

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR
SEPTEMBER**

That the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:
Jeremiah 20:7-9

PSALM 62:

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God

SECOND READING:
Romans :12.1.2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

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

16, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA Phone 0161 483 3476 Fax 419 9592
www.stpeterscatholic.church www.churchservices.tv/stockport
 Email admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk
 Fr. Peter Sharrocks petersharrocks@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk



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.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - Year A

Divine Office Psalter Week II
ORDINARY TIME WEEK XXII

**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 29th 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 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**

Monday 31st August 2020 - St. Aidan, B and the Saints of Lindisfarne

12 noon. The Hurley Family

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Psalm 118 Luke 4: 16-30

Tuesday 1st September 2020 -

12 noon. Bereavement Group

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2: 10-16; Psalm 144; Luke 4:31-37

World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation

Wednesday 2nd September—

12 noon. Bridie and Frank Barry RIP

Readings: 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Psalm 32; Luke 4: 38-44

Thursday 3rd September 2020 ST GREGORY THE GREAT

12 Noon Gilbert Ireland RIP

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:2-8; Psalm 95;Matthew 16: 13-19

Friday 4th September 2020 St. Cuthbert

12 Noon Page Thanksgiving

Readings: 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5; Psalm 36: Luke 5: 33-39

1 45 p.m. Funeral of Judith Murphy (BY INVITATION ONLY)

6 00 p.m.—8 00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 5th September 2020 -

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

12 noon Eileen and Norman Hadfield 65th Wedding Anv.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 4: 6-15; Psalm 144; Luke 6:1-5

This Saturday Mass at 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 6th September 2020 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00 am People of the Parish

6.00 pm John McCarthy RIP

STEWARDS FOR CHURCH OPENING

We could do with some more volunteers to help with the stewarding when church is open for Mass.

If you can help get in touch with the Parish Office



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: Judith Murphy, Joseph Mulvey (Funeral at the Crematorium on Friday September 4th) We also pray for Fr Con Botter SCJ, a former parish priest of St Joseph's and who was a driving force behind the founding of the Wellspring Centre. We also remember Bishop Brian Noble on what would have been the Silver Jubilee of his Episcopal Ordination in 1995.

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Catherine May, Frank Barry, John Barrow, Gilbert Ireland, Terry Cunningham, Veronica Hogan, Marie Hunt, Mary Hurst, James Gaffney, Seamus Gallogly, John Kane

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.

Baptism: We welcome into our Parish Community Harry James Torkington who was baptised here last Saturday, please remember Harry and his family in your prayers

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you'. But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviors.

Copyright...1966, 1967 & 1968 by Darton, Longman & Todd, & Doubleday & Co. Inc. and used by permission.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Place yourself in the scene....Notice your thoughts and feelings...when you hear Peter remonstrate with Jesus... when you hear Jesus describe the cost of discipleship.
3. Take time to talk with Jesus about the cross he carried, the cross you are called to carry.



For Conversation:

Times you have wanted to turn away from the difficulties of discipleship – what kept you carrying your cross.

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>

Spare space! Does anyone have space in a garage or shed that could house some carpet for the refugee programme until it is needed. If you could help please contact Carmel O'Malley on 07747145326.

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.

YOU SHOULD NOW WEAR FACE COVERING WHILST YOU ARE IN CHURCH

**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.

THE PARISH CENTRE

This week we received 'guidelines' re the opening of the parish centre. For the time being only groups that hire (i.e. pay to use) the Centre will be allowed in. So the Hazel Grove History Group are hoping to start up again at the end of September and some other similar paying groups like Slimming World will be using the Centre but not parish groups, - don't ask me why because I don't know. Hopefully things will change soon and we will be able to use it for the Alpha course and the SPY group and our other activities.

CATHOLIC PRESS

For some time now, well before 'lockdown' the take up on the Catholic papers such as the Universe and other magazines has been low or non existent so I have decided to stop stocking any of them. If you want a copy of any of the catholic papers then you can take out a subscription to them or ask your local newsagent to provide a copy. For the time being we shall continue to stock 'Bible Alive' but even this is now an endangered species

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Unfortunately, due to the instructions regarding the Parish Centre from the Diocese, we will not be able to have our planned Fish and Chip lunch on the 1st September. We are still going to go ahead with the Mass for the Bereaved at 12 noon that day and then we will be doing our Zoom session at 2pm hopefully, it will not be too long until we can get together again.

ST. PETER'S HELPERS—CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

A massive '**thank you**' to all those who have been practical and telephone helpers over the covid crisis so far. Since the shielding advice changed on 1st Aug, most people have been getting out and about and arranging for their own shopping and errands again. Many of our volunteers are back at work or have school and work commitments from September, so we felt this is a good time to change our way of working.

We hope to move to offering a short term, essential shopping / errands service for those who find themselves suddenly unable to get to the shops, due to sudden illness or the need to isolate. If you are still getting shopping from us, then we will help you to find permanent ways of doing this.

NOBODY WILL BE LEFT WITHOUT HELP IF THEY NEED IT!

PLEASE DO LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED ONGOING HELP AND WE WILL HELP YOU!

You can email us stpetershelpers@gmail.com or phone the church and leave a message.

The telephone support system has been amazing and will continue for now, but we have ideas for how we can change and improve this side of the Helpers.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE, PLEASE JOIN OUR ZOOM MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPT AT 7.30PM. You can email us to receive the link or, preferably, **sign up here** <https://forms.gle/Y72BjyGLk9BzF995A> (you can also join by phone).

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.

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 £430 plus a donation of £200 plus around £900 per week by Standing Orders and on line giving at the moment.. We also acknowledge a cheque for £1000 from someone giving their year's offertory collection in one 'go'. Many thanks. 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 STILL 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

From Fr Peter.

Not the best week for weather but it usually improves when the schools reopen!! We wish all our schools with their staff and pupils every blessing for the new academic year that begins this week. A special word of encouragement goes to those who are starting at new schools or colleges this week where we hope you will soon settle down in your new surroundings. We hope that you don't find things too strange with all the restrictions that are currently in place.

I also hope that more will start finding their way back to Mass at the weekends especially the family groups. Our youngsters have been conspicuous by their absence so I hope we will start to see you again soon. Sunday Mass is an important part of being a Catholic despite the current restrictions. Don't forget to e mail into book a place. On the next two pages of this newsletter there is an interesting reflection by Celia Bermingham about the place of the Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the lives of us as Catholics.

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.

Just one week to go before myself and Fr Feeney are off on our little break, this year minus 'Fitz'. At least we got our money back for his fare off the ferry company when we told them he had gone to the 'kennel in the sky'. Unfortunately we are not going on a ferry either now, I wonder where we will end up this year?

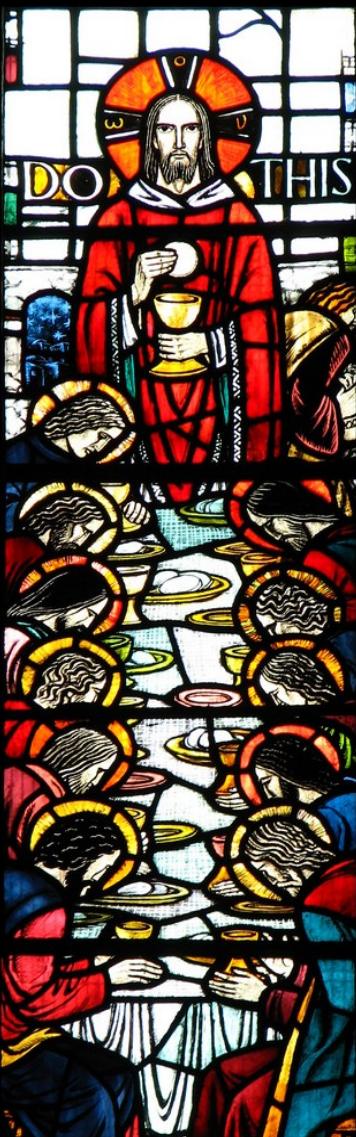


Stay well,
keep safe,

stay alert,
wash your hands

And don't forget your mask!

A RETURN TO THE SACRAMENTS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION



For many the pandemic, Covid 19, has put a strain on our Church going, the practice of our faith, our reception of the Sacraments and

the way we live our lives. Almost from the outset, gathering in buildings was forbidden and so, for practicing church goers, the pandemic changed our behaviour, not because we wanted it changed but because it was a necessity to keep as many as possible free of the disease. No longer could we go to our church, be present at Mass, receive Jesus in Holy Communion or adore Jesus present in the

Blessed Sacrament.

Many new ideas and arrangements were planned and organised to give us the opportunity to worship, reflect, pray and keep God in mind. The use of the Internet, the radio and social media made it possible for any who wished, to keep in touch with their own local

church or churches throughout the world. We've mixed and matched; we've chosen and rejected; we've approved and criticised and we've become used to doing our own thing. We've worshipped and prayed in our own way assisted by these virtual services and reflections. We've attended Masses from many parts of the world or from our own parish church. We've even made virtual pilgrimages and days of Recollection or Retreats. We've had many people and communities offering ways of keeping in touch with a life of prayer and with our God. Many feel happy with this new state of affairs and seem to feel that if this was good enough for the time of 'lockdown'

it can be continued into the future.

Whilst it is true that the internet has been a blessing and has helped many to pray, to worship and to feel linked to God many seem to have forgotten that we have been deprived of one of the most precious things left by Christ, the Sacraments. It is true that we can make an act of Spiritual Communion and we can make acts of contrition but neither of these can replace the Sacraments of Holy Communion or of Reconciliation.

Some will ask why. Some will reject my thoughts and tell me that I'm not keeping up with the times.

Some will say that they felt spiritually fulfilled with the internet input and see no reason to change. Some will feel that what was good enough for the 'lockdown' is good enough for the future and some others will see no reason to spend time going to a church building when they can simply open a computer. This is inevitable but sad for the Sacramental life of the church is the way to God, left to us by Jesus and the way in which we meet him personally, find his mercy, receive him and meet and share all this with our parish family.

To receive Jesus in Holy Communion, during Holy Mass, is the ultimate union with God. Jesus wanted us to know him, know him intimately and how could we be more intimate than at the time of receiving Jesus. When we receive him we hold him just as Mary held and nursed him and as Joseph cuddled him. How could we be closer to God than that and how can we think that anything could better than? Spiritual Communion is wonderful and is an accepted way of keeping ourselves in God's presence during the day. It is an old established devotion but it is not a Sacrament and we need the Sacraments.

The reception of Holy Communion, after months of deprivation, has been seen for many as the greatest gift they could ever receive. Once more Jesus has come into their very being, their body and their soul, in a tangible way; a way ordained by Jesus himself for he said, at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me." Once more they have been able to entertain Jesus as a guest. Once more they have joined him at the Last Supper and been with him on Calvary. Once more they have shared with the disciples the supper at Emmaus and rejoiced at once more being in his presence. And, not only that but they have shared this experience with others who have been deprived and who make up the church community which was envisaged by Jesus himself when he said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

The other Sacrament we have been deprived of is the precious Sacrament of Reconciliation. Just because we couldn't visit the church does not mean that we have not offended God. It does not mean that we are suddenly free of all guilt. It does not mean that we have not rejected God in small or in more serious ways. It does not mean that the commandments and our Christian obligation to be like Christ have been suspended. In fact, if we are totally honest, most of us will find plenty to regret and for which to feel remorse.

Again it is true that we can pray at any time for forgiveness; ask God to forgive us and try to amend our ways but there is nothing more beautiful than, having spoken of our waywardness to Christ, in the person of a priest, we hear the words of absolution spoken in the name of Jesus himself; spoken for Jesus himself.

The certainty of God's forgiveness is so beautiful and so consoling that nothing can compare.



The return to the normal practice of our faith, within the Church community is something we must seek and strive for within the limits set by those in authority. We must cling to our need for the Sacraments and the Mass as well as the need for our Christian community.

We can and should pray anywhere and at any time but the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and his forgiving Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation must be at the centre of our spiritual lives.

Lord, we have missed your Sacramental presence in our lives. We know that you are with us always but your gift of the Sacraments was a special one intended to give us the opportunity to be with you just as were those who walked with you in Galilee. The Eucharist joins us with you at the Last Supper and the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation puts us as close to you as the ones whose sins you forgave during your time on earth.

Grant us the gift of true faith in these blessings which you left for us in the hands of the Apostles and their successors. May we have the joy and the opportunity to receive these gifts frequently now that they are once more available. Grant us the gift of needing you Sacramentally and in the community, which makes the parish family.

SCIENCE SAYS THAT WE NEED AT LEAST 4 BASIC ELEMENTS TO SURVIVE.

- 1. Water
- 2. Air
- 3. Food
- 4. Light

AND LOOK WHAT THE BIBLE TELLS US ABOUT JESUS.

- 1. I am the Living Water
- 2. I am the Breath of Life
- 3. I am the Bread of Life
- 4. I am the Light of the World

SCIENCE WAS RIGHT, WE NEED JESUS TO LIVE.

FB.com/Gods411

GOOD411