

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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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.



ORDINARY TIME WEEK XI

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.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel; 17:22-24:

PSALM 91

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:6-10:

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds the seed will remain for ever
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Mark 4: 26-34

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

Saturday 12th June 2021– The Immaculate Heart of Mary
 11-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon Tom Dolan
Readings: Isaiah 61:9-11 Psalm 1 Samuel 2; Luke 2:41-51
6 00 p.m. Mass in Polish at St Peter's
6 00 p.m. Mass at St Philip's Secular Clergy Fund
Sunday 13th June 2021 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Readings Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 91; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
 Mark 4:26-34
8 30 a.m. Barbara Jones
10 00 a.m. People of the Parish
6 00 p.m. Bishop Brian Noble
Monday 14th June 2021
 12 noon Sharon (sick)
Readings: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10; Psalm 97; Matthew 5: 38-42
Tuesday 15th June 2021
12 noon Bernard Elsdon RIP
Readings: 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9; Psalm 145; Matthew 5: 43-48
Wednesday 16th June 2021
9.15 a.m Mass at St. Phillips Offerton - Alan Shuttleworth
12 noon Requiem Mass for Tom Dolan (invitation only)
Readings: 2 Corinthians 2 Corinthisan s 9: 6-11; Psalm 111; Matthew 6: 1-6.16-18
Thursday 17th June 2021
12 noon Hughie Travers
Readings: 2 Corinthians 11: 1-11; Psalm 110; Matthew 6: 7-15
Friday 18th June 2021
12 noon Bernadette Raw (sick)
Readings: 2 Corinthians 11: 18.21-30; Psalm 33; Matthew 6: 19-23
Saturday 19th June 2021
 11-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon Rose O'Connell
Readings: 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10: Psalm 33; Matthew 6: 24-34
6 00 p.m. Mass in Polish at St Peter's
6 00 p.m. Mass at St Philip's -
Sunday 20th June 2021 - TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
8 30 a.m. Private Intention
10 00 a.m. Simon Harrison and Barbara Ruddier
6 00 p.m. People of the Parish
Readings: Job 3: 1. 8-11; Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Mark 4: 35-41
DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FORE LIFE

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 kingdom of heaven is like?



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 Evelyn Blockley

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Mark Blackwell,

Sarah Fennell, Alec Levak, Peter Doherty Minnie Edwards, Valencine Banfield, Bernard Elsdon, John Marsh, Phyllis Pomeroy, Hary Westhead, John Edwards, Alice Holmes, Catherine Cartwright, Anne Bell, John Cunliffe, Kathleen Ridgeway, May Horbury, Peter Bugarski, May Horbury.

Baptism: We welcome in to our Parish Community Isla Maeve Holtom who was Baptised here last Sunday.

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.

WELCOME to Julia Darul and Edie Pratt who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time today accompanied by their families and to those families beginning the preparation for the baptism of their children.

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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Mark 4:26-34

Jesus also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. The Kingdom takes time to grow. What signs of the Kingdom do you see around you?
3. Take time in prayer to place before God those things you struggle to persevere with.
4. In what ways might your parish community become even more welcoming to those visiting, looking for 'shelter'?

For Conversation:

The mysterious ways God works.

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?

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.

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://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

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! At the moment the Refugee Fund stands at £22,314.76p. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

ASK YOUR MP TO SIGN A PARLIAMENTARY MOTION TO STOP 'DIY' ABORTION

Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion

It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion

On Wednesday 23rd June, the Vigil of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. <https://www.facebook.com/events/121521016724148>

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 available courses are 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.

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

St Peter's Book Club

Last month we read *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce - set in the aftermath of the Second World War, this is a lovely story about the enduring bond of friendship. We also read *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell which is an imaginative work of historical fiction about William Shakespeare and his wife Ann Hathaway and the death of their only son.

For this month we would like to recommend 3 books:

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins - Amazon reviews this book as 'vivid, visceral, utterly compelling .. an unforgettable story of a mother and son's attempt to cross the US-Mexican border.' *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig is a book about a person who is full of regrets and after attempting suicide finds herself in a library where she gets to try all the other lives she could have lived! *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford is the story of Henry, an American born Chinese American and his friendship with Keiko a second generation Japanese American. Set in Seattle, during the Second World War, they are two outcasts in an all-white school until the devastation of Pearl Harbour when Keiko and her family are sent away to an internment camp.

We will meet again via Zoom on **Tuesday, 20th July at 7.30pm**. If you wish to be sent the link please contact Alison McGarr via email - ajmcgarr68@outlook.com

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £717.20 plus online giving last month came to over £1000 per week. We also acknowledge the gift to various charities from someone who won money on the Premium Bonds! Thank you. 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

Church Cleaning: Team 6 are on this week

VACANCY ON CLEANING TEAM 1

Would some kind person like to join our friendly cleaning team one? We meet on Monday mornings every six weeks. We get along very well, no set rules, we each decide what needs to be done. If you could help please contact Margaret Purcell, m.purcell@talktalk.net. or 01625 877765.

From Fr Peter.

As soon as I had printed the newsletter last week with the comment about everyone being cheered up by the sunshine, the clouds began to gather!! I will not speak of the weather again nor will I mention the great football event of this weekend and I don't mean England against Croatia! But it was good to see Jimmy Anderson break the record for Test match appearances for England and the generous reception from the crowd when he went out to 'bat' on Friday morning.

Meanwhile in the real world we await Boris' announcement this week on how the current restrictions are going to be eased, if at all. With the current figures of infections within Greater Manchester and Stockport it would seem difficult to ease things too much but we shall see. Whatever the announcement the current arrangements for attending Mass here in both our churches will still be in force next weekend so carry on booking. If there is any change then it would be announced next weekend,

Boris is having a busy weekend down in Cornwall with all those world leaders ruining peoples holidays but there was lots of overtime for around 5000 policemen! Still they say its good to talk and I suspect there has been a lot of talking and hopefully some good will come out of it all especially for the poorer countries of the world. Have a good week!



Fr Peter