

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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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

ORDINARY TIME WEEK VIII

Divine Office Psalter Week IV

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

Acts 2;1-11.

PSALM 103:1

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians
12: 3-7.12-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

John: 20 19-23

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

Saturday 22nd May 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

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. Psalm 103;Corinthians 12: 3-7.12-13;

John 20:19-23

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Monday 24th May 2021 - Our Lady Help of Christians

Principal Patron of the Diocese

12 noon Patrick Sweeney

Readings: Genesis 3: 9-15.20, Psalm 86;John 19 25-27

Tuesday 25th May 2021 - Our Lady Help of Christians

12 noon Celia Ratcliffe RIP

Readings: Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31;Psalm Judith 12: 18-20;

James 3: 13-18,Luke 1: 39-56

Wednesday 26th May 2021 St. Philip Neri,P

12 noon Philip Murphy RIP

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 36: 1.4-5.10-17; Psalm 78: Mark 10:32-45

Thursday 27th May 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High

Priest

12 noon Anthony Wright and Family

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34,Psalm 10;Mark14: 22-25

Friday 28th May 2021

12 noon Margaret Doyle and Family

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 44: 1.9-13; Psalm 149: Mark 11: 11-26

Saturday 29th May 2021 St. Paul VI, Pope

11-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon Audrey Judge

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 51: 12-20; Psalm 18: Mark 11: 27-33

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

6 00 p.m. Mass at St Philip's - Kevin Drugan

Sunday 30th May 2021 - The Most Holy Trinity

8 30 a.m. People of the Parish

10 00 a.m. Claire Dolan RIP and Tom Dolan Int.

6 00 p.m. Hannah Gleeson

Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40;Psalm 32;Romans 8: 14-17;Matthew 28: 16-20

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

A variety of gifts but one Lord



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: Bill Garard, Angela Kennerley, Irene King, Michael Waldren, Patrick Sherry, Paul Edwards, Alex Simpson, Kathleen Jenus, Thomas Holland, Mary Ingham, Terence Royle, Thomas Smith, Amy Gillett Honora Bramall, Lath Smark, James Leyden, Joyce Beverough, Marjorie Brady, Stephen Speight,

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.

Pentecost Sunday

John 20:19-23

In the evening of 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.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage noting the words and phrases that draw your attention.
2. Picture the room, the disciples there...notice their mood...their conversation...your mood...Jesus is suddenly there amongst you all...speaking...what do you see...hear...think...feel?
3. How do you respond?
4. What do you notice about Jesus?
5. What does the passage offer the parish community?

For Conversation:

Times you have witnessed the presence of the spirit at work in the world.

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.

ONE MORE WEEK LEFT!!!

This is the last week available for you to send in your contributions for the next issue of Shine, our parish magazine. 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**.

Maybe you have particular memories of parish or personal events over the last 90 years that you could share – even if it’s photos and a little background information. Perhaps you made your First Communion here, or got married. We’ll be sure to return everything undamaged. Or, if you have other items or news 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 30 May.

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 June 15th at 2.00 pm, If you have not joined us before and would like to please let Rachel know at rachelemckay@icloud.co.uk and she will email you the link. We would like to once again thank Mary for her inspirational talk last Tuesday.

MARY'S MEALS

Since our humble beginnings, Mary’s Meals, named after Mary the Mother of Jesus, has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support us.

This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary’s Meals and give thanks that we are now reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We also pray for God’s continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish, enabling us to reach more hungry children.

You could offer your prayerful support in a number of ways such as: including a bidding prayer for Mary’s Meals at Mass, praying the Rosary for our work or hosting a Holy Hour.

You will find inspirational resources for our Pray In May campaign, including our prayer card, on our website www.marysmeals.org.uk or do get in touch if you would like to arrange a talk for your church about our work.

Thank you for remembering Mary's Meals in your prayers. God bless you all.

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!



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).

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £636.95 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.. 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. Peter's Catholic Primary School have two vacancies:-

Teaching vacancy and Teaching Assistant vacancy, details can be found on the school website

<https://www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Church Cleaning: Team 3 are on this week

From Fr Peter.

It seems to have been raining all week!! Although I seem to remember one afternoon was pleasantly sunny and warm. The lockdown restrictions are slowly being lifted and we can now admit more people to funerals in church according to the capacity of the building.

We may be able also soon to adjust the numbers attending Mass so that we can accommodate more people. However at the moment it is very rare to have to turn anyone away so we may leave things as they are for the moment . The stewards will also be remaining on duty for the weekday Masses because sometimes we need to ask people to move or sit in a certain place so that we can accommodate those who are less able to climb the stairs to the choir gallery. At the moment we are still not allowed congregational singing so we will continue with the recorded versions for the time being.

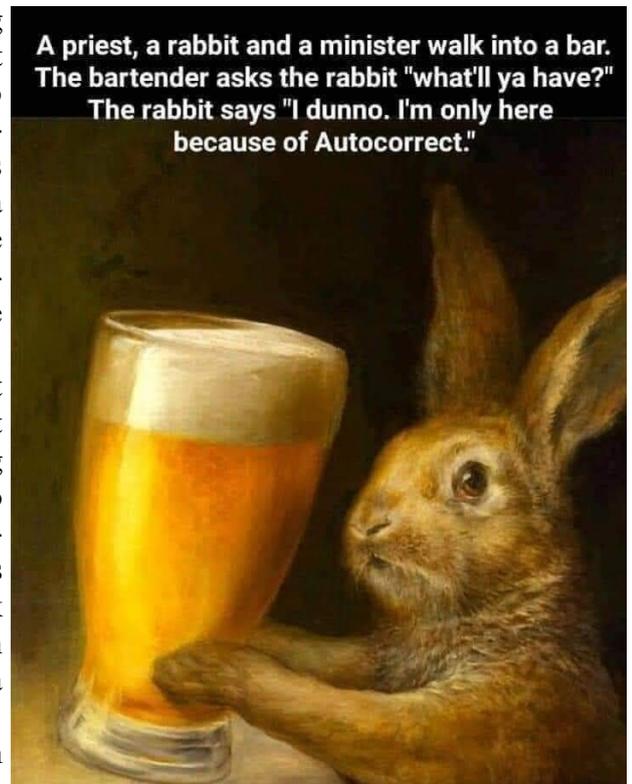
At the moment I am having a Zoom meeting every fortnight with some other priests from up and down the country about the Divine Renovation Project. This has the aim of moving our parishes from maintenance to mission, in other words to be more outward looking and trying to recruit more disciples for outreach. One of our 'homework' questions this week is, 'What would your ideal engaged parishioner look like?' - 'What would you like to see as the hallmarks of an engaged disciple in your parish context?' Answers on a postcard please!!!

This weekend our family will be celebrating the Golden Wedding of my brother, Bernard and his good lady, Eileen.

It seems like only yesterday that they stood before the altar in Our Lady's to exchange their wedding vows but time soon goes by and with an ever extending family of children and grandchildren we are looking forward to having a 'do' even if it is restricted to 30 people. At least I got an invite!! Well I was the best man on the day. I am grateful to Canon John Rafferty for coming to celebrate the evening Mass on Saturday at St Philip's as well as Sunday evening here at St Peter's. It could be a slow start on Monday!!

Have a good week and don't forget your umbrellas!

Fr Peter



THE HOLY SPIRIT

The feast of Pentecost can pass us by, if we're not careful, yet in so many ways it should be celebrated with the same splendour as Christmas or Easter. Christmas celebrates the beginning of our redemption. Easter celebrates the Risen Christ fulfilling the promise of Christmas but Pentecost celebrates our sharing in the wonders of the Godhead. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come to bring the gifts of God to us. These gifts are invisible to the eye but transparently obvious to those who see a true Christian in action.

We can't understand the Trinity, the relationship between God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit but we can, in a small, simple way find for ourselves some way to enter into some sort of explanation. For me it is this. God the Father eternally begets God the Son and their mutual love is God the Holy Spirit. When Christ left us, at the Ascension, he promised to send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would support and strengthen us. We would be Baptised with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would bestow on us the attributes of the Godhead. We can become like God, like Jesus if we accept these gifts and fruits which flow from them.

All the attributes of God become available to us through the Holy Spirit. The gifts we learn to list as children are ours when we accept the Holy Spirit into our lives at Confirmation and are there for the taking and receiving. We speak of the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit without realizing that they are ours for the asking.

Knowledge of God is ours if we kindle a relationship with Him because the Holy Spirit longs to pour this knowledge into our hearts and we shall be filled with the gifts and fruits of God Himself.

Let us pray for the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit of Love as we say the following prayer:

Spirit of WISDOM enter our hearts and show us the way to the Father.
Fount of all KNOWLEDGE fill our minds with what we need to know..

Embed in us COUNSEL which enables us to choose wisely.

Give us FORTITUDE to follow you to the end.

Deepen our UNDERSTANDING of you.

Fill our hearts with true PIETY.

May our lives be guided by the FEAR OF THE LORD

ACCEPTING THESE GIFTS, LORD, MAY WE BE ENABLED TO SHOW
THEIR FRUITS.

MAY LOVE be our identity as we strive to serve others.

MAY JOY express our equanimity as we face whatever may disturb us.

MAY PEACE be the sign of our dependence on God.

MAY PATIENCE help us to accept others' faults since we have so many.

MAY KINDNESS be the way to the hearts of others by our generosity.

MAY GOODNESS be like sunlight revealing what is right.

MAY LONG SUFFERING be the perfect imitation of Jesus in his agony.

MAY MILDNESS be the reflection of Jesus who called himself "Gentle and
humble."

MAY FAITH be the foundation of our Christian life.

MAY MODESTY reflect our dependence on God.

MAY CONTINENCE be an expression of self-control and moderation.

MAY CHASTITY be practised in our given vocation.

LET US PRAISE THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

AMEN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of “God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.” God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God’s revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit. ‘

God’s Spirit is always and everywhere “the Lord, the Giver of Life”, and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God’s children.’ In this liberty, as God’s children, we call on the Spirit to ‘renew the face of the Earth’, and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God’s creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth. The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God’s gift to us.

For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels. In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that looks beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation.

This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us build back better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, “the Lord, the Giver of Life”, whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and ‘renew the face of the earth’.