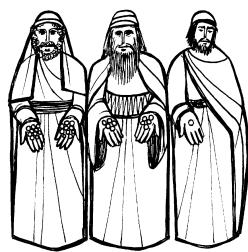


That the progress of robotics
and artificial intelligence may
always serve humankind



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 31: 10-13;19-20,
30-31

PSALM 127

O blessed are those who
fear the Lord

SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6;

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia

Make your home in me ,
as I make mine in you,says
the Lord. Whoever re-
mains in me bears fruit in
plenty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25: 14-30

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

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

BECAUSE OF THE LOCKDOWN OUR CHURCHES ARE CLOSED AT THE
MOMENT EXCEPT FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AT ST PETERS ON SATUR-
DAY MORNING AND FRIDAY EVENING

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

Divine Office Psalter Week 1
ORDINARY TIME WEEK XXXIII

ALL SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM

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 14th November 2020

11.00-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **CHURCH OPEN**

12 Noon Catherine, Frank and Lisa May

Readings: 3 John 5-8; Psalm 111; Luke 18: 1-8

This Saturday Mass at 12 Noon will use the texts for Sunday

Sunday 15th November 2020 - THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00 am Ritschi Family RIP

Readings: Proverbs 31:10-13;19-20:30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6;
Matthew 25: 14-30

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR

Monday 16th November 2020

12 noon Arthur Scanlon

Readings: Apocalypse 3: 1-6.14-22; Psalm 14, Luke 19: 11-28

Tuesday 17th November 2020

12 noon Tom Helicon RIP

Readings: Apocalypse 3: 1-6.14-22; Psalm 14; Luke 19: 1-10

Wednesday 18th November 2020 The Dedication fo the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul, Ap

12 noon Eugene Reynolds

Readings: Apocalypse 4: 1-11; Psalm 150; Luke 19: 1-10

Thursday 19th November 2020

12 noon Deceased Members of the Donaghy and Welsh families

Readings: Apocalypse 5: 1-10; Psalm 149; Luke 19: 41-44

Friday 20th November 2020

12 Noon Nellie Waring RIP

6-8 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **CHURCH OPEN**

Readings: Apocalypse 10: 8-11; Psalm 118; Luke 19: 45-48

Saturday 21st November 2020 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE PANDEMIC

11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **CHURCH OPEN**

12 Noon Richard O'Connell RIP

Readings: Zechariah 2: 14-17; Psalm Luke 1; Matthew 12: 46-50

This Saturday Mass at 12 Noon will use the texts for Sunday

Sunday 22nd November 2020 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,KING OF THE UNIVERSE

10.00 am Rose O'Connell

Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-12.15-17; Psalm 22; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28;

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: Ian Hall, Devon Burgess and Dorothy McPartland. Damian Byrne's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday November 27th at 11 00 a.m.

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Celia Barrow, Thomas Geeling, Tony Hurley, Alan Haines, John Brady, Margaret Buttle, Patricia More, Heather Kershaw, Margaret Dunne, David Hurley, Anthony Jackson, Susan Hall, Margaret Waldron.

Baptisms:

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.

IF ANYONE WANTS TO ADD NAMES OF THE DEAD FOR THE HOLY SOULS BASKET BY THE ALTAR YOU CAN E MAIL THEM IN OR WRITE THEM ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND PUT THROUGH THE LETTER BOX OF THE PRESBYTERY AND THEY WILL BE PLACED IN THE BASKET

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

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

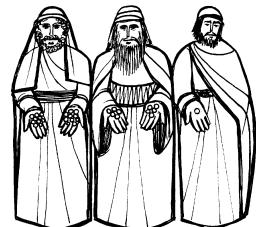
'The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness". Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness". Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

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. As you reflect on this parable, what is Jesus saying to you?
3. Take time in prayer – to thank God for the 'talents' given to you
4. For an ever deepening understanding of how you might use them in working for God's kingdom, for passing on what you have received.

For Conversation:

The fears that block us living out our Christian responsibilities



Praise & Worship

We are delighted that Praise & Worship will take place online this coming Friday evening 20th November 2020 at 7.30pm. We will have uplifting music from Fran & Dave Fitton and are pleased to welcome Tony O'Neill as our speaker for the evening. Tony's talk will be about the key features of his Spiritual Journey/Life over the last ten years. He believes that we are all called to journey towards our union with God in Heaven and that, in this life, our journey has three key interlocking and supportive elements. These are developing personal SPIRITUALITY, sharing in COMMUNITY with other Christians and MISSION. Our gathering will take place via zoom and if you would like to take part please email laurasmall92@outlook.com and a link to enable you to join will be sent out to you closer to the time.

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 stpetershelpers@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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 24th 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. We also have a Zoom on Tuesday 17th November for those who are recently bereaved, it starts at 7.45—8.45 Please get in touch if you would like to know more about the Zoom meetings

Helen 07854928072 helenlyons1957@hotmail.co.uk
Rachel 07724749217 rachelemckay@icloud.com.

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. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

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 or telephone Alison McGarr 07792 017152 if you would like to be sent the Zoom link.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Many of our parishioners purchase Christmas wreaths from me at the annual Christmas Fair. I am still making them this year and I am willing to deliver them to your home address should you wish to purchase.

Items for Sale:

Red door wreaths £10 White door wreath £10 Natural door wreath £12 Grave wreath £7 Crem Pots £5
Crem bars £5

Pictures can be seen of St Peters Facebook page and Colette Christie Floristry facebook page

Please contact me on 07714470854 or by email leaving details of your order, date of delivery and address.

STOCKPORT FOODBANK

We have had an URGENT request from the Foodbank asking for parishioners to leave food in the baskets at Sainsbury's or Asda or if you prefer send a cheque to them at Hazel Grove Baptist Church, Station Street, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4EX.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We are planning to decorate the benches in the Church at Christmas with knitted Christmas tree bunting. We will need about 200 tress knitted to decorate all the benches. Ann Munnely will then attach them to ribbon,to make sure they are all the right size. If you are able to knit and have time to help please contact Ann ann.munnely@gmail.com or call 01625 874488. Ann is happy to get you the wool. The pictures and a pattern can be found on the Parish Website. On the Newsletter section.

LISTENING TO MASS VIA THE PHONE

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.

The automated voice will say "Please enter the meeting password followed by Hash"

Then dial: 99#

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.

ALPHA

Alpha Online starts on Thursday 26th November 7.30 PM via Zoom. Why not give it a try? For more details contact mckay7897@hotmail.com

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults is an essential part of our ministry as a parish and concerns all of us. Unfortunately Ali Wrigley is stepping down as our Parish Safeguarding representative/officer. If anybody would like to know more about this position with a view to taking it on then speak to Fr Peter

Offertory Gifts Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £458.10 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

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

At this time of the year the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund is held. If you can give anything to this fund please put it in an envelope and post through the presbytery letter box or go on line .

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

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.

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

Not the best week of lockdown with the report from the Independent Enquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church. It has been a terrible ordeal for those who have suffered abuse from the clergy and our prayers and our hearts go out to them. There can be no more of it and we clergy have to do our best to maintain the highest standards of behaviour and there can be no covering up of offences committed by our fellow clergy. You can read the full report at iicsa.org.uk. It is not a good read. Cardinal Nicholls does not come out of it very well and neither do a few others.

If that report was not enough then the Vatican published their report on the McCarrick affair which details the rise up the hierarchy of the former Archbishop of Washington. Nobody seemed to admit to knowing anything until it was too late. It is strange that there was no alert to his behaviour because when someone is considered for appointment as a bishop all sorts of people get a very detailed questionnaire about them to be sent back to the Papal Nuncio. I fear someone along the line didn't tell anything near the truth about him and all sorts of young people have paid the price. The full 461 pages of the report in English can be found on the Vatican website

http://www.vatican.va/resources/resources_rapporto-card-mccarrick_20201110_en.pdf

I don't know what is going on in the US presidential election. The counting seems to have stopped and despite his apparent win Mr Biden has not been declared the victor but that has not stopped him from calling the various world leaders to introduce himself. Mr Trump meanwhile has been improving his golf handicap whilst still protesting about the alleged cheating in the elections . It all makes our elections look very tame in comparison. Thank God for our Head of State who is above all that sort of thing.

Poignant scenes in Westminster Abbey this week for the 100th anniversary of the burial of the Unknown Soldier. I thought the Archbishop of Canterbury spoke well and it was a well put together service. What a pity more could not attend but many will have joined in through the television coverage. After this weekend there will be two more Sundays of lockdown and then hopefully we will be able to get back to the 'new normal' and start planning for the feast. I anticipate that most of our regular Christmas congregation will have to join us on line and we will do our best to make suitable provision for that so watch this space.

In the mean time stay well, wash your hands, wear a mask etc etc.



Fr Peter

Some of you will know Celia Bermingham from the Guided Prayer Weeks and from time to time she will be sending us some articles for reflection on our prayer lives. Here's the first so find a quiet 10 minutes during lockdown and have a read. If you are working from home then nobody will know what you are reading!!!

PETER RABBIT AND ENID BLYTON

As an introduction for those who do not know me, I have been trained as a Spiritual Director and Prayer Guide as well as a Retreat Director. This does not mean that I am an expert, I'm not! I try, I fail and I occasionally experience. I hope that I attempt to persevere and practice what I suggest to others.

REFLECTION: Here are a few questions and which will clarify the title of this article. When you were little, what books did you read? What radio/TV programmes did you follow? What music did you like? What food did you like?

Now think about your First Confession and Communion days. Can you remember the prayers you were taught? The formula you were asked to repeat in confession? The sins you mentioned?

Can you remember the prayers of thanksgiving after Holy Communion which you were taught? Do you remember the morning and night prayers which you said?

Now, let us go back to the first questions. Do you still read the same books? Do you still watch the same TV? Do you still like the same food and the same music? Indeed, are you able remember any of these things?

Now let us move on.

Say, if you can, the formula you were taught for Confession. Say the prayers of thanksgiving after Holy Communion that you were taught.

Now comes the important question: how do your present prayers at morning and night differ from those of your childhood? Do they in fact differ at all? You can probably see where I'm heading. We grow physically, emotionally and intellectually and expect to continue to grow/change/develop/evolve as we get older. And that is good but have we made the same growth, development and evolution in our spiritual life, our prayer life or have we remained children?

I had a very weird and disconcerting experience some time ago. I was in Walsingham and decided to go to confession. I entered the confessional and was shocked. I started in the way I've used for some time by making the sign of the cross and, taking a passage of scripture, which had been on my mind and in my prayer, and said that I felt that I was missing the mark and not coming up to scratch and I was ready to elucidate.

The priest had other ideas. 'You haven't asked for a blessing!'

'Oh! Sorry!'

'When were you last at confession?'

I told him that at a guess it was.....!!

'Tell me your sins.'

Well, this threw me as I'd been concentrating on an area of my spiritual life which seemed to me to need improvement so I mentioned the area. This really did not satisfy him so I added, for his benefit, 'I am sorry for all the sins of my life.' Without a break, he gave me absolution, told me to pray for the grace of discernment and understanding of the sacrament, added a penance and dismissed me. There was no talk or discussion; no effort to help me to find the reason for my weaknesses; no interest in me as a penitent; no questioning as to why I approached reconciliation as I did. He wanted a format, a ritual, a pattern that he could recognize.

I left the Confessional feeling as I had felt on my first confession day, disappointed. Forgiven, I believed, because that was what I had been taught but not loved. Sadly, I felt that this Confessor had not grown up!!!!

I don't believe that Jesus needed a format when he forgave sinners. He just wanted them to come to him, whole-heartedly and with the desire to be forgiven and healed. That's why I have changed my approach to Reconciliation and why I'm sad that mature people need to use a book for an examination of conscience. Children do need to be helped to understand relationships and to see how they have failed others, not loved others, and have deviated from the way Christ showed us. Adults shouldn't need help, not if they have grown up in their faith and in their love of God. If you love someone, you don't need a book to tell you how you have hurt or offended them! We need to grow up in our spiritual life and approach Jesus as a very special friend. And so often we feel dis-satisfied with our prayer

life because we have stayed in one spot for too long. But what can we do about it?

Perhaps you can see why this session is titled Peter Rabbit and Enid Blyton. If we get stuck with the prayers which we were taught and we never progress or grow up then we'll never establish a relationship with God, with Jesus. However, as I said at the beginning, I'm not an expert. I simply try to be in touch with God. I fail most of the time. I search for ways and means and trust that by doing so He will guide me. But it seems to me that:

PRAYER HAS TO BE ADULT.

EXERCISE: As an aid to growing up in prayer, may I suggest the following:

SET ASIDE ABOUT HALF AN HOUR

LIGHT A CANDLE:

INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE WITH YOU

READ: PSALM 23. THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD.

SETTLE COMFORTABLY and read and re-read this Psalm.

Here the Psalmist prays to God for his needs but also acknowledges that, without being asked, God gives him all that he wants and needs.

As you consider what the Psalmist says, try and speak to God of your needs, your gratitude and your understanding of his goodness to you. Make it a personal prayer. Make it a grown-up prayer; a personal conversation between you and Jesus. Make it a real meeting between you and God; you and Jesus.

In the coming weeks we shall see that Prayer also has to be:

PRAYER HAS TO BE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD/JESUS.

WORK AND SERVICE HAS TO FLOW FROM PRAYER.

HELP PROTECT BABIES WITH CLEFT LIP, CLEFT PALATE AND CLUB FOOT

Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected.

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.