

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2022 FOR DECEMBER 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.

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Advent Week II
Divine Office Psalter Week II
ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
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THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING
ISAIAH 11:1-10

PSALM 71
IN HIS DAY JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH AND PEACE TILL THE MOON FAILS

SECOND READING:
ROMANS 15: 4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
JESUS IS LORD ALLELUIA, JESUS IS LORD ALLELUIA!

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD
MAKE STRAIGHT THE PATH FOR HIM.

JESUS IS LORD ALLELUIA,
GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 3: 1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be celebrated in the sacristy on Friday evening and Saturday morning during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 3rd December 2022—St. Francis Xavier

11.00 –11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon Harry Walker RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - John Grogan RIP
6.00 pm Mass in Polish

Readings: Isaiah 30: 19-21.23-26; Psalm 146; Matthew 9: 35-10: 1. 6-8

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Sunday 4th December – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30 am People of the Parish
10.00 am Norah Dennenhy Intention
6.00 pm Martha Armstrong
Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans15: 4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12

Monday 5th December 2022

12 noon Requiem Mass for Dorothy Moroney
Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 84; Luke 5: 17-26

Tuesday 6th December 2022 -St. Nicholas

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 71; Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday 7th 2022 - St Ambrose

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Isaiah 40: 25-31; Psalm 102; Matthew 11: 28-30

Thursday 8th December 2022 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15 Mass at St. Phillips—Peter Upton RIP
12 Noon Patricia Kenny RIP
Readings: Genesis 3: 9-15.20; Psalm 97; Ephesians 1: 3-6. 11-12; Luke 1: 26-38

Friday 9th December 2022

12 Noon Carmel Dwerryhouse RIP
6.00 pm - 8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Readings: Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1; Matthew 11: 16-19

Saturday 10th December 2022 - Our Lady of Loreto

11.00 –11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon Alan Gouldon RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips - Peter Wharton (sick)
6.00 pm Mass in Polish
Readings: Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-4. 9-11; Psalm 79; Matthew 17:10-13

Sunday 11th December – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30 am Nancy Hardiman RIP
10.00 am Jodie Turton RIP
6.00 pm People of the Parish
Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-6.10; Psalm 145; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

WELCOME TO ADVENT

Last weekend saw the beginning of Advent—a time of preparation for Christmas. Unfortunately the retail sector has been celebrating Christmas since well before Hal-lowe'en. Nevertheless let us try and make this season just a bit different. There is a website 'Thinking Faith' which as a series of reflections on the daily Advent readings which you can find at <https://thinkingfaith.org/articles/advent-week-2>. You could also come along to part of Exposition on Friday evenings in church for a quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament. Just make Advent a bit different to what is going on around us.

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.

Dorothy Moroney whose funeral Mass will be tomorrow Monday December 5th at 12 noon. 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. John Riddiough whose Funeral Service will be at Stockport Crematorium on 12th December at 2.30 pm. Monsignor Peter O'Neil who retired as parish priest of St Luke's Frodsham a few years ago and was Vicar General during Bishop Gray's time and was a native of Stockport died last Saturday night. He will be received into Saint Luke's Church, Frodsham on Monday 5th December with a Vigil Mass at 7.00pm. The Requiem Mass will be offered on Tuesday 6th December at 12 noon, followed by interment at Frodsham Cemetery. Alessandro de Chiara's funeral will be at 1.15 on Tuesday December 20th and Norma Taylor's on Thursday December 22nd at 12 noon

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Ann Burgess, Mary Selby, Thomas Hazley, Theodora Mowatt, Mary Brammer, Anna Kzio, Elizabeth Mulvey, Edmund Barny, Mary Kenny, David Byrne, Irene Entwistle, Francis Scholey, Mary Cannally, Catherine Ryan, Charlie Brassington, Hazel Simmons, Alan Goulden, Elizabeth Joxy, Eileen Jones.

BAPTISM'S We welcome into our community Brodie Thomas Gleave, Beatrix Margaret Ellis and Violet Audrey Cawley who were baptised at St. Peter's 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 website.

Second Sunday in Advent (Year A) Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

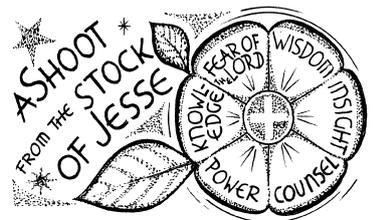
This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father", because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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1. As you spend time reading and re-reading the passage, note the words, phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine yourself there in the wilderness with the crowds listening to John. Notice the impact his words have on them. What questions, what comments. Does he stir in the crowd?
3. What might be the 'good fruit' of your daily living?

For Conversation:

Is there anything for which you/your Community needs to repent as you prepare for the coming of Christ?



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, in Church, 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 .

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, cream 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 11-00. It is so nice to see all the trees up ready for the carol service and to catch 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.

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 or by emailing: StBernadette2033@gmail.com.

It's going to be a busy year!

2023 marks the centenary of the formation of our parish and, to mark this milestone, the Parish Pastoral Team have started to plan a number of events for all age groups.

Would you like to help with the planning? Initially it would involve coming to the next meeting of the PPT which will be at 7pm on Monday 9 January.

If you feel inspired, please send an Email to admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk.

BAPTISM COURSES will take place on the following dates 8th and 22nd January 2023, 5th and 19th March 2023 16th and 30th April 2023 for more information please contact Karen at justasec55@hotmail.co.uk

ADVENT GIFTS

What a wonderful Advent Retreat Day we had on Saturday, 26 November led by Mary Hardiman. If you weren't able to be there or you'd like to listen again to her two talks (they're about 45 minutes) you'll find them at the bottom of this page: <https://stpeterscatholic.church/gallery/>. Mary gave us some searching questions to ponder. If you'd like to have these, Email your request to footsteps2020@mail.com.

You'll see on the home page of our website the **Advent calendar** that Mary prepared for us to have as our guide through December.

And another gift - when you're on the Gallery page of the website, you'll find in the Footsteps talks, the latest one by **Fr Eamonn Mulcahy** when he came in October - it's a great reminder of his insight and his humour.

'HO HO HO Calling Christmas Elves, bakers and deliverers! Sun 11th December, Parish Centre in the member's lounge.

Can you help us with baking, packing little bags of goodies, or delivering a few packages to some of our more isolated local people, or just to those who would appreciate a little Christmas cheer?

Baked goods (mince pies, gingerbread, or cake) drop off 9.30- 10am

Packing 10-11.30am

Delivery elves 11.30-12.00. Please let us know if you're able to help in any of the above ways, email stpetersshelpers@gmail.com

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH in Stockport Town Centre has been designated as the new shrine of the Blessed Sacrament for the diocese of Shrewsbury. In order to prolong exposition of the Blessed Sacrament they need to find sufficient numbers of adorers. Please see the poster at the back of Church. If you can help then please contact Fr Sean at ST Josephs

FROM GANGLAND John Pridmore Author of 'From Gangland to Promised Land' will be sharing his story at St. Joseph's Church on December 5th 2022 at 7.30 pm. See poster at the back of Church.

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

We would like to recommend **Still Life by Sarah Winman**- a very moving journey through time from post-war Britain to Florence in the 60's and 70's.

We also recommend **The Man who Died Twice by Richard Usman**. This is a follow on from The Thursday Murder Club which we suggested last year.

We shall be meeting every three months from now on. Our first night out was at Gnammy Italy in Hazel Grove - a lovely evening! We will meet again in March - date and time to be confirmed.

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 £1021.92 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 £242.14

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION WILL NOW BE TAKEN AS BEFORE LOCKDOWN WITH COLLECTORS BRINGING THE BASKET ROUND AND THERE WILL BE A PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS WITH AN OFFERTORY HYMN

This weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Priests Training Fund

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 **DECEMBER**. New readers are always welcome.

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CAROL SERVICES AND CONCERTS COMING UP

THE ROBINS SINGERS AND THE SVITTOCH UKRAINIAN CHAMBER CHOIR are holding our joint Christmas Concert on December 10th at 7pm at the Bramhall United Reformed Church, Robins Lane, SK7 2PE. The Svitoch Ukrainian choir is superb and 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**

POYNTON MALE VOICE CHOIR directed by Eileen Rigg, present their Christmas Concert on Saturday 10th December at Poynton Methodist Church. See poster in the porch.

On Tuesday December 13th **STEPPING HILL HOSPITAL** will be having their annual Carol Service here in St Peters with pieces from the Hospital Choir and also St Simon's School Choir. All welcome to come along and join in some familiar carols.

Come along to the **PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT** on Friday 16th December at 7.30 in the Parish Centre to get into the spirit of Christmas with an evening of music from our choirs and instrumentalists. Admission only £5, children free. Bar available. Customary rendering of the Twelve Days of Christmas - just what you've all been waiting for!

The PARISH CAROL SERVICE Will be held on Sunday December 18th at 2 30 p.m. Subject to a slight change if England reach the final!!

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.

CHRSTMAS TIMETABLE

CHRISTMAS EVE CONFESSIONS AT ST PETERS 11.00 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

Carols from 9 30 p.m. In St Peters and from 7 30 in 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

FROM FR PETER

I hope you are 'enjoying' Advent and making full use of it! It is only when we keep Advent properly that we can fully appreciate the great feast of Christmas. This week I am going to Ireland for a couple of days to visit Canon Harrington who retired to Kenmare some 20 years ago. He is well into his 90's and earlier this year celebrated 70 years as a priest. I will be back in time for the match on Wednesday evening! (County not England!) Incidentally there seems to be some confusion as to when the parish will actually be 100, we thought it was next year but the Diocesan Archivist says its 2024. Hopefully we shall sort it out in good time and have a 'do'

Fr Peter

There are 3 ways you can give to the Clergy Education & Training Fund:

1. Donate Online

You can donate Online to the Fund. And if you donate Online you will also be able to Gift Aid what you choose to give to the Clergy Education & Training Fund. Just go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund.

2. Donate by Standing Order or Cheque

If you would like to request that a Standing Order is posted to you, please print off and complete the form in this leaflet and return it to the address on the form. Alternatively, please send an Email to the Email address on the form. If you would like to make a donation by Cheque, please make this payable to 'Clergy Education & Training Fund' and send it to the address shown for the Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service at the end of this leaflet.

3. Donate to the Annual Special Collection

Churches throughout the Diocese participate in a Special Collection held annually each November. This usually takes place as a Retiring Collection at which cash donations can be made. If you would like the Fund to be able to claim Gift Aid on your donation, please donate Online, or donate by Standing Order or Cheque and print off and complete the Gift Aid Declaration in this leaflet.

Boost the value of your donation with Gift Aid!

If you donate Online, you will also have the opportunity to Gift Aid this whilst making your donation to the Fund. If you make your donation by Standing Order or Cheque and want to Gift Aid your donation, please print off and complete the Gift Aid Declaration in this leaflet and send it to the address shown for the Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service.

Gift Aid provides a great boost to the value of your donation, increasing it's value by 25%!

A donation of £10 would be worth £12.50

A donation of £50 would be worth £62.50

A donation of £100 would be worth £125

STANDING ORDER FORM

What is the Clergy Education & Training Fund?

Those seeking to undertake the work of the Church in the Diocese have many training needs. Candidates accepted for priestly formation spend around 6 years at a Seminary. Whilst the time in Seminary helps the student to determine God's will for him, it is also designed to provide experiences so that the student can play a full role in parish community life following Ordination. Training is also undertaken by those men wishing to become Permanent Deacons in Parishes in the Diocese.

As in most occupations, learning and education is a life-long process, and Priests and Deacons have ongoing training needs in their ministries. However, training for Seminarians, Deacons and Clergy involves considerable expense, and the Clergy Education & Training Fund seeks to help meet these costs.

Why does the Clergy Education & Training Fund need your help?

At a time of shortages of Priests, it is a blessing that we have men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate. This is good news for the people of the Diocese, but the training is expensive – for example, it costs around £30,000 a year (about £80 a day) to train a Seminarian, and £4,000 a year to train a Deacon. The Clergy Education & Training Fund helps meet these costs, the ongoing training needs of Clergy, and in certain instances the cost of training Laity (such as Eucharistic Ministers).

How can you help?

Your support of the Clergy Education & Training Fund is essential if we are to continue to support the cost of training Seminarians and Deacons, and to meet the ongoing training of Clergy required to meet the various needs of Parishes and the Diocese. We need everyone to give generously in order that we can meet these costs.

If you would like to make a regular donation to the Clergy Education & Training Fund by Standing Order, please print this form and complete the information requested. On completion, please return it to the address shown below. A Standing Order form will then be sent to you by post.

Alternatively, you can request a Standing Order form by sending an Email to the Email address shown below.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Clergy Education & Training Fund in this way – it is greatly appreciated.