

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2021
MAY

The World of Finance:

That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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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



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Acts 1 1:15-17.20-26

PSALM 102

The Lord has set his
sway in Heaven

Second Reading

John 4:11-16

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy Alleluia!

Gospel :

John 17: 11-19

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

**Holy
Father
may
they be
one like**

US

EASTER WEEK VII

Divine Office Psalter Week III

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 15th May 2021—Our Lady of Fatima

11-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon Fr. Greg Bugajak RIP

Readings: Acts 18: 23-28; Psalm 46; John 16; 23-28

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

6 00 p.m. Mass at St Philip's -Tommy Taylor Int

Sunday 16th May 2021—SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 30 a.m. Thomas Plackal RIP

10 00 a.m. People of the Parish

6 00 p.m. Sr. Theresa Curley RIP

Readings: Acts 1 1: 15-17,20-26; Psalm 102; 1 John 4; 11-16;
John 17: 11-19

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS

Monday 17th May 2021

12 noon Jaqueline Walker RIP

Readings: Acts 19: 1-8; Psalm 67; John 16:29-33

Tuesday 18th May 2021

12 noon Anthony Morris

Readings: Acts 20: 17-27; Psalm 67; John 17: 1-11

Wednesday 19th May 2021 St. Milburga, Ab, V

12 noon Kitty Coffey RIP

Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 67; John 17: 11-19

Thursday 20th May 2021 St. Bernadine of Siena, P

12 noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Acts 1: 22: 30.23: 6-11; Psalm 15; John 17: 20-26

Friday 21st May 2021 - The Dedication of the Cathedral

12 noon Mary O'Kane 90th Birthday

Readings: Ezekiel 47: 1-2 8-9.12 Psalm 1 Chronicles 29 John 2: 13-22

Saturday 22nd Ma 2021 -St. Rita of Cascia

11-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon Sue Morrison RIP

Readings: Acts 28:16-20.30-31; Psalm 10; John 21: 20-25

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

6 00 p.m. Mass at St Philip's - Eileen Jones RIP

Sunday 23rd May 2021 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

WEAR SOMETHING RED TODAY AT MASS

8 30 a.m. People of the Parish

10 00 a.m. Bill Garrard RIP

6 00 p.m. Martha Armstrong RIP

Readings: Acts 2; 1-11.16-25; Psalm 103; Corinthians 12: 3-7.12-12; John 20; 19-23

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

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



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: Margaret Barrow, Bernard Suart

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Maureen Rowbotham, Vic Ratcliffe, Paul Kivell, Ernest Swindells, Leonard Clegg, Kathleen Hand, Christopher Glynn, Rosemary Crewdson, Gerald Francome, Peter Webb, Sue Morrison, Bill Garrard, Angela Kennerley, Irene King, Michael Waldren.

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter Gospel John 17:11-19

Father, keep those you have given me true to your name

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

What specifically can I do this week to give of myself to someone else?

How best can I pass on The Word to others?

CAFOD—UP DATE ON INDIA

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.



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.

CARMEL DWERRYHOUSE SENDS US THIS MESSAGE

I am so grateful that Peter is in an excellent place, run by the Methodist Homes for the Aged. They are running a campaign to try and get the government to do something for people who need care and for a proven care and pay structure for carers. I have signed the petition and would like to encourage others to do so. Perhaps you could look at : www.fixcareforall.co.uk

ROSARY DURING MAY—THE MONTH OF MARY

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme “The whole Church was fervently praying to God,” which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

“The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic,” read a statement released by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization.

Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media’s platforms. Each day will see [Vatican News](#) broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 5 00 p.m. our time from the various Shines taking part in the initiative. Our Rosary will be live streamed as usual at 7 00 p.m.

The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

TIME TO SHINE...! COME ON LETS HAVE SOME ARTICLES PLEASE

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 BOOK CLUB

We read *Away with the Penguins* last month by Hazel Prior - this proved to be an uplifting book about the journey of a lifetime for 85-year-old Veronica McCreedy.

For this month, we have chosen to read *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce (author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* which we have recommended before). Set in 1950, this is a story about female friendship as Margery Benson sets off on an expedition of a lifetime. Now it is out in paperback, we have also selected to read *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. This is the Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2020; it is set in 1596 and is inspired by the son of William Shakespeare.

We will meet again via Zoom on **Tuesday, 25th May at 7.30pm**. If you wish to be sent the link please contact Alison McGarr via email - ajmcgarr68@outlook.com

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 18th May at 7.45 pm, when Mary Hardiman will be talking to us which will, as usual, be very inspirational. If you have not joined us before and would like to please let Rachel know at rachelemckay@icloud.co.uk

THE CARE OF CREATION

At a time of growing concern for the care of creation, the Church brings to the environmental concerns of our time the perspective of God’s creation and the place of humanity within creation. The Church across the country is taking practical steps with IFM (Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management Limited), based in our Shrewsbury Diocese and supplying all 22 dioceses and over 100 schools with 71% green energy and with a 29% carbon offset. The offset schemes include renewable boreholes in Eritrea and a new energy plant in Bangladesh using household waste (including landfill), to reduce the methane being produced and provide renewable power. IFM is also using its buying power to drive the demand for “green gas” in the UK.

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-tkktkskhs-y/>

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 on Sunday evening 11th April. Please register your interest by emailing laurasmall92@outlook.com

Marriage Care If you are going through difficulties in your relationship, Stockport Marriage Care offers a confidential counselling service. You can contact us on 0800 389 3801. We are currently providing couple counselling via a secure webcam (Zoom).

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 started on Thursday 22nd April 7.30 PM.**

But you can still join in

For more information contact Rachel or John on mckay7897@hotmail.com or text 07724 749217. All welcome!



OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £475.08 plus online giving last month came to over £1000 per week. Thank you to those who are putting their Offering 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. . 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 0776605475

SCHOOL VACANCIES

St Ambrose College, Hale Barns have a vacancy for a Biology Teacher and an Assistant Site Manager (new name for school caretaker!!) Details and application forms and procedures can be found on the college website www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk. On the very top line click on vacancies.

Church Cleaning: Team 2 are on this week

From Fr Peter

I had expected some information regarding the next stage of the lifting of restrictions but up to now nothing has come so we continue to play the waiting game! We are getting back to some form of normality with more people coming forward to have their children baptised. It was also good to be able to celebrate First Forgiveness with some of the Year 4's from St Philip's and we shall be moving on to the present Year 3's shortly and then First Communions. I am very slowly getting round some of the housebound when they are ready to receive visitors. It is worrying that the 'Indian Variant' seems to be taking a hold in some areas but not round here at the moment.

Next week we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday and particularly at the 10 00 a.m. Mass there will be an international theme with the readings and bidding prayers in different languages. It would be good if you would wear something **RED** next Sunday to help us remember the tongues of flame that came down on the heads of the apostles on the first Pentecost day.

We continue to be in discussion with Church Services about the malfunctioning of our live stream. One solution may be to change our internet provider. We have also found that when a service such as the 10 00 a.m. Sunday Mass is recorded the recording is better than the live version and it can be seen without the interruptions the live feed gets.

We had some nice news on Thursday that Eileen Jones who died in December has left a sum of money to the parish in her will. The amount will be decided once the flat she lived in has been sold which may take a few months but it is good of her to remember us . One item that I hope to have looked at during the next few months will be the fan heaters in church. Some of them no longer work and are obsolete so we cannot get spare parts for them. Some of the windows in the presbytery need attention as well but then as

you all know property always needs attention of one kind or another. Have a good week.

Take care and stay well and safe.



**I'd love to take you out
for coffee this week.**

**You spelled
wine wrong.**

Fr Peter

A NEW LITANY

Into your presence we come with joy, Mary Mother of us all.
R/ Pray for us, love us, protect us and keep us safe for Jesus, your Son.



Mary, chosen specially by God.
Mary, the willing one.
Mary, the lowly servant.
Mary, the chosen one.
Mary, the one who says 'yes'.
Mary, the one who is open to God's voice.
Mary, the listener.
Mary, the carer.
Mary, the home-maker.
Mary, the exemplar.
Mary, the faithful one.
Mary, the retiring one.
Mary, the modest one.
Mary, the welcomer.
Mary, the prayerful one.
Mary, the contemplative.
Mary, the healer.
Mary, the seeker.
Mary, the finder.
Mary, the one who brings us to Jesus.
Mary, the one who reveals the way.
Mary, the one who accompanies us,
Mary, the one who supports us on our journey.
Mary, the one who is our mother.
Mary, the one who never leaves us.
Mary, the one who is there in the darkness.

Mary, the one who is with us in trials and worries.
Mary, the one who understands our weakness.
Mary, the one who picks us up when we fall.
Mary, the one who laughs with us.
Mary, the one who rejoices with us.
Mary, the one who understands us.
Mary, the one who never loses faith in us.
Mary, the one who can always be relied on.
Mary, the companion of the suffering Christ.
Mary, the one who walks with Jesus to our redemption.
Mary, the one who stands by Jesus when he's at his lowest.
Mary, who suffers with Jesus.
Mary, who understands that we have sinned.
Mary, who prays for sinners.
Mary, who looks for our salvation.
Mary, who understands when we fall.
Mary, who always believes in our good intent.
Mary, who never criticizes.
Mary, who always welcomes sinners.
Mary, who is always at our side.
Mary, who is the true mother.
Mary, the one who never despairs.
Mary, who gave her 'fiat' for us.
Mary, who lives her life for Jesus and us.
Mary, who loved Jesus and loves us.
Mary, who counts us as her family.
Mary, who will never abandon us.
Mary, who is always there for us.
Mary, who teaches us to pray.
Mary, who told Jesus the need of the young couple.
Mary, who will take our needs to her Son.
Mary, who will hold us in care and love.
Mary, who will always be our mother even when we fall short.
Mary, the one we can trust even when we fail.
Mary, the one who understands our weakness.
Mary, the one who puts things in perspective.
Mary, the one who leads us to the Father.
Mary, the one who will welcome us to Heaven.
Mary, the one who will speak up for us.
Mary, the one who will speak for us to her Son.
Mary, the one who will be our constant companion for eternity.
Mary, our Mother.