

# St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2021  
SEPTEMBER

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle:  
That we will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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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:

WISDOM 2:12.17-20

#### PSALM 53:

THE LORD UPHOLDS MY  
LIFE

#### Second Reading:

James 3:16-4:3

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia alleluia!

Through the Good  
News God called us  
to share the glory of  
our Lord Jesus Christ  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel Reading:

Mark: 9:30-37

# YOU ARE THE CHRIST

#### 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 OCTOBER MASSES ORDINARY TIME WEEK XXV

Divine Office Psalter Week II

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

#### Saturday 18th September 2021

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12 Noon Mark Robert Smith - birthday memories  
6.00 pm Polish Mass  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Audrey Kenny  
Readings: 1 Timothy 1: 15-17; Psalm 112; Luke 6: 43-49

#### Sunday 19th September 2021 – TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8 30 a.m People of the Parish  
10 00 a.m Kath Gingell RIP  
6 00 p.m Colleen and Peter Whittam RIP  
Readings: Wisdom 2:12.17-20; Psalm 53; James 3: 16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSION

#### Monday 20th September 2021

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Ezra 1: 1-6; Psalm 125; Luke 8: 16-18

#### Tuesday 21st September 2021 - St. Matthew, Ap, Ev

12 .00 pm Mike Fogarty RIP  
Readings Ephesians 4: 1-7; 11-13; Psalm 18; Matthew 9:9-13

#### Wednesday 22nd September 2021 -

12.00 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Ezra 5: 5-9; Psalm Tob 13; Luke 9: 1-6

#### Thursday 23rd September 2021 – St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

12 Noon Catherine Begley RIP  
Readings: Haggai 1: 1-8 Psalm 149; Luke 9: 7-9

#### Friday 24th September 2021 - Our Lady of Walsingham

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Galatians 4: 4-7; Psalm Luke 1: John 19: 25-27

#### Saturday 25th September 2021

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12 Noon Andrew Burns RIP  
6.00 pm Polish Mass  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Barry Gooch  
Readings: Zechariah 2: 5-9; 14-15; Jeremiah 31; Luke 9: 43-45

#### Sunday 26th September 2021 – TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8 30 a.m Hubert Hardiman  
10 00 a.m People of the Parish  
6 00 p.m John Grogan RIP  
Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 18: James 5: 1-6; Mark 9:38-43; %. 47-48

#### DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST

*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***



***Your prayers are asked for***

**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:** Doris Waring whose funeral is at Stockport Crematorium on 23rd September at 12 Noon, Margaret Bennett whose funeral is at Stockport Crematorium on 1st October at 11.30 in the Rowan Chapel, Dela Lynsdale a former parishioner who moved away.

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Barrie Clayton, George Coupe, Margaret Delaney, Veronica Longden, Michael Joyce, Henry Keogh, Keith Myerscough, Kathleen Carey, Yvonne Murray, Eileen McKay, Sheila Chesham, Alice Fidler, Annie Sadler, Andrew Burns Sonia Mee

Austin Connell, Thomas Davies, Mary Brown

**Baptism:** Welcome to Tilly Veronica Wharton 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 web-

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**Mark 9:30-37**

After leaving that place Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again'. But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all'. He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage.
2. Note the words/phrases that draw your attention.
3. Imagine yourself with the disciples being instructed by Jesus. What are you hearing, seeing, thinking, feeling.....?
4. What might you say to Jesus about his call to live with the powerlessness/vulnerability of a child?



**For Conversation:**

A situation when you have felt really powerless.

**WHAT'S STARTING UP AGAIN**

**CHOIRS**

Adult and Junior Choir practices began again last week with very encouraging results. More members would be very welcome, particularly for the junior choir.

Adult choir: Thursday 8.00-9.30.

Junior choir: Friday 5.45-6.30.

For more details contact Eileen Rigg on 07766-405588 or [emrigg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emrigg@hotmail.co.uk)

**ALSO COMING SOON**

Children's Liturgy will be starting up again

**TEA AND COFFEE** is back again after the 10.00 am Sunday Mass and it is great to be able to get together again. A Big Thank You to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning, it was so lovely to see everyone. We have sent a cheque for £147 pounds to the charity. Special thanks to the bakers the cakes were amazing.

**ST. ANN'S HOSPICE** is celebrating 50 years this year and as like most charities it has lost a lot of fundraising over the last 18 months. The Bereavement Group are having another **Cake Sale** on the 26th September to raise funds for them. Once again please bake for us, but if you are not a baker please come and support this very worthy charity who not only care for the patient but also their families, at 11.00 am, after the 10.00 am Mass. Mary will be selling her lovely cards for us as well.

**THANK YOU** yet again for your continuing generosity. It is truly heart-warming. Despite ongoing appeals for uniforms, PE bags and book bag donations, followed by the Afghan refugee appeal, tins and packets of food have continued to appear in the bins in the Church porch. Last week we were able to distribute 12 packed bags to our very appreciative primary schools. Please continue to support the food collection for our schools if you can, as it is still very much needed.

A further £170 was sent to Caritas for their refugee appeal this week. We will continue to leave this appeal open for the next week or two in case there are any parishioners who would like to make a donation but have not yet had the opportunity to do so. Thank You

**MANCHESTER MARATHON 2021** – Philip Kok Shun will be running the Manchester Marathon on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!

### **SVP WALK**

Normally this SVP WALK is on the first Sunday in June.

For obvious reasons this is now rescheduled for **Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>** and showing my lack of imagination it is at the same old venue. **Higher Poynton** I will be at a table on that day from 11.45am to “book” people in.

Again, we will encourage “gift aid” and also for parishioners to support even if they have no plans to attend and to walk. Thank you Kevin

### **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.

### **BAPTISM COURSE**

The next course will take place on the following dates, we are not sure yet whether it will be TEAMS or in the Parish Centre. For more information or to book on the course contact Karen on [justasec55@hotmail.com](mailto:justasec55@hotmail.com) or call 07939052357

Sunday 7th November 2021 & Sunday 14th November 2021

Sunday 5th December 2021 & Sunday 12th December 2021

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> 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

### **SCHOOL VACANCIES**

St Peter's RC Primary School, **Stalybridge**, are looking for a new Deputy Head.

Please contact [admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk) to arrange a visit.

The full advert can be found on the Shrewsbury Diocesan website; for application forms etc contact

[Sue.Jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Sue.Jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**The Governing Board of St Philip's Catholic Primary School** is seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher committed to and enthusiastic about their Catholic faith. We are looking for a Deputy Headteacher who is hard-working, caring and a highly motivated individual. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed, please contact the Headteacher, Emily Cahill to arrange an appointment.

### **SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

Our Catholic schools are a vital part of our parish communities, and by law diocesan schools have governing bodies made up of various categories of governor - the majority of which are Foundation Governors. Foundation Governors are practising Catholics who are appointed by the Bishop to help support him in ensuring the 'Catholicity' of a school amid all the other objectives that are required by Law.

If you feel able to offer your services please contact Sue Blackwell, Governance Support Officer for the Diocese, via [sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or telephone 0151 652 9855. The required forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Click on main Education heading and click on Foundation Governors from the dropdowns which will appear on the left hand side. If you do have any problems please contact Sue using the contact details above.

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £696.60 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 2 are on this week**

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER  
THESE SHOULD BE SENT BY THURSDAY EVENING AT THE LATEST FOR INCLUSION IN THE  
WEEKEND BULLETIN**



*From Fr. Peter*