

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2022 FOR OCTOBER

For a church open to everyone:

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel. May the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality

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Mary Mother of God Local Missionary Area

Ordinary Time Week XXXI
Divine Office Psalter Week III
ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
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THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING
WISDOM 11:22-12:2

PSALM 32
I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER, O GOD MY KING

SECOND READING:
2 THESSALONIANS 1:11- 1:2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
ALLELUIA,ALLELUIA!
GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL READING:
LUKE 19:1-10

Today salvation has come to this house

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

Saturday 29th October 2022

11.00 –11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon John and Wladyslawa Williams RIP
1.00 pm **Nuptial Mass for Elizabeth Allen and Leigh Shields**
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Larry McHugh RIP
6.00 pm Mass in Polish
Readings: Philippians 1: 18-26;Psalm 41; Luke 14: 1.7-11

Sunday 30th October 2022 – THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30 am John, Kathleen and John Hand RIP
10.00 am Poulouse Thakketata RIP
6.00 pm People of the Parish
Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 144; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

Monday 31st October 2022 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

12 Noon Dorothy Tarney
Reading: Philippians 2:1-4; Psalm 130; Luke 14:12-14
7 00 p.m. At St Philip's Vigil Mass for All Saints - Evelyn Simpson

Tuesday 1st November 2022 - ALL SAINTS (Holiday of Obligation)

10 00 a.m. (with our schools) People of the Parish
12 Noon Janine & Werner Sagmeister
7 30 p.m. Noel Murphy
Readings: Apocalypse 7: 2-4. 9-14; Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 1-3;Matthew 5: 1-12

Wednesday 2nd November 2022 - Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

9.15 am Mass at St. Phillips - Mike Heath RIP
12 Noon Xavier John
2 30 p.m. Funeral Service for Vito Angrisani
7 00 p.m. Deceased of the Parish 2022
Readings: From the Lectionary for Masses for the Dead

Thursday 3rd November 2022 St Winefride

11 15 Crematorium Service for Roy Mahon
12 Noon Deceased members of the Begley, Smyth and Mannion Families
(This Mass may be a little late starting because of the funeral)
Readings : Song of Songs 8:6-7 Ps 44 Matt 25:1-13

Friday 4th November 2022 - St Charles Borromeo

12 .15 Kathleen Coleman
Readings: Philippians 3:17– 4:1; Psalm 121; Luke 16: 1-8
6 00—8 00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 5th November 2022

11.00 –11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon Pat Dorrian
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Larry McHugh RIP
6.00 pm Mass in Polish
7 15 p.m. Mass in Syro Malabar Rite
Readings: Philippians 4:10-19;Psalm 111; Luke 16:9-15

Sunday 6th November 2022 – THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30 am Peggy & Jack Kenny
10.00 am Ged Newcombe
6.00 pm People of the Parish
Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14;Psalm 16; Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke20:27-38

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS AND AS HAS BEEN OUR RECENT CUSTOM THERE WILL BE A BASKET BY THE ALTAR FOR YOU TO PLACE THE NAMES OF THOSE YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED DURING THIS MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

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.

Vito Angrisani who will have a Funeral Service here on Wednesday November 2nd at 2 30 p.m. prior to being taken back to Italy for burial, Roy Mahon whose funeral will take place on Thursday November 3rd at the Crematorium, Almut Livesey whose Requiem Mass will be here on Thursday November 17th at 10 45 and Maria Fitzpatrick whose funeral has not yet been arranged.

Anniversaries that occur around this time:

Walter Wilcock, Joseph Douglas, Barry Argument, Rose Revie, Angela Rhodes, Anne Davidson, Margaret Wills, Gerard Morrell, Bernard Gibbs, Thomas Simmon, Irene Heap and George Normansell,

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.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house,' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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1. As you read through the passage, note which words/ phrases draw your heart.
2. A very familiar story! Jesus, Zacchaeus, the Crowd, with whom do you immediately identify? Take time to stand in the shoes of each in turn, noting what you feel, think, see...
3. Hear Jesus saying to you, " ____ I must stay at your house today."
4. What conversations do you have with him?

What word does this passage have for the parish community?

For Conversation:

The times you have chosen the path to new life.

MUSIC DAY WITH CJM MUSIC ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19th ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS

We have arranged a Music Day on Saturday November 19th with CJM Music. They are a Birmingham based group who specialise in Liturgical music and as well as publishing music they lead workshops. Jo Boyce has worked in our diocese in schools and parishes and so we are very fortunate to get her along. It will be a thoroughly entertaining and learning day so whether you are in a music group or choir or just like a good sing then come along. Bring a packed lunch and the day will finish with Mass (sung of course) Its a 10 00 a.m. start in the Parish Centre.

Centering Prayer Group meet in the parish centre every Tuesday morning at 11 15 am. All welcome.

Baptism Course the dates for the next Baptism Course is 13th and 20th November

Appeal for vulnerable families in our local schools

We would be very grateful for any financial donations for our local schools to make purchases of certain uniform items and similar, for their vulnerable families who struggle with the cost of living. The parish was extremely generous in last year's uniform and book bag appeal, your donations were well spent by the schools who know those in need personally. If you can, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'School Donations' in the collection plate at church, or email stpetershelpers@gmail.com for more details of how to donate. Thank you for your support, we know these are challenging times for everyone and please only donate if you have the means to do so.



Refugee Weekly Sessions

We will restart on 2nd November. If you have a pram / pushchair you no longer need, please email us for details of how you could donate this: stpetershelpers@gmail.com Thank you to all our amazing volunteers for the welcome and support they give.

Hand Made Cards will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 am Masses on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in November i.e. 13th & 27th. There are cards for many occasions, as well as birthday cards. The cards are good quality and reasonably priced (50p - £2.50), and all of the proceeds are used to support good causes within the Parish. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Advent Retreat Day There will be an **Advent Retreat Day** in our parish centre, when you can enjoy a bit of space and time to consider and prepare for the season of Advent, which starts the following day. **Mary Hardiman** will lead us in a day entitled **"The Way to the Manger"** when she will focus on the shepherds and the Wise Men; you can be sure her route will be interesting and thought provoking! Come on **Saturday, 26 November** for a **9.30am start** in the parish centre; we'll have Mass at noon in church. Back to the parish centre after Mass to eat **your packed lunch**, then hear Mary's afternoon reflection. We aim to finish around 4pm. All are welcome.

Saint Bernadette

Many have said how moving it was to venerate the relics of **Saint Bernadette**. Next year, will be the **90th anniversary of her Canonisation, on Dec 8th, 1933**. To commemorate this, the Department for Evangelisation is planning a Conference and preparing a booklet, and would like to hear from anyone with a story to tell. It could be about the visit of the relics, or a pilgrimage to Lourdes; the cure of a friend, or a family member; or simply what Bernadette means to them. No story is too small - yours could be a source of great encouragement to others. So don't hesitate to get in touch, either by calling Barbara Davies on [07730 526 821](tel:07730526821) or by emailing: StBernadette2033@gmail.com.

St Peter's Book Club

We would like to recommend **The Herd by Emily Edwards** - a very timely reflection on herd immunity and how a small white lie can have catastrophic consequence...

We have also received a recommendation from a parishioner, **The Truths and Triumphs of Grace Atherton by Anstey Harris**. This is a story that shows when it comes to love, there is more than one way to find happiness.

We are going to try a new way of running the book club and while we will continue to read and recommend books each month - we will no longer meet so regularly. Instead, we are going to meet every 3 months and go out for dinner.

We will then be able to discuss the books we have read over a glass of wine (or a soft drink if you prefer) and a nice meal!

Our first night out will be **Wednesday 30th November 7.30pm** - **we are going to Gnammy Italy in Hazel Grove**. Please do let us know if you would like to join us.

We have been getting some great recommendations so if you would like to recommend a book - please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152 or by email, ajmcgarr68@outlook.com

Vision Aid are up and running once again so we are appealing for your old and discarded glasses as in the past.

There are thousands of people from the third world who are visually impaired because they cannot get the glasses they need when their eyesight starts to fail. PLEASE HELP by donating your old glasses (no cases please) to Vision Aid Overseas. (Condition or age doesn't matter).

The glasses are sent to Vision Aid Overseas's headquarters in Crawley, Surrey. After being sorted, the glasses are then sent to prisons in the UK where trained prisoners clean, grade and pack the glasses ready for use in the developing world. Finally the glasses are sent abroad with Vision Aid Overseas teams. Glasses are only dispensed after a full eye examination and great care is taken to match them to the patient. This is a worthy cause and your help would be very much appreciated.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR USED GLASSES IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH-THANK YOU

IT'S TIME TO SHINE...

We're starting to prepare for the next issue of Shine, our parish magazine, to have it ready for Christmas. We'd like to hear any news you might have or anything interesting you'd like to share. Maybe you're involved in a group in the parish and can give us an update. Have you taken up any new hobbies, learnt a new skill? If you've been inspired, maybe you can inspire others. Please send your contributions, photos or queries to terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk by Sunday 20 November.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham We are organising a parish pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from May 1st to Thursday May 4th 2023. Accommodation will be at the shrine and travel will be by coach. Booking Forms are now available from St. Peter's office, the cost is £300 pp, a deposit of £50 pp is required. There are only a few places remaining and the price is only secured until December so please book ASAP to avoid being disappointed.

Curious about faith? Wanting to refresh your faith or go deeper? Done Alpha, what next? Why not try Sycamore? Sycamore is a safe space in which to explore, question, reconnect, refresh and journey deeper into your faith. Open to everyone wherever you are on your faith journey. If you're interested in becoming a Catholic this is a good starting point or if you've missed out a sacrament on your journey it's a good place to re-engage. Sycamore meets again on Thursday 3rd November at 7.30 pm in the Parish centre. For more information speak to Fr Peter or Deacon John or just turn up on the night. All welcome.

Offertory Gifts Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £689-98 plus online giving last month came to over £1100 per week as well as £392 via the card machine.. 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 £105-87. The Retiring Collection for the Xaverian Missionaries amounted to £1238-50 9—that's the combined total from both churches. Many thanks for your continuing generosity to the parishes in these difficult times.

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

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 k13rey@sky.com or leaving your details in the office for Hughie's attention.

Church Cleaning Team 5 are on this week

Readers

There is a list in the Sacristy for volunteers to read, at Sunday Masses, during **NOVEMBER**. New readers are always welcome. The last week of November sees the start of Advent ! Where did this year go?

St. Phillips - The Friendship Group have sent a £50 donation to SMILE , a charity that helps children born with a cleft palate. The Friendship Group meets every Friday 10.00 am- 12.00 pm at St. Phillips for Tea, Coffee and Biscuits. Everyone is welcome to join us.

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL will be holding their Christmas Fair on Friday 25th November from 3.30 - 5.30pm. All welcome! If would like a stall please email stpetersprimarypta@gmail.com.

ROSARY GROUP do join us on Tuesday evening 7.30pm in the meeting room to share your intentions and pray the rosary. It's so much easier praying this powerful prayer together.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Friday 11th November at 7.30pm in the parish meeting room. We'll be joined by Tony O'Neill who'll be talking to us about forgiveness. Please feel free to come along, you'll be made most welcome.

ST. SIMONS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL have temporary position (until August 2023) for a Teaching Assistant, more details are at the back of Church or visit www.st-simons.stockport.sch.uk.

Also a Teacher vacancy with Teaching & Learning Responsibility (TLR) for KS1, has become available at St Simon's Catholic Primary School. Mrs Crisp will welcome applications from suitable candidates. Please spread the word and, if interested, please contact the school office on 0161 483 9696 or email admin@st-simons.stockport.sch.uk For more information. please click on the following link, <https://www.st-simons.stockport.sch.uk/vacancies-1/>

Holocaust Study Day-Thursday 10th November - details are at the back of Church.

ST JAMES HIGH SCHOOL are organising a Christmas social for the retired parishioners of our local parishes and would like to invite parishioners from our parish to attend.

This will take place on Tuesday 20th December and will begin at 9.30am until 11am at St James' Catholic High School. It will be an opportunity for the retired parishioners to meet some of our children, listen to some music and generally have the opportunity to relax in a festive atmosphere. We have previously organised this event and it was one that guests and our pupils alike really enjoyed

If any of our senior parishioners would like to attend this please let the office here at St peters know by next weekend.

FROM FR PETER

So its back to school after the half term break and we begin November celebrating the lovely feast of All Saints as we celebrate those who have gone before us and share the vision of God. On Wednesday we remember in prayer those of our loved ones who have died and especially at Mass on Wednesday evening those whose funerals have taken place here at St Peters or St Philip's. All are welcome to join us for this Mass to which the various bereaved families have been invited.

Don't forget our Music Day on Saturday November 19th when Jo Boyce from CJM Music will be leading us in all sorts of liturgical songs and hymns. You might learn something new!! Deatils are on page 2 of the newsletter.

Thank you for the generous response to the appeal for the Xaverian Missionaries, the basket is still available if you weren't able to make a donation last week.

Have a good week.

Fr Peter

