

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR
OCTOBER**

Evangelisation:

This by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church



St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Local
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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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A

Divine Office Psalter Week 11
ORDINARY TIME WEEK XXVI

**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

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel 18:25-28

PSALM 24:

Remember your mercy,
Lord

SECOND READING:

Philippians 2: 1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The sheep that belong to
me listen to my voice,
says the Lord, I know
them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21: 28-32

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

Saturday 26th September

6 00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Philip's Offerton

6.00 pm Mass in Polish at St Peter's

Sunday 27th September 2020 TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00 am Bob and Lorraine Parker- 40th Wedding Anniversary

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Readings: Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2: 1-11, Matthew 21: 28-32

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST

Monday 28th September 2020

12 noon Margaret Williamson RIP

Readings: Job 1: 6-22; Psalm 16; Luke 9: 46-50

Tuesday 29th September 2020 - Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS

12 noon John Grogan RIP

Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Psalm 137; John: 47-51

Wednesday 30th September 2020—St. Jerome, P,D

12 noon Tom Helicon RIP

Readings: 2 Timothy 3: 14-17; Psalm 118; Matthew 13: 47-52

This evening's Rosary at 7 00 p.m. The church will be open for people to attend if you so wish.

Thursday 1st October 2020— St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, V

12 Noon Joe Kinsella RIP

Readings: Job 19: 21-27; Psalm 26; Luke 10: 1-12

Friday 2nd October - Guardian Angels

9.00 am - 9.00 pm EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

12 Noon Don Matthews George—Thanksgiving

Readings: Exodus 23: 20-23; Psalm 90; Matthew 18: 1-5. 10

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE NEEDY AND HUNGRY OF THE WORLD

Saturday 3rd October 2020 -

11 00-11 45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon Albert Fell RIP

Readings: Job 42: 1-3. 5-6. 12-17; Psalm 138; Luke 10: 13-16

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

6 00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Philip's Offerton

6.00 pm Mass in Polish at St Peter's

Sunday 4th October 2020 TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00 am People of the Parish

6.00 pm Benny Grant

Readings: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4: 6-9; Matthew 21: 33-43

ROSARY AT 5.00 PM

DATE FOR DIARY

Friday October 2nd

Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament



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:

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Michael Burke, Joan Kirkby, Ron Bumstead, Stewart Macpherson, Hubert Hardiman, Barry Gooch , John Grogan, Rose Higgins, Teresa O'Toole, Mary Philbin, Bill Cowan, Margaret Reeve, Patrick King, Catherine Henebury, Frances Cavanagh, Sean Bonner, Tom Davies,.

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.

Baptisms:

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 sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today". He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?'

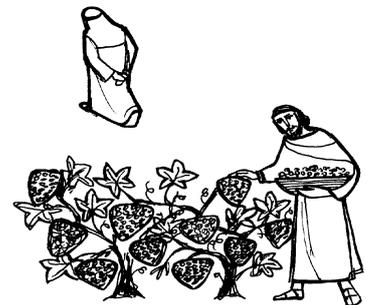
'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. When might you find yourself identifying with the chief priests and the elders?
3. Imagine yourself in the shoes of each of the two sons...What are you feeling...?Thinking...? Where do you feel most comfortable.
4. Take time to pray asking God to show you the action God is calling you to today.

For Conversation:

What helps you/your parish community to move from words to actions.



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.

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

YOU SHOULD NOW WEAR FACE COVERING WHILST YOU ARE IN CHURCH

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

Last 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

Our next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 29th September at 2.00 pm, if you have not joined us before and would like to then please get in touch with Rachel and she will send you the link, or you can connect with us by phone. If you would like to talk to us please do not hesitate to contact us.

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McMillan Coffee Mornings/Afternoons— Because of the new restrictions we will no longer be able to raise money through Coffee Morning or Afternoons. We will send the donations we already have to McMillan, if you wish to make a donation please put it through the Presbytery door.

Parish Day of Prayer. Friday 2nd October 9 am - 9 pm in Church 12 hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Come and be part of our Parish day of prayer and pray for our Parish: our area; our country and our world at this time; and all your own personal intentions. Join for a few minutes or as long as you want. All social distancing and CoVid track and trace measures will be in place throughout the day. There will be a break in Adoration for Mass at 12 midday.

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

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-donor/page/stpeterdioceseofshrewsbury2122>

4 **Offertory Gifts** Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £586 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 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 3 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.**

Church Cleaning Team 5 is on duty this week

ST. PETER'S HELPERS

Update on St Peter's Helpers - the next stage

Thanks for your thoughts and feedback so far, from people who have been involved in St Peter's Helpers from various angles, volunteers, supported people and coordinators. If you have ideas or comments, let us know. We will be keeping an 'urgent response' in place for short term shopping / essentials, but nobody will be left without support if they need it. We are interested in ways of expanding the social / befriending system of phone calls and virtual 'zoom' social support - if you're interested in getting involved, let us know! We are looking at ways of linking with people involved with the SVP and others who help the more vulnerable members of our community.

If you have a little time to get involved with any of this, please email us stpetershelpers@gmail.com or phone the church office and leave a message.

If you would like your details removed from our St Peter's Helpers system, please let us know

Feeling anxious, stressed or low?
There's support in Stockport to help you

If you want to talk <ul style="list-style-type: none">Open Door 0800 138 7276 - 24 hours 7 days Mental health helpline and safe haven (18 years and over)Emotional Wellbeing Hub 0161 217 6028 For anyone up to 25 years, parents and carers weekdays till 4.30pmGreater Manchester Bereavement Service 0161 983 0902 weekdays till 5pmChildline 0800 1111 9am-10.30pm	For Urgent Help <ul style="list-style-type: none">Samaritans Phone 116 123 - 24 hours 7 daysHopeline 0800 068 4141 Suicide prevention service for young people weekdays 9am to 10pm, weekends 2pm to 10pm.Shout Text SHOUT to 85258 Chat with trained crisis volunteers by text message999 In a life-threatening emergency ring 999
Advice or help with financial difficulties, loneliness and getting food <ul style="list-style-type: none">Council Coronavirus Helpline 0161 217 6046 or by text phone on 07860 022 876 weekdays till 4.30pmThe Prevention Alliance 0161 474 1042 weekdays till 4:30pm	Help about drugs, alcohol, gambling <ul style="list-style-type: none">START team 0161 474 3141 (weekdays) Free advice and supportNational Gambling Helpline 0808 8020 133 - 24 hours 7 days

Go online
For more help and advice, self-help resources and details about other local services visit www.stockport.gov.uk/wellbeingcoronavirus

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Stay well, stay alert, keep safe, wash your hands and don't forget your mask!! Fr. Peter



A PASTORAL LETTER

On Testing Times and an Invitation to go to Saint Joseph **To be read at all Masses on Sunday 27th September 2020**

My dear brothers and sisters,

As 2020 dawned, few of us could have imagined the testing times that lay ahead. Times unprecedented in the long story of this Diocese, when in response to public health measures the doors of our churches were closed. During those long weeks between March and June, we saw many initiatives to reach out to the most vulnerable and isolated: we did not forget the poor.ⁱ Amid many restrictions, priests devotedly ministered to the dying. We prayed for the souls of those who had died and for all who mourned the loss of loved ones. During those same months, many remained close to the Church in prayer, not least by the livestreaming of Masses. Some of our churches recorded the largest attendances in their history, albeit virtual attendances. At the Cathedral alone, tens of thousands would share via the internet in the celebration of Easter and Holy Week. Yet, we felt deeply, the loss of the public celebration of the Mass and being unable to fully participate in the Eucharist that is the living heart of our faith.

The long-awaited return came at the beginning of July, with the gradual re-opening of our churches dependent on each parish putting in place stringent, public safety measures. This was an enormous undertaking and must surely stand among the most remarkable achievements in the history of the Diocese. Today, I wish to record the gratitude of the whole Diocese for the work of clergy and parish volunteers together with diocesan officers that enabled us to return with joy to the Holy Eucharist. Alongside key workers in our health and essential services, your generosity deserves to be long remembered.

Times of trial and upheaval can lead people to deeper faith and commitment or tragically to fall away. Like the two sons described in the Gospel, our faith is proved not by sentiment, it is proved by what we do. This is the simple question Jesus asks at the end of Gospel: "*Which did the father's will?*"ⁱⁱ Faithfulness in carrying out our duties and protecting the gift of faith leads me to turn to the example of a man who, through testing times, did all the Lord asked of him. This man is Saint Joseph, to whom the Eternal Father entrusted the care of His only Begotten Son together with His Blessed Mother Mary through the most bitter trials of poverty and exile. To Saint Joseph the whole Church is now entrusted; and we look to him especially as a guide in the life of prayer, so we may be attentive to what the Lord asks of us.

Saint Teresa of Avila wrote, *“If we cannot find a guide to teach us how to pray, let us take this glorious saint as a master and we will not go astray”*.ⁱⁱⁱ How much we need the prayer and example of Saint Joseph! Accordingly, it is to Saint Joseph that I want to entrust the recovery of all the communities of our Diocese from this testing time. Today, I wish to invite the whole Diocese to celebrate a year of prayer dedicated to Saint Joseph from October until the beginning of Advent next year.

The 1st October marks the beginning of the second decade of my service as Bishop of Shrewsbury. On 21st October we will be remembering the first anniversary of the death of Bishop Brian Noble who guided the Diocese through many challenges. We have been warned to anticipate challenging months ahead and so will ask Saint Joseph’s help to discern how best we can each respond to the challenges of our time. Pope Francis reminds us how Saint Joseph responded to his calling *“to be the protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church ... by being constantly attentive to God, open to the signs of God’s presence and attentive to God’s plans not simply his own”*.^{iv} In a similar way, says Pope Francis, we are invited to protect with love all that God has given us. This will be the happiest challenge of the year ahead, that will lead us to *“Go to Joseph”*^v in order to ask his prayers and learn from his example. The Joseph of the Old Testament, whose story is recounted in the Book of Genesis, helped his people in time of famine with the earthly grain that Pharaoh had entrusted to him. In the Gospel, Saint Joseph would be entrusted with the care of Him who is the true Bread come down from Heaven^{vi} and to guard the Holy Family on earth amid every danger. May Saint Joseph help us in testing times, to protect the gifts of faith and grace God has entrusted to us. In imitation of Saint Joseph’s faithfulness, may we do what the Lord asks of us, above all, when we come together in the Mass to do what the Lord Jesus commanded us to do in His memory.^{vii}

Entrusting each of you to the prayers of Saint Joseph,
+ Mark
Bishop of Shrewsbury