

That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:

ISAIAH 35 4-7

PSALM 145

MY SOUL GIVE PRAISE TO
THE LORD

Second Reading

James 2: 1-5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Mark 7: 31-37

**He has
done all
things
well**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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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.

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 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

Monday 6th September 2021—Ss Margaret Clitherow, Margaret V

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Colossians 1: 24-2:3; Psalm 61; Luke 6: 6-11

Tuesday 7th September 2021 -

12 .00 pm Audrey Kenny RIP

Readings Colossians 2: 6-15; Psalm 144; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday 8th September 2021 NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY

12.00 Noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: Micah 5: 1-4; Psalm 12; Matthew 1: 1-16.8-23

Thursday 9th September 2021—St. Peter Claver, P

12.30 pm Requiem Mass for Michael Hanson

Readings: Colossians 3: 1-11; Psalm 144; Luke 6: 20-26

Friday 10th September 2021—St. Ambrose Barlow, P, M

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: 1 Timothy 1: 1-2. 12-14; Psalm 15; Luke 6: 39-42

Saturday 11th September 2021

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Neil Hammond RIP

6.00 pm Polish Mass

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips

Readings: 1 Timothy 1: 15-17; Psalm 112; Luke 6: 43-49

Sunday 12th September—TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8 30 a.m People of the Parish

10 00 a.m Christopher Henaghan

6 00 p.m Gerard Tipping RIP

Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; James 2: 14-18; Mark 8: 27-35

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

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: Ernesto Duo and his wife, Michael Henson whose funeral Mass will be here on Thursday September 9th at 12 30 and Winifred Dearman and former parishioners Regina Broadbent and Maureen Rushworth

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Catherine May, Frank Barry, John Barrow, Gilbert Ireland, Terry Cunningham, Veronica Hogan, Marie Hunt, Mary Hurst, James Gaffney, Grace Platt, Celia Westhead, Norman Whitaker, Margaret Murphy, Christopher Henaghan, Ernestine Knott, David Stewart, Neil Hammond,

Baptism: Welcome to Edward George Sutton, Elliot James Lee, Fionn Andrew Pierse and Rafael Manuel Cabrejas who were baptised here last weekend.

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened'. And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage.
2. Note the words/phrases that draw your attention.
3. Imagine the scene...the journey through Gentile country, the deaf man being brought to Jesus. What do you see, hear, think, feel.....?
4. What do you want to say to Jesus? How does he respond?
5. Are there any areas of your life that you would like to 'be opened'?



For Conversation:

The people you have trouble hearing.

40 DAYS FOR 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

WHAT'S STARTING UP AGAIN SOON?

CHOIRS

Choir practices will be resuming this week. New members will be most welcome and 'old' ones will be welcome back!

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

ALSO COMING SOON

Children's Liturgy will be starting up again soon.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

The Scripture group will resume again on Wednesday 8th September @ 7 30pm in the meeting room. All are welcome..

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

These should be in by Thursday evening at the latest for inclusion on the weekend bulletin

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.

Sr. Maria writes:

Dear all at St Peter's parish,

thank you for your very generous response to the Afghanistan Appeal. 4 cars full of good things!! Incredible. You people are great. I am sure the people who receive your gifts will be delighted and feel grateful that they have been thought of and hopefully this will help them settle in a strange land, where already they have received kindness from the people here. Bless you for your thoughtfulness , kindness and generosity in giving. Shalom. God Bless. Sincerely in Christ. Sr. Maria.fmsj.

Although funding is still being very gratefully received, we have been asked to halt material donations **for the present** as every centre is overwhelmed and has the massive task of organising and distributing what has already been received.

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/philipmarathonmadness, 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 **TODAY 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.

MACMILLAN CANCER CARE COFFEE MORNING

The Teas and coffees after mass next Sunday, 12th, we will be raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Care.

Any of donations from the bakers of the parish would be greatly appreciated. Kath Coll 07592755980.

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.

Scripture group will resume again on Wednesday 8th September @ 7 30pm in the meeting room. All are welcome

Primary Deputy Headteacher Vacancy

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

Please contact 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

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £889.13 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 6 are on this week

From Fr Peter

Bank Holidays can be very confusing, I spent most of Tuesday thinking it was Monday and wondering why the week was so short! I think I now have the right documentation to go on holiday, if not, I shall be here next Sunday but hopefully Canon Rafferty will be in charge and looking after you all. He, Fr O'Grady and Fr McCurry are sharing some week day Masses over the next three weeks—and a bit, and our team of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are leading the other Services of Word and Communion whilst deacon John picks up more experience of Baptisms and funerals. Where would we be with out our retired priests?

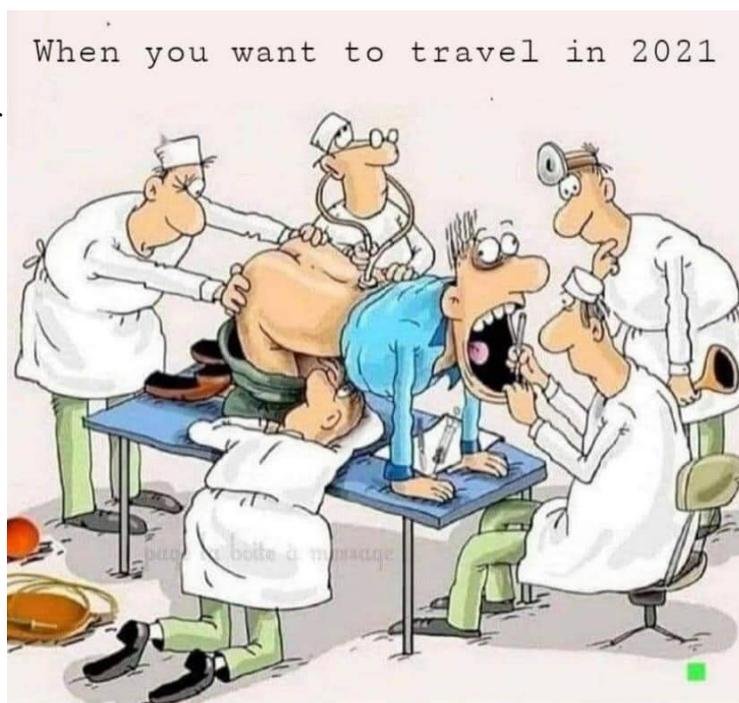
For the first time in months we had a meeting of the local clergy of Hazel Grove to see how we are all surviving and how we can plan for the future and provide a common witness in Hazel Grove. I hadn't met the new Methodist Minister nor the URC Minister because they have arrived either just before or during lockdown. It must be strange moving to a new church when you can't get out to meet people. At least those priests from our diocese who are taking up new appointments this weekend will be able to get to know some of their parishioners quite quickly.

Our numbers attending Mass are growing each week and I have decided to take the ropes away from the main body of the church which will free up more space. We have left them on the side blocks for the time being which may provide a

safer haven for those who wish.. It is a pleasant situation to be in. The porch and the gallery have been getting quite crowded especially at 10 00 a.m. Mass.

The 'man' from Church Service came on Friday morning to install our new camera. The old one is 8 years old and coming to the end of its working life. It has been on non stop for all of that time so it deserves a break! The new one is a more modern version and enables more settings too be seen including the baptismal font. It went straight into action on Friday evening during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a new close up view of the monstrance. For some reason my I pad wont pick up Church Services from St Peters but it does from everywhere else.

Have a good week and I will see you all eventually!!



Fr Peter