

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2022
MAY
FOR FAITH-FILLED
YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people,
called to live life in the fullest;
may they see in Mary's life the
way to listen, the depth of dis-
cernment, the courage that
faith generates and the
dedication to service.



**THE WORD OF
GOD**

FIRST READING:

ACTS 15:1-2.22-29

PSALM 66:

**LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE
YOU, O GOD; LET ALL
THE PEOPLES PRAISE
YOU.**

SECOND READING:

**APOCALYPSE 21:
10-14.22-23**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!**

**JESUS SAID: 'IF ANYONE
LOVES ME HE WILL KEEP
MY WORD, AND
MY FATHER WILL LOVE
HIM, AND WE SHALL
COME TO HIM
ALLELUIA!**

GOSPEL READING:

JOHN 14: 23-29

**Do not let your
hearts be
troubled or
afraid**

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

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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 VI

Divine Office Psalter Week II

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



Saturday 21st May 2022 - THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

11.00 –11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Rita Saunders 80th Birthday

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Mary Quinn

6.00 pm Mass in Polish - St Peters

Readings: Ezekiel 47: 1-2. 8-9. 12; Psalm 1: Chronicles 29; John 2 13-22

Sunday 22nd May 2022 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30 am Sue Morrison RIP

10.00 am Rosemary Crewdson RIP

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Readings : Acts 15: 1-2.22-29; Psalm 66; Apocalypse 21: 10-14.22-23; John 14: 23-29

Monday 23rd May 2022

12 Noon Bill Garrard RIP

Readings: Acts 16: 11-15; Psalm 149; John 15: 26-16:4

Tuesday 24th May 2022 - Our Lady Help of Christians

12 Noon Margaret Brophy RIP

Readings: Genesis 3: 1-15.20; Psalm 102; Ephesians 3: 14-19; Luke 8: 19-21

Wednesday 25th May 2022 - St Bede the Venerable

12 noon Service of Word and Communion

7.00 pm Vigil Mass for Ascension Day at St. Phillips People of the Parish

Readings Acts 17: 15. 22-18.; Psalm 148; John 16: 12-15

Thursday 26th May 2022 - The Ascension of the Lord

12 Noon Mr and Mrs Aleyamma Mathew RIP

7.30 pm Ged Newcombe RIP

Readings : Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 46-53

Friday 27th May 2022 - St Augustine of Canterbury

12 Noon Bill Jones RIP (in Australia)

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2: 2-8; Psalm 116; Luke 10: 1-9

Saturday 28th May 2022

11.00 –11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Bert Mercer RIP

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - John Grocott RIP

6.00 pm Mass in Polish - St Peters

Readings: Acts 18: 23-28; Psalm 46; John 16: 23-28

Sunday 29th May 2022 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30 am Doris Hodgson RIP

10.00 am People of the Parish

6.00 pm Michael Kane RIP

Readings : Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 96; Apocalypse 22: 12-14.16-17.20; John 17L 20-26

The Bishop's Conference have issued a statement about attendance at Mass following the pandemic. It is available on the parish website and there will be some hard copies made available.

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

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

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. Robin Sutton whose funeral will take place at St Alban's Wallasey, with a Vigil Mass on Sunday June 5th and the Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Monday June 6th and Mary Hewitt whose Funeral Service will take place here on Monday 30th May at 10.00 am. Monsignor Christopher Lightbound, a former Vicar General of the diocese, died on Wednesday afternoon.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Community Isla Mary Klare Lester and Mary Rose Kennedy who were Baptised here last weekend.

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Rosemary Crewdson, Gerald Francome, Peter Webb, Sue Morrison, Bill Garrard, Angela Kennerley, Irene King, Michael Waldron, Patrick Sherry, Paul Edwards, Alex Simpson, Kathleen Jones, Thomas Holland, Mary Ingham, Terence Royle, Thomas Smith, Amy Gillett, Hanora Bramall, Kath Smart, James Leyden, Joyce Beberough, Marjorie Brady, Thomas Dolan.

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C) John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage.
2. Note the words/phrases that draw your attention.
3. Imagine you are with the disciples there at the meal table...You have just had your feet washed...Jesus is talking with his closest companions...with you...Allow his words to be addressed to you personally...If you love me you will keep my word...Take time to be with Jesus as you ponder his words...take time for conversation with him about how his words touch your life
4. What difference to your life in the coming week might these word bring?

For Conversation:

God's gift of peace-the times you have experienced it in your own life.



ST PETERS BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next meeting will be on Sunday 5th June when we all get together with the Parish to celebrate the Queens 70th Jubilee. Please check with Helen to make sure your name is down. Once again thank you to Margaret for her wonderful and inspiring Reflection last Tuesday. If you have not joined us before and would like to please contact Helen: admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk or ring 07854928072.

PARISH MEETING

Following the recent Synod Report from the Bishop, we are going to hold a Parish Meeting this 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. It would be great if as many people as possible could attend. This is an exciting opportunity to share your views and ideas for how the Parish can go forward over the next 12 months.

ROSARY GROUP Tuesday evening 24th May at **7.15pm (note earlier time)** in the meeting room - we are meeting earlier this week to be in time for the parish synod meeting at 8pm. New members welcome to come along, it doesn't matter if you've never prayed the rosary before. Great for lowering blood pressure and stress levels!

LAMBS

St Peter's Lambs will meet in the Parish Centre On Sunday the 29/5/22 between 4pm and 6pm.

UKRAINE

The immediate response for humanitarian funds was immense, but the agencies working in Ukraine, Poland and other surrounding countries with refugees tell us that donations are greatly reduced, but the need remains just as great. Please consider donating again if you can. Cafod continue to run their Ukraine appeal <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>

There is a local donation point for physical donations (food, baby items, medicines, not clothing) through Hope And Aid, a small but very effective UK charity which drives lorries straight to Ukraine, Moldova, Poland and other refugee camps. <https://www.hopeandaiddirect.org.uk/> For more details, contact them directly or stpetershelpers@gmail.com

ST PETER'S REFUGEE PROJECT

A very big thank you to **St Joseph's, Stockport - their Saturday Coffee Mornings and Friday Third World Group** have very kindly fundraised for the Refugee Project and have paid £520 into our account. Many thanks for their wonderful generosity.

Application form update - We thought that we had hit a problem with the application form when Caritas advised us that the Home Office had updated their application form and wanted us to transfer the whole form onto the new template. Thank goodness common sense prevailed and the Home Office agreed that in our case, re-writing the whole application form was not necessary. So now we really are just waiting..

If you wish to support the project 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 and our prospective family in your prayers.

ALPHA

Sign up for Alpha via the church website. Alpha started on Thursday, 28th April at 7 p.m - 9 p.m. The Alpha Course runs for 10 weeks in the Parish centre, and there are still places available if you would like to join. 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.

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. The walk will start at 1.45 pm which means will be at Grange over Sands at 5.30. The cost, including Guide, will be £20. Subject to numbers we can either arrange a coach or train from Hazel Grove, more details on transport and cost next week.

I have received a quote for a coach and if we can get 40 people travelling it will cost 17.50 each for the coach plus £20 for the guide etc. across the Bay i.e. £37.50 per person. I would be good if people who haven't signed up can do as soon as possible. We can fill the coach with anyone who wants an afternoon in Grange or Arnside. The cost then will be just for the coach.

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE - A FEW PLACES REMAINING

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 23rd. Cheques made payable to St. Peter Church.

CONCERT in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, presented by our choirs, band and friends, on Friday 17th June in church. More details next week.

BAPTISM COURSES

The dates for the next Baptism Course are 19th and 26th June and 10th and 17th July, if you are wishing to have a child Baptised please contact Karen at justasec55@hotmail.com to arrange a place on one of the courses.

THE LION KING 40 seats have been booked for The Lion King at the Palace Theatre Manchester on Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7.30 pm If you would like to attend please put your name down on the list at the back of Church. The cost is £66.50, including the coach, which will leave at 6.30 pm.

IT – IN HOUSE SUPPORT

The Diocese is seeking to employ a full time IT In House Support member at the Curial Office in Birkenhead. For more information, please see our website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> completed CV's to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 17 June 2022.

THANK YOU

Pat Holdaway and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all who attended John's funeral on the 3rd May. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £835.10 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 to those who have done the on line giving. St. Philips Offertory amounted to £223.70 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.

We also acknowledge with gratitude bequests to St Peters of £12362-95 from the late Eileen Jones and Peter Smith left a bequest of £5793-28p to be used for Masses for the repose of his soul. This will be shared with other parishes which do not get as many Mass intentions as we do.

GIFT AID if you Gift Aid your donation to St. Peter's and have moved house, or for whatever reason your Circumstances have changed could you please let Hughie Hardiman know by either emailing admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk or leaving your details in the office for Hughie's attention.

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!!!. In April we received £524-05p through the card reader.

Church Cleaning: Team 1 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

From last month, we can really recommend **The Lamplighters by Emma Stonex** - everyone enjoyed it.

For this month we have opted for **Remarkable Creatures by Tracey Chevalier** - this is the story of Mary Anning, who has a talent for finding fossils but who finds herself ostracised by the middle-class men she works alongside. **Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout** - set in Crosby, Maine, this focuses on small-town life with all its ups and downs. **Songbirds by Christy Lefteri** (you may remember we read *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by the same author) - this time the story is based on the real-life disappearance of domestic workers in Cyprus but it offers an insight into the life of migrant workers who are forced to leave families behind to find work.

We will be meeting again on Tuesday, June 15th at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. For further information please telephone Alison McGarr on 07792 107152

HAND MADE CARDS

Birthday and occasion cards will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on Sunday, 22 May - all of the proceeds will be sent to charities working with the disabled in the Ukraine.

Thank you for your ongoing support for groups within the Parish and in the wider community.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Now that all Covid restrictions have been eased, it is wonderful that once again we can return to Lourdes. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 29 July - 4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme. Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

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

ST. PETER'S PIETY STALL (IN THE PORCH)

Please try to support our own parish piety stall , which is open after Masses on Sunday and can be open after weekday masses on request.

There's a large selection of lovely cards for every occasion, religious and general, (birth, marriage, all types of anniversaries, get well , thinking of you, etc plus many cards and small gift souvenirs for the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. We have medals, statues and candles and a wide selection of rosary beads and crucifixes. Most cards are £1 , with some lovely hand-made birthday cards costing slightly more. Come and have a look.! . .We do need your support to keep this stall a viable concern of the parish.

If you would like to help with the Piety stall on a Rota basis please contact Helen in the Office

From Fr. Peter

Only one message this week, CHAMPIONS, CHAMPIONS, CHAMPIONS, CHAMPIONS,

Fr Peter