

That the Lord gives us the grace  
to live in full fellowship with  
our brothers and sisters of  
other religions, praying for one  
another, open to all

# 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

If you wish to attend Mass at St Peters on Saturday or Sunday then you should reserve a place by e mailing admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk.

If you wish to attend Mass at St Philip's on Saturday evening then you should e mail david.smith7220@ntlworld.com

## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 4 Year B

### Divine Office Psalter Week 4

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS 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. The Rosary is not open for people to attend but just broadcast over the internet.



## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

### PSALM 94

O that today you would  
listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts

### SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia Alleluia!

The people that lived in  
darkness has seen a great  
light; on those who dwell  
in the land and shadow of  
death a light has dawned

### GOSPEL READING:

Mark 1:21-28

### 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 in the  
sacristy during Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
on Saturdays and subject  
to social distancing

### Saturday 30th January 2021

Readings; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19;; Psalm Luke 1:69-75; Mark 4:35-41

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Audrey Judge

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips

6.00 pm Polish Mass

### Sunday 31st January - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice

10.00 am David Watkins

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 94; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

### Monday 1st February 2021

12 Noon Michael Doyle (sick)

Readings: Hebrews 11:32-40; Psalm 30; Mark 5:1-20

1 30 p.m. Crematorium Service for Joan Knott

### Tuesday 2nd February 2021- PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

12 Noon Mary Clarke

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 23; Hebrews 2:14-18;

Luke 2:22-40

### Wednesday 3rd February 2021 St Werburgh

12 Noon Tom Dorrian

Readings: Hebrews 12:4-7; Psalm 102; Mark 6:1-6.

1 30 p.m. Graveside Service for Carol McCumiskey (Mill Lane)

### Thursday 4th February 2021

12 Noon Cyril Duncan

Readings: Hebrews 11:18-24 Psalm 47; Mark 6:7-13

### Friday 5th February 2021 - St Agatha

12 Noon Spencer & Anne Smith

Readings: Hebrews 13:1-8; Psalm 26; Mark 6:14-29

6 00 P.M.—8 00 P.M. EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### Saturday 6th February 2021 St Paul Mikki & Companions

Readings; Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21; Psalm 22; Mark 6: 30-34

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Celia Ratcliffe

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips

6.00 pm Polish Mass

### Sunday 31st February- FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

10.00 am People of the Parish

6.00 pm Martha Armstrong

Readings: Job 7:1-4,6-7; Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39

**Please remember to  
wear face masks and  
sanitise your hands  
coming in and going  
out of church and keep  
to social distancing in-  
cluding sitting away  
from the aisles as  
much as possible.  
Please follow the  
Arrow markings on the  
floor of the church  
DO NOT COME TO  
CHURCH IF YOU HAVE  
ANY SYMPTOMS -  
SNEEZING, COUGHING,  
SORE THROAT ETC**



**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..

Let us pray for the new President of the United States and his administration as they begin their term of office and for the people of the United States as they begin a new chapter in their history

**Lately Dead:** Joan Knott, Canon Giles Goward (Rector of Oscott College—our major seminary for the training of priests and deacons) and Agnes McCumiskey

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Thomas Mercer, Dorothy Jones, Bernadette Sharp, Anne Ostrowska, Sheila Hart, Tom Dorrian, Ken Lamb, Margaret Lappin, Ralph Jackson, Neville Holt, David Horton, Eileen Murphy, Maries Snellgrove and John McCarthy,

**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.*

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Mark 1:21–28

They went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. As you imagine the scene, take time to recall the power of God's Word in your own life.
3. Spend time quietly praying for enlightenment about the ways you might oppose evil in the world today – and the courage to do so.

For Conversation:

People today who proclaim God's Word with authority today – their impact on society.

*Diocese of Shrewsbury Education Service*

### **CALLING ALL KNITTERS FOR YOUR NEXT PROJECT!! BABY HATS FOR RWANDA**

Calling all knitters! While we all have a little time on our hands I wonder whether you would like to knit some baby hats? Kate a pediatrician and Lauren a nurse went to work in a hospital in rural Rwanda for a year. The facilities were very limited and they were both shocked to find babies were dying from hypothermia. They had 4 incubators for the whole hospital and often 2 or 3 babies had to share an incubator just to keep warm. "**Hats4Rwanda**" was set up and an email to home had lots of people knitting. Boxes of hats were sent over and at the end of their year in Rwanda the hat project had reduced hypothermia and mortality significantly in the newborn. There is still a need for hats and Kate has asked if we could help. They need premature baby and newborn-baby hats. Any colour, simple beanie style or more adventurous if you want. There is a pattern on the Church website or contact Ann on 01625 874488 or ann.munnelly@gmail.com.

### **. THE VENERABLE ELIZABETH PROUT – MOTHER MARY JOSEPH, FOUNDER OF THE SISTERS OF THE CROSS AND PASSION 1820 -1864**

#### **A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP**

It is a source of special joy for the Diocese that a Shrewsbury woman was last week declared by decree of the Holy Father as the Venerable Elizabeth Prout. The founder of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion known as "The Mother Teresa" of the industrial north has now been recognised as venerable for her Christian life and virtues. This is a decisive point in the Cause for Elizabeth Prout's Beatification and Canonisation when we must turn to Heaven to seek miracles through her prayers. I include with this Ad Clerum the official prayer which you may wish to reproduce and commend to parishioners:

*"O God, source of all life, your servant Elizabeth Prout responded to your call by bringing together a new family to welcome the poor and the abandoned, and to keep alive the memory of your love for all your children shown to us in the Passion of Jesus, your Son. Give us the courage to follow her example of living faith and untiring love. Though her intercession, grant us the favour for which we pray..."*

## THE PARISH WEBSITE

Matthew Oates has asked to be relieved of his duties as the administrator of the parish website so we are now looking for a new administrator for our parish website. The website is a Wordpress site, and anyone able to volunteer should have experience in managing a Wordpress site, website hosting and, domain and DNS management. If you think you can help please speak to Fr Peter. We are grateful to Matthew for the time and effort he has put into developing our site and I am sure there is someone out there with the necessary expertise.

### ST PETER'S HELPERS

Do you know someone who would like to receive occasional church newsletters, Shine magazines, or other deliveries from St Peter's Helpers, such as lovely cards from our young people, sometimes scones or other treats? If you'd like to go on our list for deliveries / communication only, you can register on our website <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/home> or use this form <https://forms.gle/GXmdDUNhZinEy4MQ8>

Our focus for deliveries is on people of any age, who are more isolated, or may be unable to watch Mass on the Internet, or read the newsletter online.

You can also use the website and form to register for general support, such as receiving a friendly phone call from time to time.

St Phillip's parishioners are also welcome to register with us, if they would like to.

Contact us [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com) or leave a message on 0161 483 3476

### ST PETERS HELPERS –WE ARE STILL HERE TO HELP

**SIGN UP WITH US:** If you or someone you know, are feeling a little lost in the current lockdown, in need of a friendly phone call, or in need of emergency practical support. If you have been told to shield again, are you getting the support you need? If you want to refer a friend, do speak to them about signing up with us. Anyone who is feeling isolated or vulnerable (not just our more elderly parishioners) can register with us, even if there is nothing they need at the moment.

**JOIN US:** We can help each other by offering a little friendship and support. If you would like to be involved with projects to help each other, such as making/receiving friendly phone calls, writing letters, card making, knitting and online social groups. **E mail** [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com) or leave a message on the parish office number 0161 4833476 OR Register with us at <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/home>

**OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS** If you have yet to recycle your religious Christmas cards, please save the front covers for a Christmas card project for next year (We like to plan ahead!) E mail [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com) and we can collect them or you can drop them off at church.

### ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB:

Last month we read the *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks and we found it to be a lovely read - set in Eyam in 1666 when the plague reached the Derbyshire village, and the villagers decide to quarantine to stop the spread of the disease...

This month we would like to recommend:

*I am Pilgrim* by Terry Hayes - In a cheap hotel room, Scott Murdock, a forensic expert, searches for any clues or evidence from a gruesome murder. As the story unfolds it becomes clear this is no ordinary crime thriller but much, much more.

*The Girl Who Reads on the Metro* by Christine Feret-Fleury - set in Paris, this is a coming-of-age story about a young woman, Juliette, who dares to change her life.

*A Single Thread* by Tracy Chevalier - Set in 1932 it tells the story of Violet Speedwell who has become a "surplus woman," one of a generation doomed to a life of spinsterhood after the Great War.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd March - we meet via Zoom. Please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152 or by email [ajmcgarr68@outlook.com](mailto:ajmcgarr68@outlook.com) if you would like to join us.

**Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain** A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

### SACRED HEART FATHERS (Stockport)

**Housekeeper required at St John's**, 266 Wellington Road North, Stockport, SK4 2QR.

The Housekeeper, just like Debbie Hurst at St Joseph's, in the town centre, are managed by the St John Of God Hospitaller Society. **Overview:** "We are looking for a Housekeeper to provide a high standard of care and maintenance, ensuring the involvement of the members of the Religious Community at all times.

Duties will include shopping for the Religious Community, cooking, cleaning and hospitality".

For further information and application details please go to St John Of God Hospitaller Society at <https://isw.changeworknow.co.uk/sjog/vms/e/careers/candidates/applications>

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to £624-50 plus online giving last month came to over £1000 per week. Thank you to those who are putting their Offertory envelopes through the door and who have done the on line giving.. You also gave £589-24p to Caritas Shrewsbury in the Crib Offerings and the Christmas Tree decorations for Cafod amounted to £218-81. **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

## **IMPORTANT COLLECTION STILL OPEN FOR DONATIONS** **RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Last weekend for contributing to this important collection!!

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

An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund) and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY MASS FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES** will be live streamed on church services tv, <https://www.churchservices.tv/svdpknutsford> from St Vincent de Paul, Knutsford at 9.30am on 11th February 2021. A recording will be available to watch on the church services TV website.

We will then be hosting a zoom social gathering that evening at 8pm, if you would like details to join in please email [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP** will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesday February 3rd at 7 30 p.m. If you would like to join in this meeting contact Alison 07792107152. New members are always welcome

### **FROM FR PETER**

And so our lock down continues by day and by night!! Poor Boris must wonder what has happened to him, all he wanted to do was get Brexit done and dusted. I did feel sorry for him the other day when the Scottish First Minister objected to him going up to visit Scotland. If he had not gone he would probably be accused of not being bothered about them so he did go and it was deemed non essential. He can't win.

Its interesting listening to people telling me where they are going to get their vaccinations. City fans opt for the Etihad whilst some go to the Baptist Church, others Manchester Rugby Club and another this week went somewhere in Whalley Range!!

The bishop writes to us, regularly, with updates about the situation. He is going to write soon about Ash Wednesday and what is going to happen then with ashes. A number of our diocesan priests are having to self isolate at the moment and their churches closed so we must keep them in our prayers as well as the people they serve.

We had sad news from Oscott College, the major seminary in Birmingham where our new priests and deacons are formed, their rector Canon Giles Goward died on Thursday after a brief illness with cancer. He had only been appointed rector last summer so remember him and the Oscott community in your prayers.

### **105 year old lady's advice to us all**



**"For better digestion I drink beer. In case of appetite loss I drink white wine. In case of low blood pressure I drink red wine. In case of high blood pressure I drink scotch. When I have a cold I drink Schnapps."**

**"When do you drink water?"**

**"I've never been that sick!"**

*Anyway cheer up it will soon be Lent!!*

*Fr Peter*