

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2021
June
Evangelisation – The Beauty of
Marriage

For young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity faithfulness and patience

St Peter's and St Philip's Newslet-

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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



THE WORD OF GOD

ORDINARY TIME WEEK IX 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.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4: 32-34,
39-40

PSALM 32:

Happy the people the
Lord has chosen as his
own.

Second Reading:

Romans 8: 14-17

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit, the God
who is, who was, and who
is to come
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 28: 16-20

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

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 and Tom Dolan RIP

6 00 p.m. Hannah Gleeson

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

Monday 31st May 2021 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12 noon The Moriarty Family

Readings: Zephaniah 3: 14-18; Psalm Isaiah 12; Luke 1: 39-56

Tuesday 1st June 2021 St. Justin, M

12 noon John Mulvarney RIP

Readings: Tobit 2: 9-14; Psalm 111; Mark 12: 13-17

Wednesday 2nd June 2021 - Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, Mm

9.15 a.m Mass at St. Phillips Offerton - Margaret Doyle and Family

12 noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Tobit 3: 1-11.16-17; Psalm 24; Mark 12: 18-27

Thursday 3rd June 2021 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Mm

12 noon Edith Harper RIP

Readings: Tobit 6: 10-11.7:1.9-14; Psalm 127; Mark 12: 28-34

Friday 4th June 2021

12 noon Dorothy Egerton

Readings: Tobit 11: 5-17; Psalm 145; Mark 12: 35-37

6.00—8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 5th June 2021— St. Boniface, B, M

11-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon John Hand RIP

Readings: Tobit 12: 1.5-15; 20; Psalm Tobit 13:2; Mark 12: 38-44

4 00 p.m. Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite

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

6 00 p.m. Mass at St Philip's - Paul Byrne

Sunday 6th June 2021 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8 30 a.m. Michael Fogarty RIP

10 00 a.m. Andrew Burns RIP

6 00 p.m. People of the Parish

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

Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



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: Tom Dolan, Norah Henaghan

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Saad Youssef Abo-Negm, Patrick Kedney, Peter Birtles, Joyce Cunningham, John Pheiffer, Herbert Wright, Anthony Stout, Roy Griffiths, Anthony Myers, Marie Snelson, Cliffe Metcalfe, David Barratt, Irena Bubik, Noah Whalley, Francis McMahon, Lily Parker, Ena Selby

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.

The Most Holy Trinity (Year B)

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes to the end of time.'

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage
2. Note the words/phrases that draw your attention
3. Picture the scene. There with the eleven disciples, what are you feeling, seeing, hearing.....?
4. What does the passage say to you as a disciple of Jesus
5. What does the passage say to you about Jesus

For Conversation:

The way, as a community we can live "Go, make disciples....."

DEMENTIA AWARENESS –An informal Meeting

A meeting led by Diane Browczuk—a regulated social worker who has first hand experience of caring for a loved one with Dementia. The topics covered will include How to live well with Dementia, Housing options, how funding and social care works, why having power of attorney is important, support for the daily challenges that dementia brings and ways to look after yourself if you are a carer.

Thursday June 17th at 2 00 p.m. In St Peter's Parish Centre

LOCAL COUNCIL WARD REVIEW CONSULTATION

Have your say The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking for your views on our electoral review of Stockport. The review will agree new ward boundaries across the council.

- Do you have suggestions about where your ward boundaries should be?
- Where do people in your area go to access local facilities, such as shops and leisure activities?
- Which areas do you identify as your local community?
- reviews@lgbce.org.uk
- www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk
- Review Officer (Stockport), LGBCE, PO Box 133, Blyth, NE24 9F

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism preparation course has restarted virtually. We meet online on a Sunday at 11am for an hour, following the 10am Mass, there are two sessions for each course and the dates of the next courses are 13th and 20th June, 25th July and 1st Aug. If you would like to have your child Baptised please contact Karen on justa-sec55@hotmail.com. and we can send you the details and registration form.

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

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](http://ourwebsitewww.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

SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN LOURDES HOSPITALITY

The next meeting of the Hospitality will be held via Zoom on Saturday June 5th at 10 30 a.m. The meeting i.d is 956 7833 6805

Lucy Walsh, the secretary will send you the details of the meeting if you email at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text to 07451 249267.

Because this year's pilgrimage has been cancelled they are planning a virtual one again and we will give the details as soon as we have them

REFUGEE PROJECT

Just a quick update - the borders have now opened so we are in the process of looking for a 3 bedroom house to rent along the A6 corridor in Hazel Grove, Great Moor, Heaviley, Cale Green, Shaw Heath ..

As soon as we have secured a property, we will complete the application process and all being well, we should welcome a family 6 weeks later. Please keep this project in your prayers, especially that we find an affordable house in the right area. Once again, thank you for your kind generosity. We may be calling on people with good DIY skills in the near future so please keep an eye on the newsletter!

GUILD OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF PRIESTS is a new spiritual initiative inviting parishioners, religious and clergy to pray for the sanctification of priests. The inspiration for the establishment of the Guild has come from a parish in Shropshire in conjunction with their parish priest. Members of the Guild are simply asked to pray for priests for a few minutes each day using one of the Guild's prayer cards which are available at the back of church.

THANK YOU Peter Whittam would like to let you all know that he is now out of hospital and is making slow, but good progress. He very much appreciates all the prayers and good wishes he has received during his recent illness and thanks you all.

WEEKDAY MASS AT ST PHILIP'S

The Wednesday morning Mass at St Philip's recommences this Wednesday at 9 15 a.m. Thank you for your patience during the lockdown. Hopefully it will continue without too much interruption for the foreseeable future.

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).

THANK YOU Peter Whittam would like to let you know that he is now out of hospital and at home making good, if slow, progress. He really appreciates all the prayers that have been said for him and the good wishes that he has received.

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £732.00 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 4 are on this week

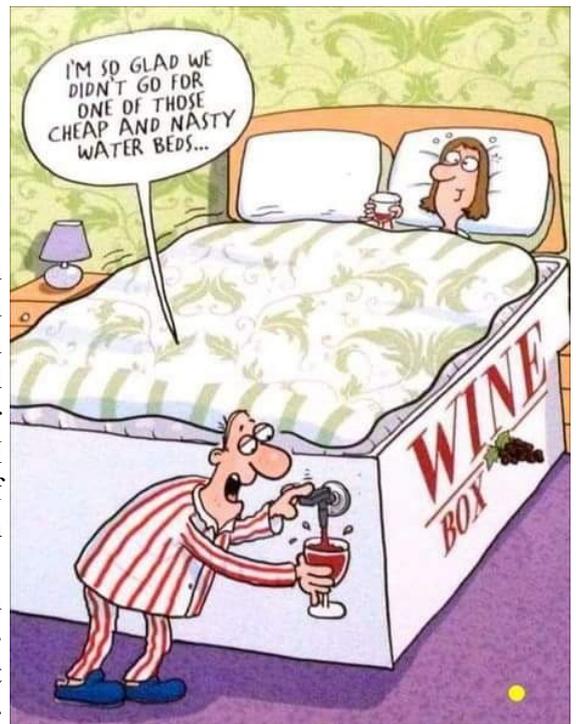
From Fr Peter.

It looks like the weather is improving for this Bank Holiday weekend, let's hope so especially as it is half term for our schools.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dolan family at the death of Tom the other day. Its quite a few years since he had a stroke but he kept coming to Mass as long as he could. His funeral will be on Wednesday June 16th at 12 noon here at St Peter's. We will give more details of how many, if any, places will be available.

I write these few words in the aftermath of Gdansk on Wednesday night and hope that the same fate has not fallen on to the blue side of Manchester in Lisbon. Of course, I am more interested in what goes on in Yeovil this weekend and look forward to the National League play offs which are far more important than these piffling European competitions. I suppose if City do lose then at least we have a hat trick of defeats in Europe this year when you include the Eurovision Song Contest Nul points!!

I spent a good hour on the phone with a man from Church Services this week trying to fathom out the cause of the problems with our live stream. Its not fixed yet but we are a bit closer and we are not the only church having a similar problem. Hopefully this week will see some progress. For some strange reason when a Mass is recorded then the recording is trouble free so you may find it easier to watch the recorded version of a Mass rather than the live version for the time being. Thank you for your patience and I hope that those of you who are doing a 'tour of churches of the British Isles' are enjoying seeing the different places but I hope you will return home in due course.



Enjoy the week and stay safe,

Fr Peter



A PASTORAL LETTER
Our Witness to the Value of Human Life
To be read at all Masses on the
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
30th May 2021

On Trinity Sunday, the Gospel reminds us that Christ commissioned His Church to call every human being to share nothing less than the life of the Holy Trinity. i His commission was to baptise all the nations *“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all the commands I gave you”*. ii

There is a commandment that God wrote into our hearts from the beginning: *“You shall not kill.”* This command has guided our society from the start and favoured the development of a civilisation that protects the most vulnerable. The inheritance of Judeo-Christian teaching has inspired people to the most outstanding care and compassion for the sick and the suffering. During these past fourteen months, we have witnessed these same values at work in the mobilisation of society and countless heroic acts to protect the most vulnerable.

And yet, a Bill was quietly introduced into Parliament last Wednesday, which seems the more sinister, in seeking to remove legal protections from some of the most vulnerable members of society. A mere six years after Parliament overwhelmingly rejected legalisation for assisted suicide citing the need to protect the vulnerable, we are faced with a new attempt to make those who have always been ‘care-givers’ into ‘life-takers.’ The attempt to change the law has been introduced by the Chair of what was formerly the *Voluntary Euthanasia Society*, removing any doubt as to the ultimate purpose.

I write to alert you to the struggle which lies ahead in defence of the value of human life and the moral vision which has long underpinned the care of the sick. However limited the first proposals may be, a moral line would be crossed if those in our medical and nursing professions are called to assist in killing patients; and a long-standing legal shield is removed from the sick, the aged and those nearing the end of their lives.

This change to the law will be proposed on grounds of compassion in order to alleviate human suffering. All of us are united in wishing to see the relief of human suffering. In imitation of Christ Himself, the Church has always lived a preferential love for the sick and suffering. It was the Church which founded the first hospitals and hospices. However, where the Euthanasia lobby differs from the care Christianity has always inspired, is by proposing killing as means to end suffering.

The parliamentary battle over the issue is expected in the Autumn. We cannot be complacent over what is at stake should the softening of opposition in government and parliament and the proactive campaigning in the media succeed in lulling consciences. If there were any doubt about the consequences, we have only to look at what has happened elsewhere. Even though definite legal safeguards were initially guaranteed, countries that compromised the sanctity of human life in this way have seen euthanasia and assisted suicide extended to ever new groups. These now include those suffering from mental illness and even children.

On Monday, I issued an appeal to everyone who values the sanctity of human life and wants the best care and support for the sick and the dying, to oppose this latest proposal to force our society across the line from caring to killing. May we be ready in the name of the Most Holy Trinity to raise our prayers and voices in witness to value of every human life and for the protection of those who are most vulnerable. We do so with the assurance given in the Gospel today, *“Know I am with you always; yes, to the end of time”*. iii

Entrusting our witness to the value of human life and our commitment to the care of the dying to the prayers of Saint Joseph,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

i Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 735

ii Mt. 28: 20

iii Mt. 28:20