

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £981.83 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 £150.00

The Collection for the Priests' Training Fund is still open this weekend if you forgot to bring some extra cash last week!!

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

CHURCH CLEANING Team 1 are on duty this week

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

We would like to recommend the following books:

Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Kate Atkinson - this is Kate Atkinson's debut novel and it is a fantastic epic that chronicles the lives of four generations of women from the late 1800's to 1992. It is set in York and it depicts working-class life spanning two World Wars with a particular focus on the lives of women and the choices they were forced to make. **Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurty** - this is a Western, it won the 1986 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and it is based on the lives of several retired Texas Rangers who attempt to drive a cattle herd from Texas to Montana in the late 1870's. A story that is rich in detail and surprisingly warm, likeable characters. **Homecoming by Kate Morton** - set in Adelaide in 1959, a body is discovered and the case goes cold until sixty years later. This is described as an epic novel that spans generations and asks us what we would do for those we love?

Black Butterflies by Priscilla Morton - set in 1992 and the siege of Sarajevo, Zora, an artist and a teacher, sends her husband, mother and daughter to safety in England and stays behind while the city falls.

We will meet up again in January so please get in touch if you would like to join us and if you would like to recommend a book message Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE are holding a Christmas Shopping Night on Thursday 30th November from 6 pm - 9 pm in St. Peter's Parish Centre. Tickets are £5 (accompanied under 16s free) Mince pie and mulled wine/soft drink for every shopper. Find the perfect gifts, win big in our tombola, enjoy a very special performance from Little Singers (sign language choir) plus lots of children's activities. To book tickets scan the QR code on the poster at the back of Church or visit EventBrite: bit.ly/xmasHD.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL FOR THE RETIRED PARISHIONERS

St James Catholic High School are organising a Christmas Social for retired parishioners on Friday 15th December and will begin at 9.30am until 11a.m. at the School. It will be an opportunity for the retired parishioners to meet some of the pupils, listen to some music and generally have the opportunity to relax in a festive atmosphere. Previous Christmas events have been enjoyed by all. If you would like to go to this then please let the **parish office know by Sunday November 19th**-we will need names, phone numbers and e mail addresses if you have one. Let us know if you need transport and we will see what can be done.

LAST DAY FOR BOOKING THIS IS TODAY

ST PETER'S CENTENARY GIN

Thank you to the great crowd (60+) who came to launch the Centenary Gin on Thursday night. You can buy it on line at

<https://www.stockport-gin.com/stpeters>

When you go on line you will be able to click on the option of collect which will mean it will be delivered here to St Peter's by the following weekend for you to collect from the sacristy. The parish gets 20% of the cost of a bottle which is very generous of Stockport Gin

From Fr Peter

We had a good night on Thursday launching the gin, there will be more celebrations of our centenary over the next few months. The main celebrations will be centred around the feast of St Peter and St Paul on the weekend of June 29th

Have a good week

Fr Peter



POPE'S INTENTIONS
NOVEMBER 2023
FOR THE POPE:
 We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:
PROVERBS
31: 10-13. 19-20.30-31

PSALM
O BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD

SECOND READING:
1 THESSALONIANS
5: 1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
ALLELUIA!
ALLELUIA,

MAKE MY HOME IN ME, AS I MAKE MINE IN YOU, SAYS THE LORD. WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME BEARS FRUIT IN PLENTY. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL READNG:
MATTHEW
25: 14- 30

YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL IN SMALL THINGS; COME AND JOIN IN YOUR MASTERS HAPPINESS

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

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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ORDINARY TIME XXXIII

Divine Office Psalter Week 1

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL

BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Saturday 18th November 2023 - Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul

11- 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
 12 Noon Edith Harper RIP
 6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - People of the Parish
 Readings: *Wisdom 18: 14-16.19: 6-9; Psalm 104: Luke 18: 1-8*

Sunday 19th November 2023 - THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30 am Ralph and Dominic Dickin Organ
 10.00 am Deceased Members of the Begley, Mannion and Smyth Families Junior Choir
 11 00 am St Philips Mass in Syro Malabar Rite
 6.00 pm Joseph Erinjeri RIP Piano
 Readings: Proverbs 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31; Psalm 127; 1Thessalonians 5: 1-6
 Matthew 25: 14-30

Monday 20th November 2023

12 Noon Marcelle Niemera RIP
 Readings: 1 Maccabees 1: 10-15. 41-43.54-57.62-64; Psalm 118; Luke 18: 35-43

Tuesday 21st November 2023 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12 Noon Tom Hardiman RIP
 2.00 pm Funeral Service for Idris Morgan
 Readings: Zechariah 2: 14-17; Psalm Luke 1; Matthew 12: 46-50

Wednesday 22nd November - St. Cecilia

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips Brian Lane
 12 noon Service of Word and Communion
 Readings: 2 Maccabees 7: 1. 20-31; Psalm 16; Luke 19: 11-28

Thursday 23rd November 2023 - Ss. Clement and Columban

12 noon Denis Foudy RIP
 Readings: 1 Maccabees 2: 15-29; Psalm 49: Luke 19: 41-44

Friday 24th November 2023 - Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

12 Noon: Joan Mulcahy RIP
 2 30 p.m. Funeral Service for Florence Bradsah
 Readings : 1 Maccabees 4: 36-37. 52-59; Psalm 1 Chronicles; Luke 19: 45-48

Saturday 25th November 2023 - St Catherine of Alexandria

11- 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
 12 Noon Francis Binnie RIP
 6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Marie Walker RIP
 Readings: Maccabees 6: 1-13; Psalm 9; Luke 20: 27-40

Sunday 26th November 2023 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8.30 am People of the Parish Choir
 10.00 am Intentions of the Mercer Family TOAST
 11 00 am St Philips Mass in Syro Malabar Rite
 6.00 pm Peter Xenophantos Praise Be
 Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-12.15-17; Psalm 22; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26.28;



Your prayers are asked for

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Hannah Casey, Christine Nolan, John Riddiough, Margaret Waldron, Joseph Blackstock, Mary Inman, Rosanna Walton, Edith Lord, Ford Ryan, Peter Hayward, Thomas Clarke, Bernard Cavanagh, Catherine Mayock, John Coakley, Mary Knaggs, Anthony Noon, Alessandro Di Chiara.

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.

Lately Dead: Florence Bradshaw whose Funeral Service will be here at St Peters on Friday November 24th at 2.30 p.m., Mary Box whose funeral will be at the Crematorium on Monday November 27th and Idris (Jack) Morgan whose Funeral Service is here on Tuesday 21st November at 2.00 pm. Christine O'Gara whose Requiem Mass will be at St. Ann's Church in Cheadle Hulme on 4th December at 10.00 am.

Baptism:

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:

'The Kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness". Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness". Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. As you reflect on this parable, what is Jesus saying to you?
3. Take time in prayer – to thank God for the 'talents' given to you for an ever deepening understanding of how you might use them in working for God's kingdom, for passing on what you have received.



For Conversation:

The fears that block us living out our Christian responsibilities

BEREAVEMENT GROUP The next meeting will be this Friday, 24th November at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre, when we will be being entertained by No Notes Singing Group from the Holy Spirit in Marple (there may be a few familiar faces) and refreshments of course. Everyone is welcome to join us no matter how recently or long ago you were bereaved. If you would like any further information please contact the office admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk or ring Helen 07854928072.

APOLOGIES We mentioned that the Christmas Advent Service and Party was to change from 5th to 12th, however due to a clash with another Parish Event we have had to revert back to the 5th December at 7.00 pm in Church followed by Christmas Refreshments in the Lounge.

PIETY STALL

We have a new selection of cards for all occasions for sale in the Piety Stall, Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Sympathy and many others.

We are very much in need of new helpers to serve in the Piety Stall for a few minutes before and after the 8.30 and 10.00 am Masses. If you could spare any time please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the helpers who generously give their time at the moment.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE The dates for the next course will be 7th and 21st January 2024. Please contact justasec55@hotmail.com to book a place on the course. The course is an opportunity to reflect on the parent's role as the first teachers of the faith and to meet other families who are also preparing for their child's baptism.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY

"**Becoming a servant Church**" is the title for our **Advent Day on Saturday 2nd December**. Fr David Long will explore this theme looking at some of the major Advent figures and the pointers that they give to us as we prepare to welcome: '**The Servant King**'. 9.30 - 4 pm in the Parish Centre. Bring a packed lunch.

ST PETERS'S HELPERS

Cuppa and Chat

Thank you to our friends, bakers and helpers who came along to our cuppa and chat this week. We will publicise the dates for 2024 soon.

Christmas Elves needed! Sunday 10th December. Bakers, packers and deliverers all welcome, we have lots of special packages to deliver this year! Baked goods (mince pies, gingerbread, goodies which will last a few days please) would be very welcome. Deliverers are given a short list of people to deliver to, it's a lovely thing to do for others, families are welcome to get involved.

9.30-10.00 Drop off baked goods

9.30-11.00 Packing

11.00-11.30 Deliverers to collect

Email stpetershelpers@gmail.com if you can help.

LAMBS additional needs group will meet in the Parish centre on Sunday the 26th of November between 4pm and 6pm.

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL St Peter's Catholic Primary School will be holding their Christmas Fair on Friday 24th November from 3.30-5.30pm. Please join us for tombolas, Christmas stalls, festive music, balloon modelling, face painting, turkey barmes and mulled wine!

NOT GOT OTHER PLANS ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

You are invited to enjoy a traditional, home cooked Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, free of charge, at Hazel Grove Methodist Church, Wesley Street, Stockport SK7 4JQ from **12 noon until 4pm** on Monday 25 December.

Come on your own or with a neighbour, friend or family member. Children are welcome, indeed ALL are welcome! Transport can be arranged if necessary. Please book early (ideally by 18 Dec) by leaving your contact details for Marion by phone on 07731 840466

or by Email: bookings@hazelgrovemethodists.co.uk and someone will be in touch with you.

CARDS

Birthday, Occasion and Christmas cards will be available after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on the following dates: 26th November; 03rd, 10th and 17th December. The cards are all handmade and reasonably priced (50p - £2.50). All of the proceeds go to charities and other good causes mostly in the local area so this is a good chance to obtain individual cards and help others at the same time. Many of the cards can be personalised with names / ages etc if required. Thank you for your ongoing support.

HOPE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille is a programme designed to help heal and renew marriages. The word *Retrouvaille* simply means rediscovery.

Radio Maria England can be found at

<https://open.spotify.com/show/3zoamrde7ITuFhbzD2QIMu?si=EDnDyEUfQnGMTAELLLfmPg>

