

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Mary Mother of God
Local Missionary area

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2022 FOR NOVEMBER
FOR CHILDREN WHO SUFFER
We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING
2 SAMUEL 5: 1-3

PSALM 121

I REJOICED WHEN I HEARD THEM SAY: "LET US GO TO GOD'S HOUSE"

SECOND READING:
COLOSSIANS 1: 12-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

BLESSINGS ON HIM WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! BLESSINGS ON THE COMING KINGDOM OF OUR FATHER DAVID! ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL READING:
LUKE 21: 23 35-43

TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE

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

Ordinary Time Week II
Divine Office Psalter Week XXXIV
ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Saturday 19th November 2022

11.00 –11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon Almut Livesey RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Deceased Members of the Dunne Family
6.00 pm Mass in Polish
Readings: Apocalypse 11: 4-12; Psalm 143; Luke 20: 27-40

Sunday 20th November 2022 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8.30 am Peggy Kenny RIP
10.00 am Tom and Claire Dolan RIP
6.00 pm People of the Parish
Readings: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1: 12-20; Luke 23: 35-43

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Monday 21st November 2022—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12 Noon Edith Harper RIP
Reading: Zechariah 2: 14-17; Psalm Luke 1; Matthew 12: 46-50

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 - St Cecilia

12 Noon Agnes Beesley RIP
Readings: Apocalypse 14: 14-19; Psalm 95; Luke 21: 5-11

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 –Ss Clement and Columban

9.15 am Mass at St Philips - Pat Dorrian RIP
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Apocalypse 15: 1-4; Psalm 97; Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday 24th November 2022 - St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

12 Noon Mike Morris Intention
Readings: Apocalypse 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3, 9; Psalm 99; Luke 21: 20-28

Friday 25th November 2022 -St Catherine of Alexandria

12 Noon Patrick Sweeney RIP
Readings: Apocalypse 20: 1-4, 11-21:2; Psalm 83; Luke 21: 29-33

Saturday 26th November 2022

11.00 –11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon Francis Binnie RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Deceased Members of the Savage Family
6.00 pm Mass in Polish
Readings: Apocalypse 22: 1-7; Psalm 94; Luke 21: 34-36

Sunday 27th November 2022 – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30 am People of the Parish
10.00 am Elizabeth Burke RIP
6.00 pm Peter Smith RIP
Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 37-44

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

CHRISTMAS EVE CONFESSIONS AT ST PETERS 1100 a.m.—12 30 p.m.
Masses at 6 00 p.m. And 10 00 p.m. At St Peter's and 8 00 p.m. At St Philip's
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES at 8 30, 10 00 and 11 30 a.m. At St Peters and 10 00 a.m. At St Philip's

NEW YEARS DAY MASSES at 10 00 a.m. and 12 noon at St Peters and 10 a.m. at St Philip's



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

Your prayers are asked for

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. Please remember Mgr Peter O'Neill retired priest of the diocese and a native of Stockport in your prayers as he is gravely ill

Lately Dead.

Dorothy Morony whose funeral Mass will be on Monday December 5th at 1 00p.m. If you wish to attend the reception after Mass at the Brookdale Theatre Club Bridge Lane Bramhall please contact her daughter Susan on **07934 256267** or Email address **dorothy.moroney@icloud.com**

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Archbishop John Murphy, Fr Jack Ryan, Hannah Casey, Christina Nolan, Margaret Waldron, Joseph Blacklock, Mary Inman, Rosanna Walton, Edith Lord, Ford Ryan, Peter Hayward, Thomas Clarke, Bernard Cavanagh, Catherine Mayock, John Coakley, Mary Knaggs, Anthony Noon

Christ the King (Year C) Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine the scene of the crucifixion...place yourself before the cross...Before the crucified King...what are you seeing...hearing....touching.... feeling? Listen to the conversation between the criminals and the dying Jesus.
3. Take time to speak with Jesus...
4. How might you live this Gospel this coming week?



For Conversation:

The kingdom values your Parish reflection to/in the local community.

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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next meeting will be on December 6th at 7.00 pm, when it will be our Advent Service, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre, If you have not joined us before and would like more information please ring Helen on 07854928072 or email the Parish Office admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk .

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING(EGM) followed by a general Hospitality Meetings will take place on Sunday 4th December 2022 at 2pm at St Columba's Parish Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. The EGM is being held to discuss constitutional change (as discussed at the AGM) and any proposals **need to be received by no later than 14 days before the meeting**. Agenda items for the General Hospitality Meeting need to be received **no later than 7 days before the meeting**. Papers to be sent to the Hospitality Secretary. Please pass on the information to other Hospitality Members. Can you please register your attendance/apologies to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call [07451 249267](tel:07451249267)

VISION AID 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

HAND MADE CARDS will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 am Masses on the 27th November, 4th, 11th and 18th December

There are cards for many occasions, as well as birthday cards and Christmas 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.

HOLLY WREATHS

Colette will be selling fresh holly wreaths, crem pots and door wreaths in the Parish Centre after 8:30am and 10:00am masses on 4th and 11th December

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We will be displaying Christmas trees in church again this year. We like as many parish groups and schools to take part.

On Friday the 16th of December you are invited to put your tree up. The church will be open between 3-30 until 5-30.

We will open church again on Saturday the 17th of December between 9-30 and 11-15.

It is so nice to see all the trees up ready for the carol service and to catch up with all the activities of the Parish groups.

All trees need to be down by the 22nd of December the church will be open between 2-30 until 4pm.

LAMBS will meet next Sunday afternoon between 4pm and 6pm in the parish centre.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY NEXT SATURDAY

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.

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 **TODAY** If you don't have access to email just put your items in an envelope marked Shine and hand it in to the Sacristy.

ST. PHILLIPS - THE FRIENDSHIP GROUP 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.

APPEAL FOR OLD UMBRELLAS / PUSHCHAIRS

We are working with locally housed refugees who continue to arrive and who would really appreciate any old umbrellas you can spare. **Please leave any umbrellas you wish to donate in the food collection bin for schools, at the back of church.**

There is a steady demand for pushchairs for newly arrived families with very young children. **If you have an old (but working) pushchair you no longer need, please email stpetershelpers@gmail.com** and we can discuss collection / drop off.

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

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Offerings last week which amounted to £584.61 plus online giving last month came to over £1100 per week as well as £369 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 £264.60

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

In a couple of weeks time we shall be taking the annual collection for the Priests Training Fund. More details next week

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

ST PHILIP'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL are looking to appoint a full time **Learning Support Assistant Monday-Friday, 8.30am-3.15pm, Closing Date 18 November 2022** For more information please follow: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary> or ring the school on 0161 483 097

St. Philip's Primary School are also having an open morning on Monday 21st November, 9.00-11.30am.

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.

THE ROBINS SINGERS AND THE SWITCH UKRAINIAN CHAMBER CHOIR are holding our joint Christmas Concert on December 10th. Our Robins choir will be performing largely Christmas religious songs and there will be carols with audience participation. We have an excellent Musical Director, Dennis Kay, and a brilliant pianist, Christopher Ellis, who also plays the organ at St Peter's, Hazel Grove. We are rehearsing hard to produce a high quality performance, which should last around 1.5hours, with mince pies and refreshments. **More information is at the back of Church**

ST JOSEPH'S STOCKPORT are holding a Dinner and Quiz Night on Saturday next, November 26th to raise funds for the church. Tickets at £10 can be obtained via the Church or call 0161.483.6904. Full details are on the notice board in the porch

From Fr. Peter

We arrived back from the Holy Land on Monday night, well actually Tuesday morning, after a good week in which we saw the more important sites and places in that remarkable place. There were a total of 42 in the group and the spiritual leader was a Polish priest who is based in Wolverhampton. He did all the preaching which was good and we took it in turns to preside at Mass. Our first few days were spent with Bethlehem as our base and we were able to go to the Church of the Nativity for Mass and to venerate the place where the Lord was born. We also visited Ein Karem where the Visitation took place as well as the birth of John the Baptist. My favourite place is the Garden of Gethsemane where we celebrated Mass in the Grotto of the Apostles which is a sort of cave area adjacent to the garden with its ancient olive trees—some 3,000 years old. From Bethlehem we journeyed via Jericho and Zaccabaeus' sycamore tree to Galilee which is much calmer and more peaceful than Bethlehem and Jerusalem. We sailed across the Sea of Galilee and visited the site of the Primacy of Peter (Feed my lambs, feed my sheep) and the Feeding of the 5000 as well as the Mount of the Beatitudes. No visit to Galilee is complete without a visit to Nazareth and then on to Cana to taste the wine— I still don't like it, too sweet!

If we thought the queues in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Manger Church were bad we had not reckoned on the queue to get through security at Tel Aviv Airport. We stood for 2 hours without moving and then slowly as well as an hours delay on the flight. Still it was a pilgrimage!

Have a good week, keep dry and warm.

Fr Peter

