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St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Local
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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 26-31

PSALM 21
You, Lord, are my
praise in the great as-
sembly

Second Reading
1 John: 3: 18-24

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Make your home in
me, as I make mine in
you.
Whoever remains in
me bears fruit in
plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel :
John 15: 1-8

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

**I am
the Vine
You are
the
branches**

EASTER WEEK V

Divine Office Psalter Week I

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 1st May 2021—St. Joseph the Worker

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

12 noon Barbara Martin RIP

Readings: Acts 13: 44-52; Psalm 97: John 14: 7-14

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

6 00 p.m. Mass at St Philip's - Peter Smith

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR HUMAN WORK

Sunday 2nd May 2021— FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 30 a.m. People of the Parish

10 00 a.m. Brian Hampshire RIP

6 00 p.m. Joan Whittam

Readings: Acts 9: 26-31; Psalm 21: 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8

Monday 3rd May 2021 St Philip and James

10 00 a.m. Mass at St Philip's - Secular Clergy Fund

12 noon Peter Carrahar RIP

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-1; Psalm 18: John 14: 6-14

Tuesday 4th May 2021 The English Martyrs

12 noon Peggy Kenny RIP

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 30: Matthew 10:17-20

Wednesday 5th May 2021

12 noon Dec'd members of the Donaghy and Walsh families

Readings: Acts 15: 1-6; Psalm 121; John 15: 1-8

Thursday 6th May 2021

12 noon Stefan Kalicki

Readings: Acts 15: 7-21; Psalm 95; John 15: 9-11

Friday 7th May 2021

12 noon Erika and Jack Morgan 65th Wedding Anniversary

Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 56; John 15: 12-17

6 00 p.m.—8 00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 8th May 2021

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

12 noon James and Lala Ireland Intentions

Readings: Acts 16: 1-10; Psalm 99; John 15: 18-21

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

6 00 p.m. Mass at St Philip's Cliff Rhodes

Sunday 9th May 2021— SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 30 a.m. People of the Parish

10 00 a.m. Bill and Muriel Christie RIP

6 00 p.m. Damien Byrne RIP

Readings: Acts 10: 25-26.34-35.44-48; Psalm 97; John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17

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

Monday May 3rd
Feast of St Philip & James
There will be Mass at 10 00 a.m. at St Philip's as well as 12 noon at St Peters



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: . Bernard Suart, Patricia Wilcox whose Requiem Mass is here on 11th May at 11.00 and Barbara Evans

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Barbara Martin, Peter Carrahar, Moira Drain, Kenneth Lupton, Helga Bartley, Sheila Durdey, Pamela Autherson, Jose' Matos, Mary Jackson, May McCormack, William Gingell, Cecilia Hillier, Josephine Sherry, Stella Brennan and Bishop Joseph Gray

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine yourself as one of the disciples hearing Jesus speak these words talk with him about all that is in your heart and mind.
3. What phrase/sentence could be your 'motto' for the coming week?

For Conversation:

What word does the passage offer the parish community?

Diocese of Shrewsbury Education Service

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

CAFOD—THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

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.

HAPPY FEAST

Happy feast to all at St Philip's who will be celebrating St Philip's feast on Monday and to St James High School whose feast is also on Monday. St Philip and James was the original dedication of Our Lady and the Apostles in Edgeley—so there's a bit of local Catholic history for you!! **Mass on Monday in St Philip's at 10 00 a.m.**

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

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!



HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL—LAY CHAPLAIN

The Governors of Harrytown Catholic High School wish to appoint a School Lay Chaplain to work with school staff and leaders, to ensure that the Catholic mission and ethos of the school is maintained and that spiritual values are safeguarded. The person appointed will be able to work on his/her own initiative with enthusiasm and commitment. The successful candidate will be a practising Catholic with a deep sense of faith commitment and have an approachable and friendly way of relating to young people. This post is subject to a Disclosure Application of the appropriate level to the Disclosure and Barring Service. Applicants must complete the CES application form and an application pack is available on our website www.harrytownschool.org or alternatively by email applications@harrytown.stockport.sch.uk telephone 0161 430 5277. Closing date/time for fully completed applications - 09:00 on 04/05/2021

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.

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £425.20 plus online giving last month came to over £1000 per week. I 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 0776605475

Church Cleaning: Team 6 are on this week

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.

FROM FR PETER

It must be a Bank Holiday weekend because the weather is cold and damp! Enjoy the break.

We are aware of the poor reception people are getting with the live stream and I have spent some time this week talking to Church Services in Dublin and they quickly realised that I was not happy!! Hopefully we shall sort the problems out this week. Looking at last weeks recording of the Sunday 10 00 a.m. Mass it looked fine but apparently the live stream was anything but. Perhaps one solution at the moment will be to watch the recorded version which goes up a few minutes after the live feed is finished. One suggestion they have made is not to keep the livestream on 24/7 so we will possibly be switching it off over night. Then about half an hour later they e mailed back to say don't do anything yet. We shall see! The nice lady did say that since we have been with them for some years they would do their utmost to solve the problem quickly. Again watch this space.

We are beginning to make inroads into the backlog of baptisms and First Sacraments. The Baptism preparation team are preparing a couple of sessions to be delivered by Zoom. I hope to clear the backlog of First Forgiveness by the end of June and then have First Communions during the ext few months. I must say I have enjoyed the First Communions we have celebrated in very small groups—no more than three children. They have been more personal so they may well be a way forward for the new normal when we get to that particular point.

Friday saw 2 funerals with Jim Cox's celebrated by Fr Ned Wall in St Peter's and I celebrated Peter Smith's in St Philip's joined by Fr Bernard McDermott and Fr Tony Clarke from Salford Diocese. Techie was ably assisted by Techie 2 aka Terry Thiele since not even he can be in two places at once. Two funerals that normally would have had packed churches but unfortunately still subject to the 'no more than 30 rule.' Nevertheless I would like to think we gave these two faithful people as fitting a send off as possible under the circumstances. Please keep them and their families in your prayers

Enjoy the Bank Holiday and have a good week. Stay well and safe.

Fr Peter



**"I think it's called a scale,
but mom calls it a @#\$% liar!"**