

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR
March
Universal;
Fundamental rights

For those who risk their lives
while fighting for fundamental
rights under dictatorships, au-
thoritarian regimes and even in
democracies in crisis



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

PSALM 117

Give thanks to the Lord
for he is good,
for his love has no end

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe
because you can see me.

Happy are those who
have not seen and yet
believe

Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be celebrated in the
sacristy on Saturdays
during Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

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Mother of God
Local
Missionary
Area
in Stockport

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

For Weekend Masses at St Peters please book a place by emailing
admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk

For St Philips on Saturday evening at 6 00 p.m.
E.mail david.smith7220 @ntlworld.com

EASTER

Divine Office Psalter Week 2

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.

Saturday 10th April 2021 EASTER OCTAVE

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

12 noon Baby Emma (sick)

Readings Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 117; Mark 16:9-15

6 00 p.m. Mass in Polish at St Peter's

6 00 p.m. at St Philip's Canon Hoban

Sunday 11th April Second Sunday of Easter

8 30 a.m. John Grocott and Chris Riley

10 00 a.m. Sheila Doodson

6 00 p.m. People of the Parish

Readings Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 117; 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

Monday 12th April

12 Noon Ken Myers (Birthday Memories)

Readings: Act 4:22-31;; Psalm 2; John 3:1-8

Tuesday 13th April 2021

12 15 p.m. Requiem Mass for Irene Darcy (INVITATION ONLY)

Readings: Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 91; John 3:7-15.

Wednesday 14th April 2021

12 Noon Myles & Agnes MGuire

Readings: Acts 5: 17-26; Psalm33; John 3:16-21

Thursday 15th April 2021

12 noon Requiem Mass for Ann Sharples (INVITATION ONLY)

Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 33; John 3:31-36

Friday 16th April 2021

12 noon Mary McDermott (Anniversary)

1 45 p.m. Crematorium Service for Alan Bell (INVITATION ONLY)

Readings: Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 26; John 6:1-15

Saturday 17th April 2021 EASTER OCTAVE

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

12 noon Audrey Connolly

Readings Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; John 6:16-21

6 00 p.m. Mass in Polish at St Peter's

6 00 p.m. at St Philip's Gerard McAndrew

Sunday 18th April Third Sunday of Easter

8 30 a.m. People of the Parish

10 00 a.m. Ian Hlrst

6 00 p.m. Secular Clergy Fund

Readings Acts 3: 13-15,17-19;Psalm 4; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

*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.
YOU SHOULD ONLY SIT
WITH MEMBERS OF
YOUR OWN
HOUSEHOLD
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
Lord is
risen
indeed
Alleluia



Your prayers are asked for

The sick - and 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: . H.R.H. Prince Philip, Canon Brenda Hoban—former parish priest at St Philip’s, Irene Darcy whose Requiem Mass is on Tuesday at 12.15, Ann Sharples whose Requiem Mass is on Thursday at 12 noon, Alan Bell whose funeral is at the Crematorium on Friday at 1.45p.m. and Peter Smith who died on Thursday after a long illness.. James Cox has also died on Saturday morning in the Hospice.

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Bridget McCauley, Margaret Ann Smith, Mary Ashley, Steve Whittaker, Robert Hargreaves, Gerard Sturmey, Peter Coleman, Tom Wagstaffe, Pauline Banham, Evelyn Stewart, Brigid Rowbotham, Maureen Buitt, Ulich Burke, Johanna Connolly, Joanne Saunders, Frances Simpkin, Josephine Collier

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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CANON BRENDAN HOBAN

The Requiem Mass for Canon Hoban will be celebrated at Saint Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch, Birkenhead on **Tuesday, 13th April at 12.45pm** The Mass can be followed on the link:
www.churchservices.tv/woodchurch

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.

Second Sunday of Easter John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe'.

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage.
2. Note the words/phrases that draw your attention.
3. Place yourself in the scene noticing what you see, hear, think, feel.....

A BIG THANK YOU - 857 BABY HATS

857 baby hats knitted for the hospital in Rwanda! What an amazing effort from St Peter's and our friends all over the country. Message from Dr Kate:- ‘Wow!! This is incredible! Thank you all so much. The babies and mums will be so appreciative.’ We will get them off to Rwanda in the next couple of weeks. I will let you know when they get there. Photographs are in the parish website and on the Facebook page.

MARRIAGE COURSE ONLINE

This is a unique moment in time where we find ourselves in a season where strength in relationships is needed more than ever. This applies particularly to marriage. We are looking to offer the marriage course online, a fantastic resource for strengthening marriages. See link below.

<https://alphainternational.cmail20.com/t/j-l-qzjin-tkktshs-v/>

Following a short 20 minute introduction via zoom, the link to each film will be emailed out weekly to couples enabling them to watch it at a time convenient to themselves.

The course will begin today, Sunday evening 11th April. . Please register your interest by emailing laurasmall92@outlook.com

PRAISE AND WORSHIP FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 7.30PM

This month we welcome Richard Martin from Portsmouth Diocese. Richard is currently training for the Diaconate and will share his story with us. These are his words:-



Close Encounters...What happens when you have been an active and faithful Catholic all your life - and then begin to doubt the very foundations of your faith...?

I'll be sharing my own experience of this and how encountering Jesus changed everything!

And I'll be exploring the idea of a "personal relationship with Jesus": What is it? Is it Catholic? How can we be open to experiencing and deepening it?

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God" (Romans 12:2)

Please do join us via zoom for another uplifting and encouraging evening. Just email Laura on

laurasmall92@outlook.com and she will send you the link.

CATHOLIC PAPERS

We have stopped selling the catholic papers over the past few months because there was little or no demand but if you so wish you can have the Universe delivered direct to your home. To arrange this just go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange delivery for you. You can have a hard copy or a digital version and the current offers are

SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS: - £25.00

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months: - £99.00

DIGITAL COPY: - 12 Months: £55.00

OR DIGITAL COPY/AND HARD COPY FOR: - £115.00 (EASTER SPECIAL OFFER)

TIME TO SHINE...!

We're starting to prepare for the next issue of Shine, our parish magazine. This time we'd like to focus on the parish of St Peter's because it's **90 years** since the official opening of the church, which took place on **12 April 1931**. So let's share some stories from those 90 years.

Firstly, if you were there at the time, we'd love to know more!! Secondly, send in your best memories of your life in St Peter's parish, either in words or pictures (with captions) and we'll create a special anniversary issue. We'd still like to hear any news you might have or anything interesting you'd like to share about your lockdown achievements: any new hobbies you've taken up, new skills you've learnt. If you've been inspired, maybe you can inspire others. Please send your contributions to terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk by Sunday May 30

ST PETER'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Yes, it would be lovely to celebrate the 90th anniversary of St Peter's parish, ideally around our patronal feast of 29 June, but for now we'll have to wait and see what is practical and feasible for the weekend of 3 July. One way or another we'll mark the occasion, so watch this space.

Please could you put a note in your newsletter that Harrytown Catholic High school are recruiting for several positions and to direct parishioners to the school website – www.harrytownschool.org for more detail

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB:

We are reading two books by a Nigerian author - Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche. **Half a Yellow Sun** - a story which centres on the struggle to establish an independent republic in Nigeria in the 1960's. **Americanah** - is about two teenagers in a Lagos secondary school who fall in love and dream of moving to America in the later 1990's. The story focuses on their struggles and their triumphs as one of them ends up in America and the other as an undocumented migrant in Britain.

We have also selected to read **Away with the Penguins** by Hazel Prior - this is a book that has been described as this year's *Eleanor Oliphant* (a great book if you haven't read it), and is about an eccentric 85-year-old, Veronica McCree, who lives in a mansion by the sea.

Our next meeting is via Zoom at **7.30pm on Tuesday 27th April** - please contact Alison McGarr if you would like to receive the link - ajmcgarr68@outlook.com

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your very generous Easter Offerings last week as well as other offerings and donations to the parish which amounted to **£1376** plus online giving last month came to over £1000 per week. The amounts for the collections for Family Fast and the Holy Places will be announced next week so there is still time to give to these collections. Thank you to those who are putting their Offertory envelopes through the door and who have done the on line giving.. 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 are putting several weeks collection in at the same time you only need to use one envelope. Many of the new sets of Offertory Envelopes have been delivered through your doors over the past few days but there are some remaining to be picked up in church or will be sent by post shortly.. 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

There are now some boxes of envelopes for people who do not do Gift Aid available in the church porch

SAFEGUARDING

Our parish safeguarding officer is Sean Downey and he may be contacted on

Seangdowney@hotmail.co.uk or 07766054754

FROM FR PETER

It was good to be able to gather again, albeit with restrictions, to celebrate the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. I am very grateful to Fr Roman who came from the Salesians in Bollington to help with the liturgies at St Philip's. Although we missed not being able to join in the singing we made the best of it. Hopefully next year we shall have a full participation in our celebrations.

A further pleasing item was the return of people to Mass whom we have not seen for some time. I hope they felt safe and will feel able to come back more often.

Being present and taking part is so much better than watching on a lap top or computer screen.

This coming week sees three funerals as well as the death of Peter Smith from St Philip's to report. Our condolences to all the families involved. The nation received the news of the death of Prince Philip on Friday. We pray for him and for the Queen and her family. Our funerals are still being held with numbers restricted to 30 people present. Families are also beginning to explore the possibility of having their children baptised which is good and I would want anyone in this position to get in touch so that we can make the necessary arrangements. At the moment we are restricted to the numbers who may be present but again this should change soon.

This weekend marks the 90th anniversary of the opening of St Peter's Church. Much has happened in those 90 years. I feel a 'do' coming on once the restrictions are lifted!!

Take care and stay safe .

Fr Peter

NEXT ALPHA COURSE

There's never been an easier time to do Alpha - You don't even have to leave the comfort of your own home! **Alpha Online starts on Thursday 22nd April 7.30 PM.** For more information contact

Rachel or John on mckay7897@hotmail.com or text 07724 749217. All welcome!

JOB VACANCY FOR SECRETARY

The linked parishes of **Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose, and St. Vincent de Paul, Stockport**, are looking to recruit a second Parish Secretary to assist in providing administrative and secretarial support required to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and to enable the Parish Priest to carry out his Parish responsibilities.

Copies of the job description and application form are obtainable from any of our websites <http://ourladyandtheapostles.co.uk/>; <http://stvincentbramhall.org/>; <http://www.stambrosechurch.org.uk/> and completed applications should be emailed to stockport3parishes@gmail.com

Closing date: Friday 30 April 2021

**Stepped on my scale
this morning and it
said: Please use social
distancing, one person
at a time. 🤔 🤔**

