

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2022
APRIL

For Health Care Workers
We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



THE WORD OF
GOD

FIRST READING:
ACTS 5: 12- 16

PSALM 117

GIVE THANKS TO THE
LORD FOR HE IS
GOOD, FOR HIS LOVE HAS
NO END

SECOND READING:
APOCALYPSE 1;
9-13;17-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!
JESUS SAID: 'YOU BELIEVE
BECAUSE YOU CAN
SEE ME. HAPPY ARE
THOSE WHO HAVE NOT
SEEN AND YET BELIEVE.
ALLELUIA!

'As the Father
sent me, so
am I sending
you.'

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

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**YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES
MASKS ARE NOT MANDATORY BUT YOU MAY PREFER TO WEAR ONE**

EASTER WEEK II

Divine Office Psalter Week II

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



Mother of
God
Local
Missionary
Area
in
Stockport

Saturday 23rd April 2022 - SATURDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE

11.00 -11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon Bridget Kelly RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Dominique Davies RIP

Readings: Acts 4: 13-21; Psalm 117; Mark 16: 9-15

Sunday 24th April 2022 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30 am People of the Parish
10.00 am Bill Christie RIP Birthday Memories
6.00 pm Kath Gingell RIP Birthday Memories
Readings: Acts 5: 12-16; Psalm 117; Apocalypse 1; 9-13; 17-19; John 20: 19-31

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Monday 25th April - ST MARK

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 Peter 5: 5-14; Psalm 88; Mark 16: 15-20

Tuesday 26th April 2022 - ST GEORGE

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Apocalypse 12: 10-12; Psalm 125; John 15: 18-21

Wednesday 27th April 2022

12 noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings Acts 5: 17-26; Psalm 33; John 3: 16-21

Thursday 28th April 2022

10 00 a.m. Funeral Service for Eileen Lobley
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
2.45pm Funeral Service for Aileen Lim
Readings: Acts: 5: 27-33; Psalm 33; John 3: 16-21

Friday 29th April 2022 ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

12 Noon Colette Garry
Readings: 1 John 1: 5-2: 2; Psalm 102; Matthew 11: 25-30

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE

Saturday 30th April 2022

11.00 -11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon Peter Wilkinson RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Mary McDermott RIP
Readings: Acts 6: 1-7; Psalm 32; John 6: 16-21

Sunday 1st May 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30 am Barbara Martin RIP
10.00 am Tom and Claire Dolan RIP
6.00 pm People of the Parish
Readings: Acts 5: 27-32.40-41; Psalm 29; Apocalypse 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

**DO NOT COME TO
CHURCH IF YOU
HAVE ANY
SYMPTOMS -
SNEEZING, COUGH-
ING, SORE THROAT
ETC**

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Sick - 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: Fr. David Peters. Ida Thorp, Aileen Lim whose Funeral Service will take place here on Thursday 28th April at 2.45 pm and Eileen Lobley. John Holdaway's Requiem Mass is here on Tuesday May 3rd at 12 noon.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Community Truc Neill and Edward James Charles Warwick who were Baptised at the Easter Vigil last weekend and Andy Cordes who was received into Full Communion with the Church

WELCOME today to the latest group of parents preparing for the Baptism of their children. Today's group are 'live' for the first time rather than on Zoom

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Laurence Kenny, John Carney, Angela Jones, Margaret Saunders, Bernard Powell, Gerry Earlam, Dom Dunstan Bumstead OSB, Peter Wilkinson. Ernie Ball, Sheila Pierse, Barbara Dunstan, Eileen Massey, Winefred Copp, Peter Bramall, Bill Christie, Joan Whittam, Edward Gaughan, Therese Hanson, George Thornley, Frances Oulton

ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR PETER SMITH

When Peter died last year it was not possible because of the pandemic to have the funeral that he would have wished, namely the same as his late wife, Christine. Accordingly his first anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday April 30th at Our Lady's Shaw Heath at 12 noon followed by a get together at the Alma Lodge Hotel. Those who were unable to attend the funeral are warmly invited to join in this celebration.

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.

Second Sunday of Easter (Year C) John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe'.

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said.

Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage.
2. Note the words/phrases that draw your attention.
3. Place yourself in the scene noticing what you see, hear, think, feel.....
4. You find yourself in conversation with Jesus...What do you say to him...? What does Jesus say to you...?
5. What Gospel word/phrase might be your 'motto' for this week?



ST PETERS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We will be having a Film Night on 29th April, We will be watching Dream Horse, 'an inspirational feel - good film' starring Damian Lewis and Toni Collette. Based on the true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely race horse. A classic tale of triumph against adversity. A village community chip in to help raise a foal on an allotment and compete with the racing elites. The horse becomes a beacon of hope in their struggling community. Doors will open at 6.45 for a prompt start at 7.00 pm. There will be an interval.

If you have not joined us before and would like to please contact Helen: admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.com or ring 07854928072.

FOOTSTEPS

Join us on **Thursday 19 May at 7.30pm** in the **parish centre** to hear **Mary Hardiman** present her thoughts on "What I want is mercy". Always a captivating and thought provoking speaker, Mary will be looking at what mercy means and how it reflects the heart of God. She will offer examples from the gospels and suggestions on how we can practise mercy. Footsteps is a series of talks by people who can help us on our Christian journey. We offer an informal café-style setting with refreshments, nibbles and a pleasant community feel. We'd love you to be there!

UKRAINE

The Disasters Emergency Committee including CAFOD are making an appeal to help those fleeing the war in the Ukraine. And the appeal will be matched pound for pound by the UK government up to £20 million and of course it can be gift aided. Cheques should be made payable to Cafod and we will send them direct and if you are a UK taxpayer please add a note to that effect with your name and address. Alternatively you can pay online at www.ded.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal.

You can also give to Caritas at www.caritas.org but cannot gift aid this as Caritas are an international charity. Also the Ukrainian Club in Great Moor are co-ordinating with the Ukrainian Association of Great Britain and the Ukrainian Catholic Church. www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine

Stockport Baptist Church are collecting blankets and warm clothes. Please **DO NOT** bring these to St Peters only to the Stockport Baptist Church.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE if you are able to host a family or individuals from Ukraine there is a Facebook Group that has information of people in need of a temporary home. It has been set up by two ladies in Bramhall, they have many displaced people needing help. For more information speak to Helen 07854928072, helenlyons1957@hotmail.co.uk.

ST PETER'S REFUGEE PROJECT

We can now confirm that the Local Authority has inspected the house and the application form has been sent off to Caritas and then the Home Office for final approval. We will be able to gain access to the house from the 1st June and will then be furnishing and doing a few DIY jobs (fortunately very little needs to be done). We hope to welcome our family in late June/early July. If you wish to support financially, you may do so by bank transfer to St Peter's Refugee Account, Lloyds Bank - Sort code 30 15 52 Account number - 59655360

Once again, may we take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support - please do keep the project in your prayers.

ALPHA STARTING AFTER EASTER

Sign up for Alpha via the church website. Alpha starts this Thursday 28th April 7 p.m- 9 p.m. and runs for 10 weeks in the Parish centre . Alpha is a place to ask the big questions about life. It's a chance to get together and watch a series of episodes that consider the basics of the Christian faith. Relevant to all - open to all - wherever you are on the journey. Not done Alpha before? - contact mckay7897@hotmail.com or speak to Fr Peter or Deacon John for more details. Click on 'Alpha 2022' on the home page of the parish website to sign up. If you've done Alpha before, why not come and join the team? Send us an email if you'd like to help out. All welcome.

HAND MADE CARDS

The next date for purchasing hand made cards will be **TODAY** 24th April after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses. Many of the cards can be personalised on request with names and/or ages. All proceeds go to charities or to support good causes within the Parish.

DON'T FORGET →→→→→SHINE SHINE SHINE – CALL FOR ARTICLES

If you've been thinking about your contribution to the next issue of Shine, our parish magazine, it's now time to consider the finishing touches! Please send your articles and photos to terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk by **Sunday 1 May**. As you'll see in previous issues of Shine, it's a great way of sharing what's going on in our parish communities in Offerton and Hazel Grove, what hobbies you might have, what your parish group has been doing etc. If you haven't got Email don't let that stop you – just hand your papers and photos to Fr Peter in an envelope marked for Terry Thiele. It's time to Shine.

WALKING GROUP :

We are proposing a walk across Morecambe Bay on 23rd July. The walk is about 5 miles and takes 3 hours there are stops across to enable groups to catch up. There are charities arranging this and we are going with Hearing Dogs. There are no hills or inclines but there is a river to cross so you will get your feet wet. If you are interested please put your name on the list at the back of church. Hopefully we will have fuller details time / cost etc. at a later date. Subject to numbers we can either arrange a coach or train from Hazel Grove

PARISH MEETING

Following the recent Synod Report from the Bishop, we are going to hold a Parish Meeting on Tuesday 24th May at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre. This will be to reflect on the Synod Report and also discuss ideas for going forward as a Parish. The full report along with the discernment article from Bishop Davies can be found on the Parish Website.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

There is a small group who have indicated an interest in going to the Holy Land in November and there are still plenty of places available if anyone else wishes to join us. ,November 7th-14th. 5 nights in Bethlehem and 2 nights in Galilee. Price starts at £1095 for sharing. If anyone is interested, let Fr. Peter know or look it up on www.northernstartravel.com/Tour/Holy-Land-from-Manchester-20

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE to celebrate this very special occasion we are having a Sunday Lunch on the 5th June in the Parish Centre at 12.30 for 1.00 pm. The cost will be £12 per head for a 3 Course meal. If you would like to attend please email the office admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk ,or contact the office, with your name, how many places you require and any dietary requirements. and telephone number by May 19th. We have limited number so book early to avoid disappointment. Cheques made payable to St. Peter Church.

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £1909.45 plus online giving last month came to over £1100 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.

THE NEW WAY OF GIVING

Thank you to those who have started using our credit/debit card reader. We hope you will soon master it!. 'Dona' is fixed in the porch so you can use it coming in or going out of church. Eventually we will be able to use it for Mass offerings, piety stall and any other transaction for the parish but for the time being we will use it just for the Offertory Collection. If you want to Gift Aid your offering you can do this at the same time. The first time you do this you will be asked to fill in some details but after that it will remember!!!.

Church Cleaning: Team 3 are on this week

READERS

There is a list in the Sacristy for volunteers to read, at Sunday Masses, during May. New readers are always welcome.

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

This month we have opted to go with **The Lamplighters by Emma Stonex**. Based on the true story of the disappearance of three lighthouse keepers off the Hebrides in 1900, this book is set in 1972 and off the Cornwall coast - it is described as a whodunnit, horror novel, ghost story and a psychological mystery. **This is Going to Hurt: Secret Diaries of a Junior Doctor by Adam Kay** - essentially a publication of the diaries Adam Kay kept while he was a junior doctor working for the NHS. **Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah is set between the present and war-torn Leningrad** - it is a story about mothers and daughters and sisters and how they overcome their own personal tragedies.

Our next meeting will be in the Member's Lounge at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th May - please do join us if you can. For further information telephone Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

PINTS AND PRAISE

Aged 18-35? Then we'd love you to join us for our young adult group 'Pints and Praise'! We'll be meeting once a month for a time of faith and friendship. Join us for this month's social at Foodie Friday on Friday 29th April from 7pm at Stockport Marketplace. Everyone is so welcome! For more details and to be added to the group chat, get in touch with Ciara Hogan 07769267426 (*'Suspect more pints than praise on a Friday night in Stockport Market!'* Says Fr Peter)

ST PETERS HELPERS WEEKLY SESSIONS FOR REFUGEES

Our team of dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly, with your support, to provide weekly sessions of play, crafts, refreshments and English lessons for an average of 50 adults and children every week, since October. THANK YOU to all our volunteers. This valuable work is still needed, as people continue to arrive, both families and individuals. You can express your interest in volunteering by visiting <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/home> or contact stpetershelpers@gmail.com

SCHOOLS FOODBANK Thank you so sincerely to all our anonymous donors who quietly and consistently place food items in the bins in the porch to support needy families within our school communities. A couple of weeks prior to the Easter break we were able to deliver 18 bags of food to them. Both schools and families are deeply appreciative of your kindness. May you and your families be richly blessed for your continued commitment to this project.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on the 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm. This meeting will take the form of a zoom meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83155265809?pwd=K2VHbVVUMXJZdHFqYmg3T2pKcWJCZz09>

Meeting ID: 831 5526 5809

You can also call in if you don't have access to zoom: +44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom

If you could please register your attendance and make any requests for the password, apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267 Please pass on the details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending. The agenda and minutes can be found at <https://teamshrewsbury.wordpress.com/agm-and-committee-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>

From Fr Peter

The boys left it very late on Monday afternoon but got back to winning ways! Thank you all for your generous Easter Offerings and other gifts John and myself are very grateful for your generosity. I am slipping away for a few days this week 'on family business'—a wedding. I also 'have' to go to Spain the following week to help Fr Feeney celebrate his sisters Golden Wedding. I tell you this in case you think I am on holiday enjoying myself!

I was able to pop into St Peter's School to welcome (back) Mr Platt our new headteacher. We wish him well in his new appointment. We also keep St Simon's in our prayers this week as they have their RE inspection. Sorry no room for a cartoon this week. Don't forget Pints and Praise on Friday night!!

Fr Peter