

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

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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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:

Joshua 24:1-2.15-18

PSALM 33

Taste and see that the
Lord is good.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia alleluia!

Your words are

spirit, Lord, and they are
life: you have the mes-
sage of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

6: 60-69

READERS ARE ASKED TO 'VOLUNTEER' BY SIGNING THE LIST IN THE SACRISTY FOR SEPTEMBER'S MASSES ORDINARY TIME WEEK XXI

Divine Office Psalter Week 1

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

www.churchservices.tv/stockport

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 Communion
of Rachel Bruckshaw

6 00 p.m People of the Parish

Readings: Joshua 24: 1-2.15-18; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5: 21-32;

John 6: 60-69

Monday 23rd August 2021

12 Noon Rose O'Connell

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5.8-10; Psalm 149;

Matthew 23: 13-22

Tuesday 24th August 2021 - St. Bartholomew, Ap

12 noon Damien and Tony Byrne RIP

Readings: Apocalypse 21: 9-14; Psalm 144; John 1: 45-51

Wednesday 25th August 2021 - St. Thomas of Hereford, B

9 15 a.m. Mass at St Philip's Secular Clergy Fund

12.00 Noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Psalm 138: Matthew 23: 27-32

Thursday 26th August 2021

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Audrey Kenny- ALL ARE WELCOME

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3: 7-13; Psalm 89: Matthew 24: 42-51

Friday 27th August 2021—St. Monica

12 Noon Judy Murphy RIP

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8; Psalm 96; Matthew 25: 1-13

Saturday 28th August 2021— St. Augustine, B, D

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Irene Darcy RIP

6.00 pm Polish Mass

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Sheila Smith's Intentions

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4: 9-11; Psalm 97; Mathew 25: 14-30

Sunday 29th August 2021 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8 30 a.m People of the Parish

10 00 a.m Maria Walker RIP

6 00 p.m Canon Brendan Hoban RIP

Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2.6-8; Psalm 14; James 1: 17-18.21-22.27;

*Please remember to
wear face masks and
sanitise your hands
coming in and going
out of church and
keep to social dis-
tancing including sit-
ting away from the
aisles as much as
possible.*

**DO NOT COME TO
CHURCH IF YOU
HAVE ANY SYMP-
TOMS - SNEEZING,
COUGHING, SORE
THROAT ETC**

**You are
the Holy
One of
God**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be celebrated in
the sacristy on Satur-
days during Exposition
of the Blessed Sacra-
ment

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: Michael Bell, Requiem Mass Tuesday 31st August at **12 30** Ernesto Duo (Crematorium Service August 31st at 10 00) Michael Martin, Requiem Mass Our Lady of Lourdes Farnworth at 10 onm Wednesday Michael Henson and Audrey Kenny Requiem Mass on Thursday at 12. We have also just heard of the death last month of Eric Barlow who was the resident organist in the Social Club some years ago

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Thomas Meadows, Owen Ring, Tina Davies, Albert Waude, Edna Williamson, Agnes Dampsey, Winifred Robertshaw, Catherine Ashton, Fr. Chris Jenkins, Norman James, John Melia, Gerard Melia, Marie Walker, Judith Murphy, Michael Bradley

Baptism: We welcome into our community Leila Ivy Frost 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.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) John 6:60-69

After hearing it, many of his followers said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?' It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him'. After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Take time to reflect on this Gospel scene, noticing your thoughts/feelings concerning reaction to those who could not believe.
3. Which words/phrase of Jesus might be your 'motto' for the coming week?
4. Prayer focus: for the grace to commit yourself to a life even more deeply centred on Christ?

For Conversation:

Moments in life when you have professed "We know you are the Holy One of 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 on September 5th. They and the choir will lead the music at 10 00 a.m. Mass on alternate Sundays for the time being.

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.

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

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 Techie) - 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.

SHINE - In the last edition of SHINE there was an anagram, the answer was SHREWSBURY DIOCESE, well done if you solved it.

THANK YOU FROM MARGARET PURCELL AND FAMILY

Margaret and family wish to thank everyone for their Mass intentions, cards and messages and for attending John's funeral on Thursday, it was very comforting to know that he was loved by many. A special thanks to to Stephanie and the group for their music, it was so lovely.

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £649.86 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 4 are on this week

From Fr Peter

It must be the school holidays because the weather has been so bad. No doubt it will improve once all the young people are back in school!

Congratulations to all who have received their examination results grades or whatever they are called this year. Our young peoples' education has been so disrupted these past couple of years it has been difficult for all those who are involved in education at all levels from primary to university. Let us hope that things will begin to settle down now.

What awful scenes we are seeing from Afghanistan and Haiti this week not to mention the fires that are still raging in different parts of the world. We really are fortunate in this country.

Our refugee project is getting back on track and we are looking for a suitable house to rent. Wherever I go around the parish I am on the lookout for 'For Sale' or 'To Let' signs. I am sure that something will soon turn up.

The livestream should now be working properly after the interruptions of the past few months. We have changed our internet provider so that we have a stronger signal. We will also be replacing the camera shortly so will basically have a new system.

Lots of baptisms going on at the moment but a special one this weekend as Rachel receives Adult Baptism at the 10 00 a.m. Mass today. We wish her every happiness and fulfilment as the newest member of God's family today.

We also have a few funerals at the moment with John Purcell's the other day and Audrey Kenny this coming Thursday. Michael Martins funeral is on Wednesday in Farnworth and Michael Bell a week on Tuesday here. I remind you that there are no restrictions on numbers attending funerals now and so all are welcome. We received news of the death of Michael Henson and are waiting to hear news of his funeral which should take place here.

Readers, please don't forget to sign up on the list in the sacristy for reading at Sunday Mass in September.

The real football season begins this weekend with the National League swinging into action. Another 9 months of nail biting, successes and failures, hopes dashed or occasionally fulfilled! We still have three Test Matches against India to get through as well, I don't know where we find the time for it all!!

Have a good week



Fr Peter