

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2023
FOR MARCH
FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE:
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE SUFFERED HARM FROM
MEMBERS OF THE
CHURCH;MAY THEY FIND
WITHIN THE CHURCH HERSELF
A CONCRETE RESPONSE TO
THEIR PAIN AND SUFFERING

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Mary Mother of God
Local Missionary area



THE WORD OF GOD

LENT WEEK III
Divine Office Psalter Week III
ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL
BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Saturday 11th March 2023

11.00-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon Almut Livesey RIP
1.30 pm Wedding Service for Iona Macdonald and Matthew Gray
6.00 pm St. Philips Offerton - Paul McDonald RIP
6.00 pm Polish Mass
Readings: Micah 7: 14-15.18-20; Psalm 102; Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32

Sunday 12th March 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am People of the Parish
10.00 am Joan Porter Intention
6 00 pm Geoff Fitton RIP
Readings: Exodus 17: 3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5: 1-2.5-8; John 4: 5- 42

Music

Choir
Folk Group
Praise Be

FIRST READING:

EXODUS 17: 3-7;

PSALM 94

O THAT TODAY YOU
WOULD LISTEN TO HIS
VOICE:
'HARDEN NOT YOUR
HEARTS'

SECOND READING:

ROMANS 5: 1-2. 5-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

GLORY TO YOU, O
CHRIST, YOU ARE THE
WORD OF GOD!
LORD, YOU ARE REALLY
THE SAVIOUR OF THE
WORLD; GIVE ME THE
LIVING WATER, SO THAT I
MAY NEVER GET THIRSTY.
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CHRIST, YOU ARE THE
WORD OF GOD!

GOSPEL READING:

JOHN 4: 5 - 42

Monday 13th March 2023

12 Noon Peter Smith RIP
Readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-15; Psalm 41; Luke 4: 24-30

Tuesday 14th March 2023

12 Noon Robert Sullivan RIP
Readings: Daniel 3: 25. 34-43; Psalm 24; Matthew 18: 21-35

Wednesday 15th March 2023

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Terese Regan RIP
12 Noon Requiem Mass for Mary Hanley
Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 1. 5-9; Psalm 147; Matthew 5: 17-19

Thursday 16th March 2023

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Psalm 94; Luke 11: 14-23

Friday 17th March 2023 St. Patrick - Patron of Ireland

12 Noon Sean Donelon RIP
6.00 -8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Readings : Jeremiah 1: 4-9; Psalm 116; Acts 13: 46-49; Luke 10: 1-12. 17-20

Saturday 18th March 2023

11.00-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon Ken Myers RIP
6.00 pm St. Philips Offerton - Helena Tierney RIP
6.00 pm Polish Mass
Readings: Hosea 5: 15-6: 6; Psalm 50; Luke 18: 9-14

Sunday 19th March 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am 70th Birthday Intention
10.00 am People of the Parish
6 00 pm Alf and Rose Duffield RIP
Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1. 6-7. 10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

Music

Organ
Junior Choir
Barbara

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

**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation will be
celebrated in the
Sacristy on
Saturday mornings and
Friday of Lent during
Exposition of the
Blessed
Sacrament**

**"Anyone who
drinks the
water that I
shall give will
never be
thirsty again"**



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.

Lately Dead Leonard McDonagh whose Funeral Service will be on Monday March 27th at 1.00 pm, Kathleen Kipling whose Requiem Mass will be here on 24th March at 12 Noon. And Mary Burke

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Frederick Carr, Jacob Holmes, John Glancy, Ernest Marsden James Nutt, Matthew Byrne, Mary Ivory, Sophie Oldham, Isabella McHale, Elizabeth Angell, Stella Farnell, Jaqueline Fish, Ken Myers, Harry Knox, John Burns

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

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

Third Sunday in Lent (Year A)

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink? – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle? Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ- is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food? But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, pausing at the words/phrases that draw your attention.

2. If only you knew what God is offering. Imagine yourself sitting by the well and hearing Jesus

saying these words to you. Take time to reflect on these words in the presence of Jesus.

3. Talk to him about the meaning they might have in your life.

For daily prayer: 'Show me Lord, what you are offering'.

Let the phrase echo in you throughout the day.



For Conversation: The people to whom you/your parish community might say Come and See.

HAND MADE CARDS

Cards, including Mother's Day and Easter cards, will be on sale in the Parish Centre after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on 12 March and 26 March. After that I will try to make some alternative arrangements but this cannot be guaranteed. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Cuppa and Chat We had a lovely gathering again last week, thank you to all who came and all who helped in any way. Our next gathering will be on 16th March. Email stpetershelpers@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office for more information.

LENTEN LUNCHESES will start after the midday Mass, each Friday until 24th March in the Parish Centre. If you would like to help by making soup one week please contact Helen 07854928072 or in the Parish Office. We will once again be sending the proceeds to St. Philips Foodbank.

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS are on again this year from 28th June -15th July. If you would like to join a Parish Trip to see them please sign up at the back of Church. There will be more information available once we have an idea of numbers.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on 19th March. Meet at Disley Station for a 10.00am start. An easy walk this time. Walk to meet the Goyt and walk through to New Mills and the millennium bridge and return via the Canal.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 1st - 4th May 2023

The balance of £250 is now due by the end of this month, please make cheques payable to St. Peter's Hazel Grove. If you pay by bank transfer or card please let the office know by email admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk.

If you would like to pre book lunch at Wetherspoons The Sir John Arderne, in Newark let us know and we will sort out menus, there are other Eateries and also nice places to have a picnic lunch. There are still a few places left if you are thinking of joining us. The final date for balance is 31st March, we will not be able to take any more bookings after that date.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. **THE FAMILY FAST COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN ON EASTER SUNDAY AS A RETIRING COLLECTION**

ST PETER'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next Meeting will be on Tuesday 14th March at 2.00 pm in the Members Lounge. We will be having a Reflection and refreshments. If you have not joined us before and would like to please do come along, no matter how long ago or recently you lost a loved one. Contact Helen on 07854928072 or the Parish Office admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk.

SPY—TONIGHT

The next gathering for the SPY youth group is on Sunday 12th March 9 following the 6 pm Mass in the Parish centre. Open to all young people in year 7 and above. Come and meet with young people from year 7 through to college age for pizza, games and Faith. All welcome.

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

Many People will have seen the recent program "Inside Our Autistic minds" presented by Chris Packham on BBC television; it was informative, moving and uplifting and gave profound insight into Autism. Because it had a positive effect on all who saw it and even those who merely heard about it, there was interest at the 'Come and See' day to gather to watch the programme as a group. Generally it was thought that this might help us to better understand Autism, raise greater awareness and see whether we can offer some support to anyone experiencing this demanding condition and how we may go about it. With that in mind, all who are interested, are invited to a viewing of the first program on Friday 24th March in the Parish Centre Meeting room. The evening will start with tea/coffee at 7.15 pm, then watch the film between 7.30 - 8.30 pm leaving some time for discussion before finishing at 9 pm. For more information contact Margaret Mercer on 0161 439 4945.

A DAY FOR THE EUCHARIST on Saturday 1st April, 10am-2pm at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine

Tatton Street, St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EJ. A time of catechesis, fellowship, and prayer. No booking is necessary. Bring a packed lunch and drinks will be available. See poster in Church for the full schedule. All are welcome, and we especially encourage readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to attend.

Baptism Courses will take place on the following dates 16th and 30th April 2023 for more information please contact Karen at justasec55@hotmail.co

What are YOU doing on Good Friday morning April 7th ?

We are hoping to dramatise the

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in church, with prayer, reflection and music. If you would like to be involved in any way, please sign up on the noticeboard in the porch and/or email juliewilliams10@ymail.com. The first practice will be in church on Saturday 18th March at 2pm -4pm. All are welcome.

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1007.27 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 £132.65 Those who usually pay by credit/debit card will be pleased to know that the card machine is now back up and running.

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 number

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for 2023/2024 are now at the back of Church

READERS There is a list in the Sacristy for volunteers to read during March 2023

SHREWSBURY DIOCESE YEAR BOOKS are on sale at the back of Church **£6.00 ea**

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place at the end of July—27th/28th—3rd/4th August depending on the method of travel. The Diocese are arranging either coach or air travel but I intend to go by train. If anyone is interested in joining me please let me know but if you wish to travel by air then the booking forms are now available this week on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. The youth section up to the age of 22 is under the direction of the Diocesan Youth Service—synt.org.uk and those who wish to travel must book with them.

FOOTSTEPS

Our next event is on **Thursday 16 March at 7.30pm** when **Anthony Delaney** suggests how we can make a difference to others in **'From lost and alone to found and at home'**. We had originally booked Anthony to come in June 2020, but Covid had other plans. Then we re-booked him for 8 September last year and just before he set out from Didsbury to come to Hazel Grove, the sad news came that the Queen had died So now, 'third time lucky' as the saying goes, we're hoping to hear him share his thoughts on making a difference to others. We hope you'll be able to join us in our informal, café-style setting in the parish centre as we explore ways to help us on our Christian journey. You'll be very welcome.

COME AND SEE—THANKS FOR COMING

We had a marvellous morning last Sunday, with over 30 groups and activities represented, a range of fun and creative activities, food and refreshments, live music and a real feeling of community. THANK YOU to everyone who helped, plus to everyone who signed up to come along to something new, or volunteered to help a group.

Feedback: 'Fantastic atmosphere' 'Great opportunity to meet newcomers to the parish' 'Lots of new members and interest in upcoming events' 'People got to know our team' 'Families could explore what the Parish has to offer' 'Great representation including our Polish community and St Philip's.'

Excess funds raised from refreshments will go towards Lenten Lunches and St Philip's Foodbank.

ST PETER'S HELPERS - New Volunteer recruitment launch

Would you like to volunteer with us? We are relaunching our volunteer registration with a simple online form: [St Peter's Helpers Volunteer Form](https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/home) also available on our website <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/home> We will have a small number of paper forms at the back of church (please put completed forms in the box at the back of church). If you are currently one of our volunteers, please register again on our new system. More information: email stpetershelpers@gmail.com

FILM NIGHT THIS SUNDAY, 12 MARCH at 7pm

Culture Bridge, which does such great work with refugees, asylum seekers and migrants of all ages, is holding a film night in the parish centre. They write:

We're pleased to invite you to join our Culture Bridge's film season, which hosts a number of films and creates opportunities for viewers and artistic works in the field of film and cinema, to meet each other, with the arrival of the first season of Spring

We will start with a number of Kurdish short films, in collaboration with the Directorate of Film and Cinema in Sulaimani. Sunday night, 12th March 2023, 7-10pm. For more information please contact Chinar on 07592 63611, by Email chinar@culturebridge.uk or online: www.culturebridge.uk. Please be aware that the films are adult rated, so no children, please.

PPT MEETING the next Parish Pastoral Team meeting will be on Monday 20th March

YOUTH MISSION TEAM The Diocese is looking to recruit a Youth Mission Team Member to engage with young people in schools and parishes across the Shrewsbury Diocese, based in Stockport. The full-time employee will be a key member of the team led by the Director. Salary £19K to £22K depending on experience. For more information please visit <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> For application form please contact Pauline McCulloch

recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 7 April 2023.

ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II: Thank you to those who have been in touch to say how interesting/ informative/ helpful/ even 'excellent'(!) you have found the first two podcasts. The next two on *Divine Revelation* are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. They are not time-bound and may be listened to any time. There are also 3 **handouts for downloading or printing:** An introduction to the document; A guided reading of the text; A suggested reading list for the whole course. A **leaflet** outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. Should you have difficulty accessing this material, any questions or reflections, don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies: 07730 526821.