

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



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Acts 3: 13-15,17-19

PSALM 4

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Lord
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St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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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](mailto:david.smith7220@ntlworld.com)

EASTER

Divine Office Psalter Week 3

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 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 Hirst

6 00 p.m. H.R.H. Prince Philip

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

Luke 24:35-48

Monday 19th April

12 Noon Barbara Jones (sick)

Readings: Act 6:8-15; Psalm 118; John 6:22-29

Tuesday 20th April 2021

12 15 p.m. James Flynn

Readings: Acts 7:51-8:1; Psalm 30; John 6:30-35.

Wednesday 21st April 2021 St Anselm of Canterbury

12 Noon Sarah, Frank & Michael Parker

Readings: Acts 8:1-8; Psalm 65; John 6:35-40

Thursday 22nd April 2021

12 noon Rose O'Connell

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 65; John 6:44-51

Friday 23rd April 2021 ST GEORGE—PROTECTOR OF ENGLAND

12 noon Kath Gingell

Readings: Acts Apocalypse 12:10-12; Psalm 125; John 15:18-21

Saturday 24th April 2021

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

12 noon Audrey Judge

Readings Acts 9:31-42; ; Psalm 115; John 6:60-69

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

6 00 p.m. at St Philip's

Sunday 25th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 30 a.m. People of the Parish

10 00 a.m. John & Sarah McKenna

6 00 p.m. Helen Somers

Readings Acts 4:8-12;Psalm 117 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD



Mother of God
Local
Missionary
Area
in Stockport

Please remember to wear face masks and sanitise your hands coming in and going out of church and keep to social distancing including 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



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: . Mary Watson (mother of Rachel Watson) Veronica Burgess whose funeral will be at 10 45 on Tuesday April 27th Peter Smith whose funeral will be at 12 noon on Friday April 30th at St Philip's and James Cox whose funeral will also be on Friday .April 30th here at St Peters

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Irene King, Ian Hirst, Helena O'Toole, Patrick Reid,, Harry Knowles, Rosalind Adshead, Kathleen Souter, Peter Heys, Michael Lawler, James Flynn Alice Pastorelli, James Quinn, Blanche Bowlas Mary Rowbotham, Laurence Kenny, John & Elsie Carney

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.

Third Sunday of Easter (Year B) Luke 24:35-48

Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of the bread. They were still talking about all this when he himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet, yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourself; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled'. He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Picture the scene. Place yourself there. What are you thinking and feeling as you hear Jesus talking to you? What is your response when you hear Jesus say 'You are witnesses to this?' Take time for quiet prayer.
3. What does the passage say to you about Jesus?

For Conversation:

What word does the passage offer the parish community?

4. You find yourself in conversation with Jesus...What do you say to him...? What does Jesus say to you...?
5. What Gospel word/phrase might be your 'motto' for this week?

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-tkktskhs-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 began last Sunday evening 11th April. . Please register your interest by emailing laurasmall92@outlook.com

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 lock-down 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 position 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 McCready, 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

ST PETER'S JUSTICE AND PEACE:

An enormous thank you for the fantastic response to our call for laptops and food for our schools. We have given 10 laptops to our local primary schools and at least 20 bags of food.

We will continue to accept donations of both laptops and dried food, so please do keep us in mind.

In September, St Peter's Justice and Peace will re-launch and will look to share a little bit about what we do, the initiatives we support and a calendar of events throughout the year. It would be lovely to welcome new members to the team - we meet on the first Wednesday of every month so please look out for our meeting times in the newsletter from August onwards.

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REFERENCES If you want to use Fr Peter as a referee then you **MUST** come and see him in person to ask and discuss it. Phone calls, texts or emails are no use for such requests

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £577-20 plus online giving last month came to over £1000 per week. We also acknowledge someone who gave their Offertory Collection for the year (£1040) The collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday amounted to £296-80p The amount for the collection for Family Fast will be announced next week. 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

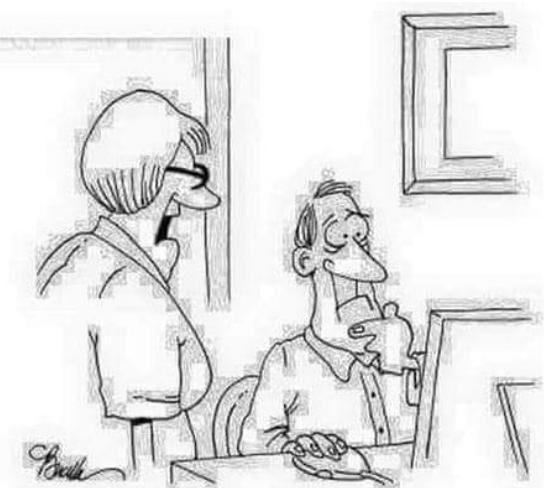
The brighter evenings and longer days certainly help to cheer people up at the moment. Let's hope we have some good weather over the next few weeks and months to help us shake off the lockdown cobwebs!

If you don't recognise me this weekend its because on Friday evening I underwent major surgery on my head!! Its certainly a load off my mind and I suspect there will be a few more in the same boat this weekend. The barber thanked me for waiting so I said it had only been for about three months so not to worry.

Our Pastoral Team meetings like many others in the parish have continued via 'Zoom' and you should be able to view the minutes on the On Line version of the newsletter. In our PPT meetings we cover a range of subjects so if you want to bring anything to our attention then do let us know. We hope to have some celebration before the summer holidays for the 90th anniversary of the opening of the church which was actually last weekend, and some of you might like to write some reminiscence of the parish over those years to include in our next edition of 'SHINE'

We had a note from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, Fr David Long, announcing the cancellation of this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes that was due to take place at the end of July. It didn't come as a great shock given that most of the other dioceses have cancelled theirs but nevertheless its another disappointment brought about by the pandemic.

This coming week is, thank God, funeral free but the following week will make up for it, anyway take care and stay safe and have a good week. *Fr Peter*



"What do you mean, you forgot where you parked? You're shopping online."

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 this Thursday 22nd April 7.30 PM.** For more information contact

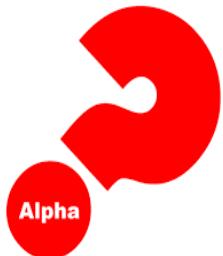
Rachel or John on mckay7897@hotmail.com or text 07724 749217. All welcome!

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



St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting.
Monday 12th April 2021. Joined the Rosary at 7.00 pm
(churchservices.tv) followed by meeting via Zoom.

MINUTES.

Present. Fr Peter, David Small, James Walker, Rachel McKay (minutes), Anne -Marie Bailey, Anne Rogowski, Clare Allen, Terry Thiele, Alison McGarr (chair), Sophie Hourihan, Tony Shaw.

Apologies; Helen Lyons, Margaret Drury, Steve Conlon.

1. Minutes of last meeting already accepted.

2. Church Suite update.

We are unable to proceed with Church Suite. Anne R stated that a system called OPAS is being rolled out across the Catholic Dioceses of the UK as an accounting solution but also has a data package. This has not yet been as fully developed as Church Suite. OPAS has been approved by Shrewsbury Diocese and it might be possible for us to join the pilot for it and ask to try out the data package at the same time. Clare suggested that we could still collect data on a parallel mission using Google Suite as there could be quite a delay before OPAS is rolled out? Also, there were some questions about how the data would be used at parish/diocesan level which need further exploration. Fr Peter asked Anne to find out some more information from other priests in Salford Diocese who are using this system. Is it easy to use? Does it help them/do what they need it to do? Is anyone using the data module?

Action – David will clean all the data off our Church Suite Account and let Fr Peter know when it is done.

- **Anne** will speak to other priests who are using the OPAS system and feedback to Fr Peter.

- **Fr Peter** will cancel the Church Suite account once David has removed the data and will speak to Paul Ridley at the Diocese.

3. Shine. Terry has one article so far. Deadline for articles is the end of May. Note has been in the newsletter since Palm Sunday. An article is being written about Canon Hoban by someone at St Philip's. Fr Peter to give a shout out for articles at the end of Mass – ask people for articles about significant events in the parish over the 90 years.

Action: - **Fr Peter** will ask for articles for Shine at the end of all Masses.

4. 90th Celebration. Date for a possible celebration would be July 3rd.

Very hard to plan until we know where we will be with the restrictions at that time.

Ideas discussed; -

- Could ask different groups/ multi-cultural dimension to work on something that could be delivered either virtually or in person if we are able to gather? Should we provisionally book the Parish Centre for July 3rd?
- A BBQ could be pulled together quite easily nearer the time if circumstances allow?
- Have an open-air Mass at one of the schools? Would have to check if they were having any Summer fun days this year? If so, could have an open-air Mass on Sunday 4th July?
- Mass in Church (with or without restrictions?) that everyone could tune in to online?

Action: - **All** – ask people for ideas on how they would like to mark the occasion. Further discussion next meeting when we might know what the restrictions are.

Fr Peter – will talk to the Headteachers to see if there are any plans for summer fun days; what they think about the idea of having an open-air Mass at one of the schools? Also think about provisionally booking the Parish Centre for July 3rd?

5. Parish 5. Parish Website.

No volunteers so far to take on the website. Josh, Sophie's son has kindly offered to help out but needs more details of what is involved. Terry will also ask someone at work.

Action: - James will forward the information from Matthew's email about the time input required/type of work that needs to be done regularly on the site and will forward it to Sophie and Terry so they can consult the people they know.

6. St Peter's Helpers. (SPH) The team discussed the benefits of building better links between those who provide support and need support in the parish and beyond. An example would be the work of St Peter's Helpers and those previously involved in SVP and currently involved with J&P, the refugee team, bereavement groups etc.

This would be a way of having a collective vision, pooling information and sharing resources, and reducing repetition- e.g. Peter's Social Outreach. It would be useful for those involved in SPH and SVP (and others who are working with the most vulnerable, e.g., J&P, Refugee group, Bereavement group) and Fr Peter to meet over the coming weeks. Clare will help draft a letter and forward to Fr Peter to send out to the various groups inviting representatives of each group to a meeting.

Action: - Fr Peter/Clare to gather with key people from SPH and SVP, J+P, Refugee group and Bereavement to chat about an integrated plan going forward.

Clare – will draft a letter and send through to Fr Peter.

Fr Peter - will send letter out to the various groups. Alison will forward to J + P and the refugee group. Loraine Parker – SVP.

7. Preliminary chat about ordination to the Diaconate. John's ordination will be on Saturday July 24th, restrictions permitting, at St Michael and All Angel's Church in Woodchurch. Church chosen because it is one of the bigger churches in the diocese and also has Church Services TV. Fr Peter hopes that a coach will be able to go from the Parish. Depends on how many tickets are allocated. People could probably watch the service (via livestream) on the screens in St Peter's church/ or in the Parish centre. Probably do something (Teas and coffees and cake) on the lawn/ Parish centre after 10 AM Mass on the Sunday.

Action – For further discussion at next meeting.

8. AOB

1. Minutes. Question about where people can access the minutes. The minutes were published on the website until the start of lockdown when changes were made to the website. The area where they were published was changed. Fr Peter suggested adding them as an extra to the newsletter on the website. This would give them increased circulation.

How do people raise issues with the PPT? Anne suggested putting a suggestions box at the back of Church.

Action: - All – attendees check minutes of each meeting **within a week** of receiving draft minutes and flag up any amendments needed within that timescale.

Rachel – forward the minutes to Fr Peter a week later for inclusion with the newsletter.

Anne – will put a suggestions box at the back of Church.

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.

Next virtual PPT Meeting: Tuesday 18th May 2021 via Zoom.

The Meeting starts at 7.00 pm –

with Rosary (www.churchservices.tv/stockport)

Followed by Zoom meeting at 7.30 PM (Link to follow) Chairperson: Alison. Minutes: Rachel