



<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue/Location</b>
DAY 1 Thurs 30th July	8.30am	Messages of Welcome	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube
9am	Live Opening Mass and Catechesis Celebrant: Bishop Mark Davies	Shrewsbury Cathedral via Church Services TV	
2pm	Passage through the Grotto	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
DAY 2 Fri 31st July	10am	Live Grotto Mass Celebrant: Fr Tony McGrath	Christ Church, Heald Green via their website.
2pm	Water Service led by Fr Pat Munroe	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
4pm	Live Mass at the Grotto in Lourdes Celebrants: Fr David Long and Fr Peter Sharrocks	Lourdes TV <a href="https://www.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes/">https://www.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes/</a>	
5pm	Virtual Blessed Sacrament	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
6pm	Youth Service with Bishop Mark Davies and SYMT	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
DAY 3 Sat 1st Aug	12pm	Live Mass remembering Key Workers Celebrant: Fr Peter Burke	St Alban's RC Church, Macc via Church Services TV
2pm	Penitential Service led by Fr Owen Gallagher	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
4pm	Blessing of the Sick led by Fr Pat Munroe	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
8pm	Virtual Torchlight Procession	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
DAY 4 Sun 2nd Aug	11am	Live Streamed Mass Celebrant: Fr Chris Matthews	Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Woodchurch via Church Services TV
2pm	Songs of Praise led by Fr Stephen Woolley	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
8pm	Quiz Night	Zoom – Links and passwords will be sent out beforehand.	
DAY 5 Mon 3rd Aug	9am	Live Final Mass, where deceased pilgrims will be remembered Celebrant: Bishop Mark Davies	Shrewsbury Cathedral via Church Services TV
10.30am	Hospitality Message	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
2pm	Stations of the Cross – Hillside and Lower stations.	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
5pm	Holy Hour led by Deacon Robert Dykes	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
8pm	Shrewsbury Live Lounge	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	
DAY 6 Tues 4th Aug	10am	Message of thanks	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube
11am	A look back at our previous pilgrimages	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube	