

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2021

August

Evangelisation—The Church:

For the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the gospel

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Mother of God Local Missionary Area in Stockport

**YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES
YOU WILL NO LONGER NEED TO BOOK A PLACE FOR MASS BUT
YOU ARE ASKED TO SIGN THE TRACK AND TRACE FORM AND TO
WEAR A MASK**

LIFTING OF LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

As you know the restrictions on attending church were lifted on 19th July and we are approaching 'normality'. Please allow people their space in church and please continue to wear a mask in church. Listen carefully to the announcements about the distribution of Holy Communion in the main body of the church. The distribution of Holy Communion will revert to the normal arrangement of approaching the sanctuary and in St Peters Communion will also be distributed in the Gallery.



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:

Apocalypse 11:

PSALM 44

On your right stands the Queen in garments of gold

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Luke 1:39-56

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

READERS ARE ASKED TO 'VOLUNTEER' BY SIGNING THE LIST IN THE SACRISTY FOR THE REST OF THIS MONTH'S MASSES ORDINARY TIME WEEK XX

Divine Office Psalter Week IV

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM

www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Saturday 14th August 2021- St. Maximillian Mary Kolbe, P,M

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Valerie Jones

Readings: Joshua 24: 14-29; Psalm 15; Matthew 19:13-15

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Caroline Higgins RIP

Sunday 15th August 2021- THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8 30 a.m People of the Parish

10 00 a.m Peter and Tricia Lees RIP

6 00 p.m Joan and Peter Whittam RIP

Readings : Apocalypse 11: 19.12: 1-6.10;Psalm 44: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26; Luke 1:39-56

Monday 16th August 2021

12 Noon Mike Fogarty RIP

Readings: Judges 2: 11-19; Psalm 105; Matthew 19: 16-22

Tuesday 17th August 2021 -

12 noon Sean Morgan

Readings Judges 6: 11-24; Psalm 84; Matthew 19: 23-30

Wednesday 18th August 2021 -

9.15 am Mass at St..Phillips—Sheila Smith's Intentions

12.00 Noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Judges 9: 6-15; Psalm 20;Matthew 20: 1-16

Thursday 19th August 2021 - St. John Eudes,P

2 00 p.m. Requiem Mass for John Purcell NOTE TIME

ALL ARE WELCOME

Readings: Judges 11: 29 -39,Psalm 39; Matthew 22: 1-14

Friday 20th August 2021 - St. Bernard,Ab, D

10 00 a.m. Crematorium Service for Mary Hicks

12 Noon Terry Armstrong RIP

Readings: Ruth 1: 1,3-6.14-16.22; Psalm 145;Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday 21st August 2021- St.Pius X,Pp

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Audrey Judge RIP

Readings: Ruth 2: 1-3,8-11.4: 13-17; Psalm 127: Matthew 23:1-12

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Derek Wright

Sunday 22nd TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8 30 a.m Mary Watson

10 00 a.m Chrissie Jackson

With the Baptism, Confirmation and First Coimmunion of Rachel Bruckshaw

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. DO NOT COME TO CHURCH IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS - SNEEZING, COUGHING, SORE THROAT ETC

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THEIR EXAMINATION GRADES THIS WEEK AND EVERY BEST WISH FOR THE FUTURE

The sick - and remembering, all the sick in the parish especially those 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: John Purcell , Mary Hicks and Audrey Kenny. We have also just heard of the death last month of WEric Barlow who was the resident organist in the Social Club some years ago

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Tricia Lees, Mary Anderson, Friedrike Maltby, Robin McGregor, Michael O'Brien, Joseph Mullvey, Joe Reilly, Ellen Blood, Olive Francis, Thomas Meadows, Owen Ring, Tina Davies, Albert Wande, Edna Williamson, Agnes Ethel Dempsey, Winifred Robertshaw,

Baptism: We welcome into our community Isabelle Weronika Anna Guillermane 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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year B) Luke 1:39 – 56

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy- according to the promise he made to our ancestors- of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then went back home.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine Mary's feelings as she approached Elizabeth's home how Elizabeth was feeling awaiting Mary – notice your response as the two women meet...
3. What does Mary's Magnificat tell you of God?

For Conversation:

The things that make YOU want to praise God

SYNOD 23

As you will remember the Holy Father has called for everyone to be involved in the preparations for the Bishops Synod in 2023 which is on the question of Synods in the Church. 'Synodality' is a way of being church in the present time and I would like to think we have made some progress in this in our own parish but there is more to be done. Although we are still awaiting some guidance as to how to proceed in our own diocese a good preparation can be made by looking at the website rootandbranch.org which offers the opportunity of taking part in the Root and Branch Synod listening to some great speakers including Mary McAleese, former President of Ireland and and taking part in discussions in September. The event happens between September 5th—12th in Bristol You can join in everything on Zoom. Have a look on the website.

There is an up date on the Bishop's Conference website, <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/>

CHOIRS - New beginnings.

It is good that we are able once again to sing at Mass and despite having to wear masks the singing at 10 o'clock Mass has been good. We will be starting choir practices again in September (9th - adult, 10th - junior) and as well as welcoming back 'old' members, we are looking for new ones in both choirs. Now is the time to come and join us and rediscover the joys of singing!

For more details contact Eileen Rigg on 07766-405588 or emrigg@hotmail.co.uk

We also look forward to the return of the Music Group in September

ST PETER'S JUSTICE AND PEACE:

Thank you so much for continuing to support the food bag collections for our schools. They are so much needed and so very much appreciated. This week we had enough contributions to make up six bags.

As is usually the case when food is collected we have a surfeit of some items and not enough of others. Currently we would appreciate any items from the following list:

Long life milk; teabags; pasta sauce (but no pasta please);

tinned meat or fish; tinned tomatoes; tinned pies, tinned soup; tinned fruit; tinned milk puddings/custard

packets of individual biscuits like blue ribbon, Kit Kats; wagon wheels.. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

St Peter's Book Club

We are going to suggest 5 books for the summer ..

The Goldfinch by *Donna Tartt* was the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction 2014 - It's the story of Theo whose mother dies in a terrorist explosion at the Metropolitan Museum in New York. In the chaos, Theo escapes with his mother's favourite painting, The Goldfinch, a Dutch masterpiece that becomes Theo's secret treasure and also the albatross around his neck. **The Four Winds** by *Kristin Hannah* set in 1930's Texas, the dust bowl, the stock market crash, and for the farmers across The Great Plains, came burning winds that destroyed everything in their path. This is a tale of poverty, discrimination and survival. **The Mercies** by *Kiran Millward Hargreaves* is inspired by the real events of the Vardo Storm and the 1621 Witch Trials on the Norwegian Island of Vardo. **The Vanishing Half** by *Brit Bennett* focuses on twins who grow up in a small town where they are forced to leave school at the age of 16 to help provide an income for their family. Unable to take the burden placed on them by their mother, the girls decide to leave for New Orleans. It's there that each finds a new path. **The Appeal** by *Janice Hallett* is summed up in the book description "Someone was murdered. Someone went to prison. And everyone's a suspect. Can you uncover the truth?"

We are hoping that this last meeting was the last one via Zoom! So, our next meeting **will be in person** in the **Member's Lounge - the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 21st September at 7.30pm.**

It would be lovely to see everyone again - so please do join us for a drink and a chat. For further information or to arrange a lift on the night please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

ST PETER'S REFUGEE PROJECT

We are now ready to rent a property - if you know of a rental property (2 or 3 bed) which is coming up to be let within 3 miles of Hazel Grove, preferably along the A6 corridor - Heaviley, Great Moor, Cale Green, Shaw Heath, please can you contact Sandra Coleing on 07800 617688 sandracoleing@gmail.com

Please can we also ask for your prayers that the right property at the right price and in the right location comes available soon. We have come so far and this is the next big hurdle we need to overcome

St Peter's Helpers - School Uniform Project

We cannot thank you enough for your amazing generosity to this project. £1617 was raised which is an astonishing amount, your support for families in need is really appreciated and will be distributed amongst our local Catholic schools where the need is greatest. Over 50 book bags have also been funded by your generous donations, thank you SO MUCH! God Bless you all. Email: stpetershelpers@gmail.com

WALKS AND RUNS

SPONSORED WALK Phillip Egerton is doing a sponsored walk to fundraise for PROSTATE CANCER UK, and would really appreciate your support. You can donate to his JustGiving page which is, www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Philip-Egerton JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to **PROSTATE CANCER UK**, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Please support Phillip, raising money for a very good cause which affects so many men.

Manchester Marathon 2021 – Philip Kok Shun will be running the Manchester Marathon on Sunday 10th October in aid of **THE CHRISTIE CHARITY**, who deliver a brilliant service to those diagnosed with cancer and their families, over and above what the NHS provides. Any donations big or small would be greatly appreciated, either through JustGiving at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/philipsmarathonmadness, or on the sponsorship form found at the back of church.

The past year has been tough for many charities and their fundraising efforts, and the Christie is no exception. For all the great work they do for so many at such a difficult time, please do consider lending your support. Good luck Philip!

LITTLE FISHES has spaces for September, if you would like to join please ring Ann on 07763387001

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS AND COFFEES

After months of virtual Teas and Coffees, we are now hoping to be able to meet again in the Parish centre starting on **Sunday 5th September after 10 AM Mass**. At our virtual meetings everyone made their own brew but we will now need to recruit some volunteers to kindly brew up for everyone again! If you would like to sign up to help out, the rota is now live on the parish website (thanks to Tecchie) - search for the 'rotas' page. Teas and Coffees is a great opportunity to come and have a chat and catch up with people; get to know people if you are new; and celebrate whatever events people are celebrating. We usually find some excuse for a cake! As well as enjoying the chat and building community, the donations received replenish the stocks and support Mary's Meals and various other charities that people feel drawn to support. Please sign up online or phone the office if you'd like to be on the rota or have a chat after Mass if you would like to be involved in any way.

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted £778.34 to 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 has relocated to Leicester so there is a vacancy for a Parish Safeguarding Officer. If anyone would like to know more about it then please get in touch with Fr Peter

Church Cleaning: Team 3 are on this week

From Fr Peter

Another sign of the return to normality this week was the first meeting since just before Christmas 2019 of my 'Support Group.' All of us in the diocese are invited to be part of a support group that meets every so often for a meal and a chat about things. This week we went and stayed at the Loreto Convent in Llandudno and went out for a pint and a meal in a local restaurant. It was good to meet up again and see how different ones have coped with lockdown. We have all survived and some of us have put weight on and some of us have lost some depending on how we filled the time of lockdown! To make up for lost time we are having another get together in October and then November. There are seven of us in our group and it was just good to meet up and chat.

Our various choirs and Music Groups are beginning to wake up after their long hibernation and the Music Group are due to play at John Purcell's

Requiem Mass on Thursday afternoon to which all are welcome. Eileen Rigg is always on the look out for more members of the choir and the rehearsals start at the beginning of September as you will read on the note on page 3 of this newsletter. We are also looking to restart Teas and Coffees after the 10 00 a.m. Mass so it is all coming together to return to 'normal' or should it be the 'new normal', What is important is that everyone takes advantage of the offer of the vaccinations against the Coronavirus so that everyone is protected as much as possible.

Another sign of the return to normality will be the gathering after 10 00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Centre for teas and coffees and biscuits and cakes and orange juice. We hope to start again on September 5th but we need some volunteers to brew a few gallons of tea and a few gallons of coffee. See the note on page 3 of this newsletter.

Next week at the 10 00 a.m. Mass we will have the Baptism of an adult—Rachel. It is always good to receive someone into the church because it is a powerful sign of a living faith not just in the one to be received but in the community as a whole. Please keep Rachel in your prayers this week as she prepares to make this positive step of faith in her life.

So what with the cricket and the football have a good week!



Fr Peter