

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 2023
FOR MAY
FOR CHURCH MOVEMENTS
AND GROUPS
We pray that Church
movements and groups may
rediscover their mission of
evangelisation each day, placing
their own charisms at the
service of needs in the world



THE WORD OF OF GOD

FIRST READING:
ACTS 8: 5-8 14-17

PSALM 65:
CRY OUT WITH JOY TO
GOD ALL THE EARTH

SECOND READING:
1 PETER 3: 15-18

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: 15-21

'IN A SHORT TIME
THE WORLD WILL
NO LONGER SEE
ME; BUT YOU WILL
SEE ME, BECAUSE
I LIVE AND YOU
WILL LIVE'

The Sacrament of
Reconciliation will be
celebrated in the
Sacristy on Saturday
morning during
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Sacrament

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Mary Mother of
God
Local Missionary
area

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 13th May 2023-Our Lady of Fatima

11.00 -11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon David Slack RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Mary Burke RIP
Readings: Acts 16: 1-10; Psalm 99; John 15: 18-21

Sunday 14th May 2023 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30 am Kathleen Kipling RIP
10.00 am People of the Parish
6.00 pm Ann Bogle RIP
Readings: Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21

Music

Organ
Folk Group
Praise Be

Monday 15th May 2023

12.00 Noon Della and Michael Gaffy RIP
Readings: Acts 16: 11-15; Psalm 149; John 15: 26-16.4

Tuesday 16th May 2023

12 Noon For Mary's friends and helpers
Readings: Acts 16: 22-34; Psalm 137; John 16: 5-11

Wednesday 17th May 2023 -St. John de Avila

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
7.00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Philips The Ascension of the Lord—Ian Glendennis RIP
Readings: Acts 17: 15.22-18: 1; Psalm 148; John 16: 12-15

Thursday 18th May 2023 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION)

10 00 a.m. People of the Parish (Mass for our schools)
12 Noon Peter Jennings RIP
7.30 pm Peter O'Conner RIP
Readings: Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 16-20

Friday 19th May 2023 - St. Milburga

12 Noon Renata Broda RIP
Readings: Acts 18: 9-18; Psalm 46; John 16: 20-23

Saturday 20th May 2023- St Bernadette of Siena

11.00 -11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament finishing with Benediction
12 Noon Thanksgiving—Joy
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Marie McNeil RIP
Readings: Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 46; John 16: 23-28

Sunday 21st May 2023 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30 am People of the Parish
10.00 am Roy Pailey RIP
6.00 pm Rosemarie Shennan RIP
Readings: Acts 1: 12-14; Psalm 26: 1 Peter 4: 13-16; John 17: 1-11

Music

Organ
Junior Choir

DAY
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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: Matthew Dempsey

Anniversaries that occur around this time : Stella Brennan, Mary Hewett, Francis Boote, James Kane, Claire Kan Hai, Muriel Christie, Mary Morgan, Joan Howard, Agnes Bumstead, Jennifer Southward, Bridget Quinn, Doreen Irwin, Barbara White, Zeger Beyens, Vic Ratcliff, Paul Kivell, Ernest Swindells, Leonard Clegg, Kathleen Hand, Christopher Glynn, Charles Lowe, Rosemary Crewdson, Gerald Francom.

Baptisms:

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

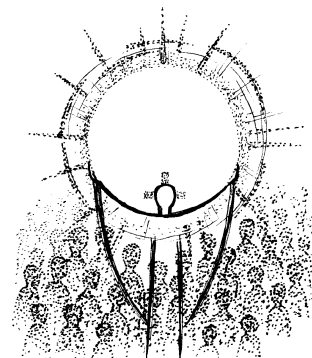
Centering Prayer Group meet in the parish centre every Tuesday morning at 11. 15 am. All welcome (currently meeting in the Sacristy)

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples. 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees or knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

1. Spend some time quietly and reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Take time to be with the disciples. Hearing Jesus' promise to remain with you – whatever the struggles, Jesus is with you. Notice your thoughts, feelings...
3. Allow the truth of this to take route more deeply – respond to Jesus
4. What might your Gospel 'motto' for the coming week be?



For Conversation:

The ways in which your parish community renews its ways of keeping Christ's commandments

ONLINE ALPHA

Feeling like a new start? New to church? Feeling like a boost? Want to rekindle your faith or just curious? Alpha Online is back! The online Alpha sessions will be starting on Wednesday 19th April 2023 from 8 PM - 9.00PM via Zoom. The sessions are informal - we'll watch a short film and then there's chance to share your thoughts and feelings or if you prefer just listen. Have your snacks and drinks available for while you're watching from the comfort of your own home! We have now started and it is going well, please pray for those taking part. To sign up click on the link or for more information speak to Deacon John or call Rachel on 07724 749217. <https://forms.gle/wdwCavztDVGdhv6H9>

BAPTISM COURSE the next course will be on 18th and 25th June 2023, please contact Karen at justasec55@hotmail.com for more information.

ST PETER'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next Meeting will be on May 26th at 2.00 pm in the Meeting Room when we will be having Afternoon Tea. 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.

SPY (St Peter's Youth) are meeting **TONIGHT** 14th May after 6pm Mass in the Scout Hut (note venue) Open to all young people of high school age and above. We have young people from year 7 through to college age who attend regularly. Come along for Faith sharing, friendship and fun and of course pizza! (7pm - 8.30 pm) All welcome.

LITTLE FISHES

We are a volunteer run play group aimed at young children from birth to school age. We run during term time only from 9.30 to 11.30 on a Thursday morning. Included is a craft, freeplay, snack for the children and tea/coffee and biscuits for the adults. Please contact me on 07763387001 or anne.wroe@sky.com for more details about the group and to discuss available places.

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

St Peter's Helpers - Cuppa and Chat

Thursday 18th May 2pm-3.30pm, Meeting room.

Come and join us for a relaxed chat over a cuppa and delicious home made cakes. This is a friendly and inclusive 'open to all' session, especially people who would love to get out more. No need to book. If you'd like to come but need a lift contact the church office or stpetershelpers@gmail.com Bakers we would love your donations of cakes, thank you!

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS We have now booked 35 tickets for Saturday 8th July, the Matinee starts at 1.00 pm, the coach will leave The Anchor Pub on the A6 at 11.00 am. We will return at approximately 5.30 pm. The cost including the coach is £45. Please confirm that you are coming by YES or NO on the notice at the back of Church, If you have not put your name down and would like to go please let the office know, there are a few places available. Payment can be made by BACS/Card Machine (Reference 'MYSTERY') or cheque (made out to St. Peter's Church) by May 28th please.

SAVE THE DATE - READERS

If you are a reader in the parish you are invited to come to the parish centre on **Saturday, 24th June** from **9 until 11.45am**. **Mary Hardiman** will lead a **special reflection** for all involved in this ministry, whatever your age or experience. Others who are considering becoming a reader are also welcome to come along. Breakfast will be provided.

It would be helpful if you could let us know whether or not you are able to attend by emailing mary.hardiman@sky.com

Please make a note of the date now, so you don't miss it.

ANOTHER DATE TO SAVE is the 2nd July 2023, daytime, more details will follow shortly. Something for all the family!

ALSO 23rd September, Life in the Spirit, an all day event in the Parish Centre, more details to follow shortly

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Now that we are offering the chalice to everyone again we need to appoint some new Eucharistic ministers so I would like to ask for nominations and volunteers for this important ministry. If you are nominating someone then ask them beforehand if they are willing to serve in this way!

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

We would like to recommend **Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus** - a book about Elizabeth Zott who is a chemist trying to succeed in 1960's corporate America. Her male colleagues cannot get past the fact that she's a woman, acknowledging her only long enough to steal her work! It's a lively read, funny and sad at the same time. Our second choice is **Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr** which is a tale, connecting five characters, over hundreds of years through their relationship to a single book. Doerr describes this book as 'part fairytale, part fool's errand, part science fiction, part utopian satire ..' Also, **The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak** which is set between the 1970's and more recent times, between Cyprus and London. It is a story about the turbulent history of Cyprus and communities torn apart by war, partition, religion and migration. It is dedicated 'To immigrants and exiles everywhere, the uprooted, the rootless, And to the trees we left behind, rooted in our memories..'

We will recommend more books in May and will meet up again soon - if you would like to join us for a lovely meal and lively discussion (sometimes about books), please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES will take place at the end of July—27th/28th—3rd/4th August depending on the method of travel. There is plenty of room still available on the plane or coach but I intend to go by train. If anyone is interested in joining me please let me know ASAP as I wish to book seats on the various trains 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— symt.org.uk and those who wish to travel must book with them.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND FEBRUARY 2024

Details are on the diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2024/>

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP is on this Tuesday evening 7.30pm in the parish meeting room. Do come along and join this friendly, growing group as we lay down our worries, share our intentions and pray the Rosary. All welcome

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1115.62 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 £162.61 In April we also received £560-57 in card payments.

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

CHURCH CLEANING Team 4 are on duty this week

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

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.

PPT MEETING the next Parish Pastoral Team meeting will be on Monday 22nd May

CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS

The Chaplaincy Team is hoping to recruit a number of people to join our existing team of volunteers who visit the hospital wards.

We are offering a four-week course (one afternoon per week) which will introduce people to the principles and practice of hospital chaplaincy. Those who complete the course will be invited for an interview to explore their suitability to join the Chaplaincy Service as a volunteer.

The course is offered free of charge and will take place on the main hospital site. It will be on Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, from June 8th to June 29th.

If you are interested in attending the course or would like more information, please contact the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Team on 0161 419 5889 or chaplaincy.spiritualcareteam@stockport.nhs.uk. Or speak to Father Peter, who will give you a Job Description.

THY KINGDOM COME (TKC) is a global, ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray over the nine days from Ascension to Pentecost (a novena) for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions - so that more friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Specifically, we invite everyone in our parish of St Peter's to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of say, five people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. There will be an evening of prayer and music on **Friday 19th May at 7.30pm in church**. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and our band 'Praise Be' will lead us in prayer and song. Please join us for the start of our novena, praying specifically for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our parish family. All are welcome.

From Fr. Peter

This week, on Thursday, we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord which is another stage on the Easter journey which culminates in a couple of weeks time with the great feast of Pentecost. There are several opportunities to join us for Mass on Thursday and we look forward particularly to welcoming the children from our two parish primary schools to the 10 00 a.m. Mass on Thursday morning.

Its always good to celebrate liturgies in our schools, as I do most weeks, but it is also good to be able to welcome them to their church to celebrate the bigger feasts.

In the Parish Pastoral Team meetings we have been looking at various ways to celebrate the centenary of the parish which occurs over the next 12 months. It is another milestone in the history of this parish and the story of how the Catholic faith was reintroduced to Stockport after the Reformation. It is important that we celebrate these milestones because they remind us of the debt of gratitude we owe to those who went before us and our responsibility to ensure that everything is set up for those who will come after us.

Work continues on the refurbishment of the Parish Centre and hopefully it will be ready for use in a couple of weeks time. We were able to use it last Sunday for the Coronation lunch but those present will have seen that there was still plenty to do. The Meeting Room is not part of the current project but we will be looking at it once the current work is finished.

So now its the play-offs, I hate them unless we win!!

Have a good week

"It is important to remember the true meaning of Easter" says the Archbishop of Cadbury.

fr Peter