

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:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8

PSALM 14

The just will live in the
presence of the Lord

Second Reading

James 1: 17-18.
21-22,27.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia alleluia!

By his own choice the
Father made us his chil-
dren by the message of
the truth, so that we
should be a sort of first-
fruits of all that he cre-
ated.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Mark 7: 1-8.14-15.
21-23

**It is from
within from
men's
hearts, that
evil inten-
tions emerge**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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

Divine Office Psalter Week II

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
www.churchservices.tv/stockport

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; Mark 7: 1-8.14-15.21-23

Monday 30th September 2021—Ss Margaret Clitherow, Margaret V

12 Noon Vera Hogan RIP

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Psalm 95; Luke 4: 16-30

Tuesday 31st August 2021 - St. Aidan, B and the Saints of Lindisfarne

12 .30 pm Requiem Mass for Michael Bell ALL ARE WELCOME

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6.9-11; Psalm 26; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday 1st September 2021

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

12.00 Noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Corinthians 1: 1-8; Psalm 51; Luke 4: 38-44

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Thursday 2nd September 2021

12 Noon John and Patricia Kenny 65th Wedding Anv.

Readings: Colossians 1: 9-14; Psalm 97; Luke 5: 1-11

Friday 3rd September 2021—St. Gregory the Great, Pp, D

12 Noon Edith Harper RIP

6-8 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2: 2-8; Psalm 95; Matthew 16: 13-19

Saturday 4th September 2021 - St. Cuthbert, B

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Jane Seargent RIP

6.00 pm Polish Mass

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Eric Miller

Readings: Colossians 1: 21-23; Psalm 53; Luke 6: 1-5

Sunday 5th September - 2021 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8 30 a.m Phillip

10 00 a.m People of the Parish

6 00 p.m Josephine Mann RIP

Readings: Isaiah 35; 4-7; Psalm 145; James 2: 1-5; Mark 7: 31-37

*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**

Your prayers are asked for

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 pm**, Ernesto Duo and his wife, Michael Henson whose funeral Mass will be here on Thursday September 9th at 12 30 and Winifred Dearman

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Catherine May, Frank Barry, John Barrow, Gilbert Ireland, Terry Cunningham, Veronica Hogan, Marie Hunt.

Baptism: Welcome to Rachel Bruckshaw, Julie Anna Long, Joshua Coltas Gracie Morgans and Millie Rae Woods who were baptised over last weekend in our churches

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round him, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly.

All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Notice your response thoughts/feelings concerning the Pharisees and scribes.
3. What does this Gospel incident teach you about Jesus?
4. How might it relate to your daily life?
5. Prayer focus: For the grace of a heart even more deeply involved in Christ.

For Conversation:

40 DAYS FOOR LIFE Steve Conlon writes

I would like to invite you to '40 days for life' vigil outside 136 Chester road Hazel Grove NUPAS Abortion facility. 40 Days for life is a non denominational global organisation committed to ending abortion. It has been endorsed by Pope Francis and we have this Autumn from the 22nd September to 31st October an opportunity to Join with our fellow Christians around the world to put an end to Abortion in Our parish boundaries. If you are interested in helping Dan Chamberlin and myself in holding a prayerful vigil for 40 days can you contact me on 07702 828984

www.40daysforlife.com

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The Rosary prayer group is starting up again after the long break! It will take place fortnightly in the parish meeting room at 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings beginning on 14th September. The rosary is prayed in a very similar manner to the online rosary which was broadcast daily from church, but with the friendship and support which comes from meeting and praying together. All are welcome, please feel free just to turn up or if you would prefer phone Laura on 01625 876752

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.

ALSO COMING SOON

Children's Liturgy will be starting up again soon.

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

AFGHANISTAN APPEAL

Greater Manchester has already received a thousand Afghan Refugees. The immediate response has been a wide range of voluntary organisations, (including Caritas Salford) coming together to give them direct support. One joint venture is to raise £60,000 to fund basic welcome packs of essential items. The packs will be given to each new arrival and contain clean clothes, proper shoes and all necessary toiletries. As a parish community, contributing to this fund would be a very practical and immediate way we can help our traumatised and suffering brothers and sisters. If you are willing to make a donation to this fund please place your contribution in an envelope marked Afghan Fund and place in the presbytery letter box. Cheques should be made payable to CARITAS. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation there are forms available in the porch. Please complete one and include it in the envelope with your donation.

In the meantime we will explore other ways we can offer much needed support as a parish. Because our storage space is currently completely full of contributions for our refugee family we have no place to store any material contributions. If there is anyone in the parish who could supply a solution to this storage problem we would be most grateful as it would open up another avenue of support we could offer to our refugees. Thank you

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!

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.

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

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.

A few of our members have left some books in the porch, at the back of Church, please take any of them if you wish.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM VINCENT KENNY

Thank you for all your prayers, Mass Intentions cards of sympathy and your attendance at Audrey's Requiem Mass. Your love and support has been with me throughout.

A cheque for £1000 has been posted to Dementia UK. Again many thanks

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £699 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 was Sean Downey who 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 5 are on this week

From Fr Peter

Desperate start to the football season last Saturday so we hope for better things this weekend as they appear live on BT Sport on Saturday evening. Its good that I have to go to Offerton to celebrate Mass at St Phillip's so I have the perfect excuse for not having to suffer. Purgatory will come soon enough. A much better start to the Test Match with Mr Anderson showing them how its done. Pity he didn't start the second innings as well but we shall see.

The awful scenes coming from Afghanistan are truly harrowing and I am sure our hearts go out to everyone who is involved. Earlier in the newsletter you will see a request for help from Caritas to assist those people who have managed to be airlifted from Kabul over the past few days. If you are making a donation then please make any cheques payable to **CARITAS** and there are Gift Aid envelopes available in the porch. Each diocese has a branch of Caritas and this present appeal is being co-ordinated by our neighbours in Salford Diocese.

It is very encouraging to see more people coming back to Mass and I hope that you feel both welcome and safe. We expect to restart the Children's Liturgy at the 10 o'clock Mass soon. There will be a new look to it in that you will be asked to take the young people to the Parish Centre before Mass. One familiar face who will not be around will be Janice who has co-ordinated the Childrens Liturgy for more years that it is polite to mention. She has stepped down having moved away from the parish. We are grateful to Teresa Theile who has done such sterling work with the First Communion programme over the past few years and who will be the lead person for the Children's Liturgy. I am sure that we will all give our support to Theresa and to our young people.

After next Sunday I shall be on the **BIG** holiday and Canon Rafferty will be back in town for the weekends and along with Fr Geoff O'Grady and Fr Chris McCurry will provide some weekday Masses. John McKay will continue to get more experience of Baptisms and Funerals and I will, hopefully, get some sun but of course you can never rely on the sun in Lyme Park.

In the mean time have a good week



"Got any books on dog training?"

Fr Peter