

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

For all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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:

Isaiah 22: 19-23;

PSALM 137

Your love O Lord is eternal, discard not the work of your hands

SECOND READING:

Romans 11: 33-36;

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 16:13-20

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

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Year A

Divine Office Psalter Week I
ORDINARY TIME WEEK XX

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

Saturday 22nd August 2020 6.00 pm -Vigil Mass at St. Philip's Offerton
Also Mass in Polish at St Peter's at 6 00 p.m.

Sunday 23rd August 2020 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00 am Sr. Helen Mary McKeown RIP

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Readings *Isaiah 22: 19-23; Psalm137; Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20*

ROSARY AT 5 00 p.m

Monday 24th August 2020 - St Bartholomew

12 noon. Muriel Christie

Readings: *Apocalypse 21:9-14;Psalm 144; John 1:45-51*

Tuesday 25th August 2020 -

12 noon. Bill Cousins

Readings: *2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17; Psalm 95; Matthew 23:23-26*

Wednesday 26th August Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God

12 noon. Richard Teefey

Readings: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18; Psalm 127; Matthew 23:27-32*

Thursday 27th August 2020 St. Monica

12 Noon John Kelly

Readings: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalm 144;Matthew 24:42-51*

Friday 28th August 2020 St. Augustine

12 Noon Marie & Fred Carr

Readings: *1 Corinthians 1:17-25, Psalm 32; Matthew 25:1-13*

Saturday 29nd August 2020 - The Beheading of John the Baptist

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

12 noon Vera Hogan, Sarah & John McKenna

Readings: *Jeremiah 1:17-19; Psalm 70; Mark 6:17-29*

This Saturday Mass a 12 noon will also use the texts for Sunday

6 00 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Philip's Offerton

Also Mass in Polish at St Peter's at 6 00 p.m.

Sunday 30th August 2020 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00 am Seamus Gallogly

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Readings: *Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27;*

ROSARY AT 5 00 p.m

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: Joseph Mulvey (Funeral at the Crematorium on Friday September 4th)

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Fr Chris Jenkins, Catherine (Kate) Ashton, Norman James, John Melia, Gerard Melia, Maria Walker and Michael Bradley.

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.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'. 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God'. Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

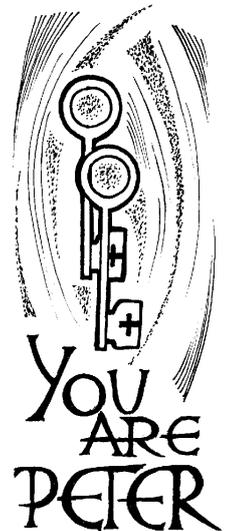
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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. 'Who do you say I am?' What is your response to Jesus?
3. How does this affect your daily living?

Take time to praise God for his revealing Jesus to you.

For Conversation:

The responsibilities your faith/your community's faith bring.



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. 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.

YOU MUST NOW WEAR FACE COVERING WHILST YOU ARE IN CHURCH

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

For Mass at St Philip's on Saturday evening the same rules apply but you should contact David Smith. david.smith7220@ntlworld.com

MASSES IN ST PHILIP'S

For the time being there will only be the Saturday evening Mass in St Philip's but I will look at it again at the end of September. The main reason for this is that we are still getting around 150 people coming to Mass during the week via the web streaming and it is not possible to do this from St Philip's. There are quite a few places where the church has not yet reopened so people are still tuning into to watch our Masses.

CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATIONS IN CHURCH

The Government guidance on the Opening of Churches for Public Worship³ requires that the number of people attending "life-cycle ceremonies" is **capped at 30 people**. "Life-cycle Ceremonies" are defined as "religious ceremonies to mark rites of passage, such as Baptism, Weddings and Funerals, which are separate, self-contained ceremonies as opposed to marking a life cycle event or rite in the course of routine communal worship." For Baptisms only **ONE** family is allowed at each celebration

For the purposes of Mass on Sundays and weekdays the number allowed to attend in **St Peter's is 38** and **20 in St Philip's**. This is based on social distancing of 2 metres between people. When more than one person attends from the same household then they may sit together as one. We ask that if you are attending as a single or just two persons then leave the side benches free for family groups. The choir gallery is available.

Singing by the congregation is not allowed at the moment but we are expecting some guidance soon on singing by a cantor or small group

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next meeting of the Bereavement group will be on Tuesday 1st September The tentative plan is to meet for 12 mid-day Mass and then have socially distanced Fish and Chips afterwards or if not possible we'll be back on Zoom on the same day at 2 PM. Watch this space!

FOOTSTEPS

The next Footsteps talk is on Thursday September 24th with Mary Hardiman as the speaker. This will take place in church and be streamed live. A few people will be able to attend and we will publish the arrangements shortly.

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 £334-50 plus a donation of £200 plus around £900 per week by Standing Orders and on line giving at the moment.. 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

CHURCH CLEANING

Church cleaning Team 6 is on duty this week.

From Fr Peter.

Thank you to all of you who continue to let us know that you are coming to Mass here in St Peter's or in St Philip's. It is important to let us know so that we don't go over the standard number for church and more importantly that we can track and trace anybody who has attended Mass here in the event of someone becoming ill. The same also applies for St Philip's. Equally important is if you do book a place and then become unable to take up the booking for whatever reason then please let us know, especially for Masses at the weekend.

It has, so far, been a quieter week, not that I am complaining. Even the hospital phone has been quieter. (That will probably change now I have said that!) (It did)

Well at least the government resolved some of the mess they made over the A level results and so further congratulations to those who have been 'upgraded.' Hopefully those of you who received your GCSE (O Levels in old money!) results this week will not have had the same problems. Congratulations to all.

One thing that has become apparent over the last few months is that we do not have an up to date parish census. We want to try and do something about this over the next few months. In these 'technological' days, the way forward seems to be t'internet and so the next parish census will be done on line and you will be invited soon to enter your details via '**Church Suite**' which is a programme specially tailored for the us of parishes like ours. So watch this space.

Apart from that there is not much to report this week except to say I am looking forward to a holiday in September. It has been booked! Unfortunately both Lyme Park and Werneth Low were fully booked so we are going to warmer climes but you don't need to know where!

**Stay well, stay alert,
keep safe, wash your hands
And don't forget your mask!**



Fr Peter