

Your prayers are asked for

RECENTLY DECEASED Keith Ryan whose funeral will be on January 9th at 1 45 p.m at the Crematorium, Sidney Bloomfield whose funeral will on Wednesday January 10th at 12 noon at the Crematorium, Pamela Brown whose funeral will be at the Crematorium on Friday January 12th at 1 00 p.m., and Jean Green whose funeral will be on January 19th at 11 00 a.m., here at St Peter's.

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Bishop Eric Grasar, Fr Paul Glendenning, Veronica Chatterton, Christine Glazier, Robert Carter, Charlotte Bell, Lois Parker, Sean Donelan, Neil Hitchings Davies, Robert Gordon, John Killeen, Felicity Kane, Mary Hennigan, Margaret Gresty, Edna Kerwin, Ian Gresty, Joseph Kan Hai, Joseph Dixon, Olive Newcombe, Bernard Collins, Kieran O'Toole, Otto Senn, Anna Senn, Mike Bews, Margaret Hester, Alwyn Davies, Ken Pryce, Jimmy Flynn, Theophane Jones, Jack Edwards, Patrick Broadhurst and Dominique Davies

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 Fr Bill Fitzgerald from Holy Spirit Marple who is convalescing after heart surgery

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

GOSPEL READING Holy Family (Year B) Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified, as laid down by the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: "Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel." As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare." There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow she was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at the moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th January at 2.00 pm when we will be having Reflection and Refreshments, after that we will meet on Friday 26th January for an Unwanted Christmas Gift Raffle and Winter Afternoon Tea, at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like any further information please contact the office admin@stpetershazलगrove.org.uk or ring Helen 07854928072.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREES will be taken down after 10am mass on Sunday the 7th of January if you are not available to pick your tree up then it will be left in the sacristy for you to collect

REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY LAND - John McKay and Jonathan Goodfellow recently visited the Holy Land arriving back 2 days before the terrible events of October 7th. Come and hear something of their reflections as they experienced this beautiful land through the lens of John's Gospel. Thursday 18th January 7.30 PM in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last Sunday which amounted to £733.52 Online giving last month came to around £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 £208-

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 IN ST PETERS Team 2 are on duty this week. Volunteers for St Philips are requested
St Peters Helpers Our first events for the New Year are card making on 04 January from 10.00 until 11.30 am in the Meeting room and Cuppa and Chat on 18 January from 2.00 until 3.30 pm in the Meeting room. Please let Mary know if you wish to attend the card making session 01663 762974 or mvbinnie@gmail.com

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CHRISTMASTIDE

Divine Office Psalter Week 1

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL

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

THE WORD

OF GOD

FIRST READING:

GENESIS 15:1-6,21:1-3

PSALM 104

RESPONSE:

HE THE LORD IS OUR GOD.

HE REMEMBERS HIS

COVENANT FOR EVER

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11:8,11-12,17-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA!

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AT VARIOUS TIMES IN THE
PAST AND IN VARIOUS
DIFFERENT WAYS, GOD
SPOKE TO OUR ANCESTORS
THROUGH THE PROPHETS;
BUT IN OUR OWN TIMW,
THE LAST DAYS,
HE HAS SPOKEN TO US
THROUGH HIS SON
ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL READING:

LUKE 2: 22-40

THE CHILD
GREW,
FILLED WITH
WISDOM

Saturday 30th December 2023—SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

11– 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12 Noon Martin Vaughan and the Vaughan Family

6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Patrick O'Grady RIP

6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass

Readings: 1 John 2: 12-17; Psalm 95; Luke 2: 36-40

Sunday 31st December 2023 - THE HOLY FAMILY

8.30 am People of the Parish

ORGAN

10.00 am Joan Mulcahy RIP

FOLK GROUP

11.00 am St Philips Mass in Syro Malabar Rite

6.00 pm Raymond Long RIP

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6.12; Psalm 127; Colossians 3: 12-21; Luke 2: 22-40-

Monday 1st January 2024 - MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

12 Noon John and Bridget Kelly RIP

Readings: Numbers 6: 22-27; Psalm 66; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 16-21

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

12 Noon Peter Carrahar— Wedding Anniversary Memories

Readings: 1 John 2: 22-28; Psalm 97; John 1: 19-28

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 - WEDNESDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Dominique Davies RIP

12 noon Service of Word and Communion

Readings: 1 John 2: 29 –3:6; Psalm 97; John 1: 29-34

Thursday 4th January 2024 - THURSDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

12 Noon Philomena Rooney— Birthday Memories

Readings: 1 John 3: 7-10; Psalm 97; John 1: 35-42

Friday 5th January 2024—FRIDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

12 Noon: Agnes and Ronnie Bumstead RIP

Readings: 1 John 3: 11-21; Psalm 97; John 1: 43-51

Saturday 6th January 2024—SATURDAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

11– 11.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12 Noon Daniel Begley RIP

6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Ken Pryce RIP

6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass

Readings: 1 John 5: 5-13; Psalm 147; Mark 1: 6-11

Sunday 7th January 2024—EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8.30 am People of the Parish

ORGAN

10.00 am Sean Donelon RIP

FOLK GROUP

11 00 am St Philips Mass in Syro Malabar Rite

6.00 pm Gaetano Scappaticci

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3: 2-3.5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12