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Mother of God  
Local  
Missionary  
Area  
in Stockport

Rejoice and be glad.

### 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:

Apocalypse 7: 2-4,9-14

#### PSALM 23

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord

#### SECOND READING:

1 John 3: 1-3

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 1-12

#### 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

### ALL SAINTS

Year A

Divine Office Psalter Week III

ORDINARY TIME WEEK XXXI

ALL SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM  
ATTENDANCE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASSES POSSIBLE BY PRE BOOKING.  
YOU NO LONGER NEED TO BOOK FOR WEEKDAYS

(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)

#### Saturday 31st October 2020

11.00-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12 Noon People of the Parish  
Readings: *Philippians 1: 18-26; Psalm 41: Luke 14: 1.7-11*  
This Saturday Mass at 12 Noon will use the texts for Sunday.  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Phillip's ,Offerton  
6.00 pm Mass in Polish at St. Peter's

#### Sunday 1st November - ALL SAINTS

10.00 am Deceased members of the Begley, Brennan and Marshall Families  
6.00 pm Grant Lacey RIP  
Readings: *Apocalypse 7: 2-4,9-14; Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12*

#### Monday 2nd November - THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

12 noon Deceased members of the Begley, Mannion and Smyth families  
Readings: *Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 26, St. Paul 5:5-11; Matthew 11:25-30*

#### Tuesday 3rd November St. Winefride, V

12 noon Martha Armstrong Intention  
Readings: *Song of Songs 8: 6-7; Psalm 44; Matthew 25: 1-13*

#### Wednesday 4th November 2020 St. Charles Borromeo, B

12 noon Sister Irene McKeown Birthday Intention  
Readings: *Philippians 2:12-18; Psalm 26; Luke 14: 25-33*

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

#### Thursday 5th November 2020

12 noon John Carroll RIP  
Readings: *Philippians 3: 3-8; Psalm 104; Luke 15: 1-10*

#### Friday 6th November 2020

12 Noon Anne Burnett  
Readings: *Philippians 3: 17-4: 1; Psalm 121; Luke 15: 1-10*

#### 6-8 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Saturday 7th November 2020

11.00-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12 Noon Michael Bradley Jnr. RIP  
Readings: *Philippians 4: 10-19; Psalm 111; Luke 16: 9-15*  
This Saturday Mass at 12 Noon will use the texts for Sunday.  
6.00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Phillip's ,Offerton  
6.00 pm Mass in Polish at St. Peter's

#### Sunday 8th November 2020 - THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00 am People of the Parish  
6.00 pm Leo Joseph Netto  
Readings: *Wisdom 6: 12-16; Psalm 62; Thessalonians 4: 13-18, Matthew 25: 1-13*

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL VICTIMS OF WAR

MONDAY  
ALL SOULS DAY  
Church will be open  
from 10 00 a.m.—12 noon  
and 6 00 p.m.—8 00 p.m.  
for private prayer and reflection

Please reserve a  
place for Mass  
on Monday by e  
mail or phone

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



**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:** Kay Coleman, Damien Byrne and John Carroll

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Rose Revie, Angela Rhodes, Anne Davidson, Margaret Wills, Gerard Morrell, Thomas Simmon, Ikere Heap, Bernard Gibbs, George Normansell, Patricia Roper, Ted Nestor, Bernard O'Gara, Margaret Kenny, Bernard Smith, Frank Scholey, William Keenan, Winifridde Cartwright.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Parish Community Lennon Jack Anthony Dempsey who was baptised here last weekend, please remember Lennon and his family in your prayers.

**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.*

### All Saints

#### Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

"How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy are those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the prophets before you."

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### For Conversation:

The Saints you've encountered who have been an inspiration to you

Rejoice and be glad.

### ST PHILIP'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Because of the current situation it is not possible to welcome visitors to school but St Philip's have put together a 'virtual tour' of the school for prospective parents and you can find it on

**<https://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/virtual-tour-of-the-school/>**

### REFUGEE PROJECT—URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

[https://act.refugee-action.org.uk/page/67081/action/1?ea.tracking.id=Twitter-sharing&en\\_chan=tw](https://act.refugee-action.org.uk/page/67081/action/1?ea.tracking.id=Twitter-sharing&en_chan=tw)

Under the Home Office scheme Refugee families are waiting to come to their new homes in England. However the government has put a block on their travel for months during the pandemic. Shrewsbury Caritas has asked us to get in contact with our MP's to call for an end to this restriction. Please will you click on the above link, fill in the petition and send it off to your MP. We are as ready as we can be to welcome a family into our community and it would be a blessing for them to have their misery brought to an end.

### ST PETER'S HELPERS

We are providing an 'emergency essential shopping / errands service', for those people who are suddenly unable to get to the shops, due to sudden illness or the need to self isolate.

**How to place a request for an emergency shop / errand:** You can email us on [stpeter-shelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpeter-shelpers@gmail.com) or if you do not have email, please call the church office on 0161 483 3476. We aim to respond within 24 hours.

If you need help more urgently, or do not have email, please call the church office on 0161 483 3476

## ATTENDING MASS AT ST PETERS

DURING THE WEEK YOU NO LONGER NEED TO BOOK, BUT YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN A TRACK AND TRACE FORM. BOOKING IS STILL REQUIRED FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASSES preferably by emailing [admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk). or you can phone 483 3476, but e-mailing is the best

E mail [admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk](mailto:admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk) if you want to come to Mass

**PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY OTHER PHONE NUMBERS TO BOOK PLACES AT MASS**  
St Peter's Church is now registered with the government track and trace mobile app, and users of the app can scan the QR code at the door to check in. Anybody not using the app should continue to sign in on paper. This is for all Masses and services in church.

**For Mass at St Philip's on Saturday evening the same rules apply but you should contact David Smith. [david.smith7220@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.smith7220@ntlworld.com)**

**YOU SHOULD NOW WEAR FACE COVERING WHILST YOU ARE IN CHURCH**

### IMPORTANT NOTE FOR BOOKING MASSES

**Could I ask that when you ask to come to Mass over the weekend you only ask for one of the three Masses, Saturday lunchtime, Sunday morning or Sunday evening. Whilst we have not yet had to turn anyone away the Saturday and Sunday morning Masses are getting close to capacity and it would seem a pity if some are getting two Masses and others none. If you wish to attend Saturday and Sunday please indicate your preference and if there is still room at your second choice we will let you know on the day.**

### MONDAY IS ALL SOULS DAY

Tomorrow, Monday, is All Souls Day when we make a special effort to remember in prayer those who have died. Because we cannot invite all those who have been bereaved this year to Mass because of the restriction on numbers the church will be open for private prayer from 10 00 a.m. until Mass at 12 noon and then in the evening from 6 00 p.m.—8 00 p.m. We have written to the recently bereaved to invite them to this and to be able to light a candle. Everyone may join in this time of prayer and you can as usual place the name of any friend or relative who has died in the basket by the altar where it will remain throughout the month of November—the month of the Holy Souls.

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 10th November, 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. We have a really good chat and always a laugh, plus prayer and reflection. If you would like to talk to us please do not hesitate to contact us. Please get in touch if you would like to know more about the Zoom meeting.

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### SHINE.... Now's the time to shine!

We are hoping to produce another issue of Shine, our magazine that highlights what's going on in our two parish communities and we're looking to you to share items of interest. We're not looking to focus on COVID-19, but rather to inspire people. So here are some ideas to consider:

- ✦ Have you started any new hobbies?
- ✦ Any exciting family news you can share?
- ✦ If you're involved in any parish group, how have you adapted in recent months?  
If you managed to get away for a few days, did you do anything unusual?

This is the time to get your thinking caps on and share something interesting, cheerful or heartwarming. We're looking to publish Issue 12 of Shine at Christmas, so the very last day for sending your contributions will be Sunday 29 November. Words and pictures, please to [terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk). We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

### SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY

The next meeting of the **Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality** will be held on Sunday 8th November 2020 at 2pm via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 925 6607 8129

<https://zoom.us/j/92566078129?pwd=bVI2L3B5alZKRnVmaE5pYU9JNFUrdz09>

You can also call in if you don't have access to zoom, on 0330 088 5830. Please send any requests for the password, apologies or items for the agenda to [secretary@teamsrewardsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamsrewardsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 214994. **Please pass on the details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.**

### ST. PETERS'S PARISH BOOK CLUB

We have had our first Zoom meeting and have decided that our focus read for this month is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett - it is set over the course of five decades and is a dark fairy tale about two people who cannot overcome their past.

We would also like to recommend, *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman, *Those who are Loved* by Victoria Hislop, *Somebody I Used to Know* by Wendy Mitchell, *The Secret Supper* by Javier Sierra and *My Grandmother Sends Her Regards and Apologies* by Frederik Backman

We will be meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm** - please email [ajmcgarr68@outlook.com](mailto:ajmcgarr68@outlook.com) or telephone Alison McGarr 07792 017152 if you would like to be sent the Zoom link.

**Offertory Gifts** Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £432.30 plus around £1000 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

**Church Cleaning** Team 4 is on duty this week

### CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund)

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish website. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

There will be an extra basket in the porch next weekend for this collection. Many thanks

The Bishop writes

*Thank you for reading about the Clergy Education and Training Fund and for your interest in helping future generations of priests. I know there are many calls on your generosity during this public health crisis, and so I ask you to help however you are able the men who are coming forward to serve the mission of the Diocese. This is in every sense an investment in the future of our Shrewsbury Diocese and its life and mission in the years to come. With every good wish Mark, Bishop of Shrewsbury*

### **FROM FR PETER**

Well, things do not seem too be getting any better with the rate of infection continuing to go up when we had hoped it would come down. There is talk in the papers today of a new National Lockdown. We hope that it will not include our churches where we have worked hard to make them safe places to come. We are grateful to our teams of volunteer stewards who keep the place clean and sanitised and ready for use. We hope and pray that things will improve in the coming weeks.

Today marks the beginning of November and the lovely encouragement of the feast of All Saints when we can reflect on the call to holiness that we all received in our Baptism. We must not forget that that being a saint is not restricted to those who have been canonised by the church—we are all called to be saints.

November is the month the church sets aside for prayers for the faithful departed. Bereavement is always difficult and never more so than in the last six months when families have not been able to be present with a loved one who has been dying nor able to celebrate a funeral in the way they would have liked. We have written to all the families who have had funerals from St Peters in the past year inviting them to come to church for a short visit and prayer on Monday—All Souls Day. Normally we would have invited them to attend Mass but this is not possible because of the restrictions this year. However the names of those whose funerals have taken place here will be displayed on Monday and read out during the 12 noon Mass. There will also be a basket by the altar throughout November for you to place the names of your loved ones whom you wish to be remembered during the November Masses.

I am still hoping that we will be able to arrange for our youngsters to receive the sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion before too long. They have been waiting—patiently - since Easter time. Our co-ordinator for First Sacraments will be getting in touch with the families soon and we hope to arrange a Zoom meeting soon.

It looks as if the Confirmation group will have to wait a while yet until the bishop resumes his programme..

Any way stay safe, well, wear a mask and wash your hands

Fr Peter



*'It's the first time he's been in the top tier for anything.'*