

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £ 1000.62 Online giving last month came to around £1100 per week . Thank you to those who have done the on line giving. St. Philips Offertory amounted to £390.45 We also received £495-35p through the card machine during February 2024.

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.**

CHURCH CLEANING IN ST PETERS Team 1 are on duty this week. Volunteers for St Philips are requested

SCOUTS

Meeting Times for 2nd Hazel Grove Scout Group - St Peter's Scout Hut

Brownies - Monday - 6.30pm to 7.45pm Cubs - Tuesday - 7:00pm - 8:30pm Guides - Tuesday - 7.45pm to 9.15pm Beavers - Wednesday - 6:00pm - 7:15pm Scouts - Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Contact: samantha.panjeta@ladybrookvalleyscouts.org.uk or ring Samantha on 07748308514

VACANCIES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ALL HALLOWS Catholic College are advertising for a College Chaplin, more details on the notice board at the back of Church.

ST. PHILIP'S Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint a highly motivated and inspirational Deputy Head-teacher from September 2024. More information can be found at:

<https://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/vacancies/144123>

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: We are currently recruiting for two Assistant Headteachers. Please visit the school website for further information – www.harrytownschool.org

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY, MARPLE BRIDGE

Is looking to appoint an inspirational and talented permanent, part time Class Teacher from 1 September 2024 working three days per week. We are willing to appoint Main Scale or Upper Pay Scale teachers, depending on skills and experience. Practising Catholics preferred. Further details and how to apply can be found here: <https://www.stmarysmarplebridge.srscmat.co.uk/our-school/vacancies/>. Closing date: 21 April 2024.

MEN'S CURRY NIGHT

We are having a Curry Night on Friday 19th April at 7.30 pm at the Purple Pakora, opposite 'The Grapes' Poppadoms, Mixed Starter and Main will be £17. If you would like to go please send £17 to John McKay Sort Code 60-84-07 Account No. 18499001 and your surname as the Reference by Sunday 14th April.

CONGRATULATIONS to St. James's Year 11 football team who have won the Stockport Schools FA Trophy 4-2 Also congratulations to year 9 for reaching the final.

FR BERNARD MCDERMOTT

Fr Bernard will be celebrating 50 years of priesthood this year and one of his celebrations will be at All Saints Church, Ashton on Mersey, Sale—one of Fr Ned Wall's parishes—on Sunday April 21st at 5 00 p.m. Fr Bernard extends an invitation to all who wish to join him for this occasion

SOME COMING EVENTS AT OUR LADY'S

Divine Mercy Sunday, 7th April, 2024 at Our Lady and the Apostles, Stockport. Our church will be open from 1.30pm onwards; Exposition and Confessions at 2pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. Mass at 3.30pm. All are welcome .

The next showing of The Chosen will be after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's on 4 April 2024. This story of the life of Jesus, through the eyes of the Apostles has a massive following and watching it on the big screen is truly breathtaking. If you haven't seen it you really are missing out. Bar will be open. We are watching Series One. episode 5 & 6. Come and see the Wedding at Cana, Jesus healing a leper and casting out demons. Venue - The Social Club at Our Lady's after Mass. Free entry, donation optional.

Our Lady and the Apostles Pilgrimage 2024 is to Poland. The dates are 23 - 27 Sept 2024 and cost is £630, 1/2 board (sharing). Flights are from Manchester to Krakow. We will be visiting St Mary's Basilica, the Bishops palace, Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, Auschwitz, Jasna Gora Sanctuary and many other optional visits. Pilgrimage Spiritual Lead: Fr. Martin Onuoha Contact unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com for more information.

HAPPY AND PEACEFUL EASTER TO EVERYONE

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2024 FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:

ACTS 10 :

34 .37-43

PSALM 117:

THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD; WE REJOICE AND ARE GLAD

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! CHRIST, OUR PASSEVER, HAS BEEN SACRIFICED; LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST THEN, IN THE LORD ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL READING JOHN 20: 1-9

HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD ALLELUIA

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

St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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EASTER WEEK 1

Divine Office Psalter Week 1

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL

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

Saturday 30th March 2024 - HOLY SATURDAY

5.00 pm	Syro Malabar Liturgy at St Philip's	
8.00 pm	The Easter Vigil - People of the Parish	CHOIR
Readings:	Genesis 1: 1-2:2; Psalm 103	Genesis 22: 1-18; Psalm 15
	Exodus 14: 15-15: 1; Psalm 29	Romans 6: 3-11; Psalm 117
	Mark 16: 1-7	

Sunday 31st March 2024 - EASTER SUNDAY—THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8.30 am	Jenny Love RIP	ORGAN
10.00 am	Margaret Fogarty RIP	FOLK GROUP
10.00 am	Mass at St. Philip's - Richard Murphy RIP	
11.30 am	Dorothy Johnson	JUNIOR CHOIR
Readings:	Acts 10: 34. 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9	

NO EVENING MASS

Monday 1st April 2024 - Monday of the Easter Octave

12 Noon Josie Wheatley and Staff on Norbury Ward SHH
Readings: Acts 2: 14. 22-23; Psalm 15: Matthew 28: 8-15

Tuesday 2nd April 2024 - Tuesday of the Easter Octave

12 Noon Mark Rigg RIP
Readings: Acts 2: 36-41; Psalm 32; John 20: 11-18

Wednesday 3rd April 2024 - Wednesday of the Easter Octave

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Liz Walsh RIP
12.30 pm Requiem Mass for Rosemary Negus (note time)
Readings: Acts 3: 1-10; Psalm 104; Luke 24: 13-35

Thursday 4th April 2024 - Thursday of the Easter Octave

12 Noon Philomena Rooney RIP
Readings: Acts 3: 11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 24: 35-48

Friday 5th April 2024 - Friday of the Easter Octave

12 Noon Mary Burke RIP
6-8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Readings: Acts 4: 1-12; Psalm 117; John 21: 1-14

Saturday 6th April 2024 - Saturday of the Easter Octave

11.-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Jack Morgan RIP
1.30 pm Nuptial Mass Sean Pierse and Jenni McConville
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - People of the Parish
Readings: Acts 4: 13-21; Psalm 117; Mark 16: 9-15

Sunday 7th April 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30 am William Connolly RIP
10.00 am Marie McNeill RIP and Kath Thiele Intention
6.00 pm Peter Davies RIP
Readings: Acts 10: 34. 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9

**The Offertory Collection today is the traditional Easter Offering to the Clergy
The Retiring Collection is for Cafod Family Fast**

Your prayers are asked for

RECENTLY DECEASED Rosemary Negus whose Requiem Mass will be at 12.30 on Wednesday April 3rd
Dorothy Johnson (Mother of Rita Kok Shun) and John Campbell

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Gerard Maher, Paul Hayward, Carol Collins, Catherine Marsland, Alan Bell, Carole McLachlan, Kathryn Lee, Irene Darcy, Marian Sheldon, Norman Anderson, John Irwen, Philomena Rooney, Richard Fitzgerakd, Mary Normansell, Jean Cheetham, Mgr Bernard Bell, Canon Brendan Hoban, Fr Tom Osbyrne, Stan Pomeroy, Myles McGuire, John Tate, Albert Snelson, Lionel Grocott, Jean Hillier, John Begley, Eileen Loble, John Holdaway.

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.

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.

Easter Sunday John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

1. Spend some time reading and rereading the passage, pausing at the words/phrases that draw your attention
2. Imagine the scene... A new day dawning after some terrible events ... read through the passage slowly, placing yourself with Mary, with Peter ...notice your feelings, your responses...
3. He saw and he believed. Take time in prayer of adoration before the Risen Lord.

For Conversation:

The things for which you want to shout. Alleluia! Praise God!

BAPTISM COURSE

Baptism preparation course. The date for the next course is 28th April and 12th May . Please contact Karen on justasec55@hotmail.com if you would like to book a place. 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 .

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Our next meeting will be on April 9th at 2.00 pm in the Members Lounge for Reflection and Refreshments. Mass starting on 23rd February. Our Spring/Summer programme is now available, copies at the back of Church.

If you would like any further information please contact the office admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk or ring Helen 07854928072. You are welcome to come to the group no matter how recently or in the past you have lost a loved one.

HEALING MASS - including the Sacrament of the Sick

St Peter's Helpers invite you to a Healing Mass and lunch at 12.00 noon on Saturday, 20 April 2024. Everyone is welcome to attend Mass but you must let Margaret (07504 708 981) know by Wednesday, 10 April if you wish to join us for lunch. The lunch menu will be cottage pie followed by gateaux and there will be an opportunity for you to make a contribution towards the cost of the meal. Catering will, once again, be by Reflections and numbers are limited (maximum 80) so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We look forward to seeing you there.

CARD MAKING

The next card making session is 10.00 - 11.30 on Thursday, 04 April 2024 in the Meeting Room. All materials will be provided and there is no charge for attending, but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to charity if you wish.

Please let Mary (01663 762974 or mvbinnie@gmail.com) know by Tuesday, 02 April, if you wish to attend

ST PHILIPS FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Meet every Friday at 10-12 am tea/coffee/biscuits . The group have now raised £350 towards Parish funds.

'Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!' St Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:20. You are welcome to join us for a

Holy Hour for Easter. A time of prayer with worship music & Scripture readings before the Blessed Sacrament at **Christ Church**, Heald Green, SK8 3DY on **Sunday 14th April 2024, 7.30pm-8.30pm** followed by refreshments in the hall.

HAND MADE CARDS Birthday and occasion cards will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 am Masses on: 14 April, 28 April, 26 May, 09 June, 23 June. There is a wide variety of hand made cards (many of which can be personalised on request) at very reasonable prices (50p - £2.50). All proceeds go to charitable causes. Last year, £1600 from card sales, plus £400 donated by parishioners, went to support families within the Parish and £140 went to parish groups. Thank you for your on-going support.

A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER.

In the Spring we will be having a week of accompanied prayer in our parish as part of our centenary celebrations and in answer to Pope Francis's appeal to make 2024 'a year of prayer'

Our week is planned for Sunday April 21st to Saturday April 27th

Joining in a week of accompanied prayer is a way of making a personal retreat in the midst of daily living and is open to all. The details of how the week is organised are on the poster at the back of the Church and will be shown on our screens.

There is a sign-up sheet in the porch if you are interested in availing of this personal retreat.

EVERYONE is welcome but please do not delay in making your decision as it is important to know the number for which plans need to be made.

To find out more contact Fr. Peter, Deacon John, or Michael O'Malley on 0161 483 8296.

FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. This is a further assault on the sanctity of human life in our society. This extreme amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill is being made by Diana Johnson MP and parliamentarians will be under pressure to support the amendment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal limits. The effect would be to withdraw legal protection from the unborn. It is important to make our voice heard in support of the unborn child. Please contact your Member of Parliament to ask that they oppose the decriminalization of abortion up to birth Our MP in Hazel Grove is William Wragg. The *Right to Life* website has details under 'Take Action' which enables you to find and contact your MP directly and the website of the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* has helpful information under 'Resources.' The Right to Life website also has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks on the basis of the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23 weeks. We cannot doubt the impact which your e-mail or letter will have in making known opposition to decriminalizing abortion up to birth and in support of the value of every human life.

<https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters> Click on this site and you just fill in your details and they will send a letter to your MP

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/>

THE PIETY STALL have a good selection of cards on sale at the back of Church, also gifts for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and other occasions . Help is very much needed on a Sunday for a few minutes before and after the Masses, if you would like to volunteer please contact Helen in the office.

The **price of Mass cards** has to be increased to **£1 per card** and this is the first increase in 17 years that I am aware of!! The Mass offering remains at your discretion.

ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB

Everything is Everything by Clive Myrie is a memoir by a British-born son of Windrush parents, he tells the story of his time working for the BBC reporting in Afghanistan and his experience of racism both in the UK and the USA. **Don't Look Away** by Rachel Abbott is a thriller set in Cornwall. Eleven years ago, Lola vanished and Nancy Holland, her sister, has returned to the cottage in Cornwall where she was last seen - it sounds very creepy! **The Stranger in the Lifeboat** by Mitch Albom sees ten people set adrift on a raft struggling to survive - three days pass and they spot a man floating in the waves, they pull him onto the raft and he whispers that He is the Lord.. This is a fictional account of an encounter with God.

We will be meeting again on the 16th April - we usually go to Gnammy's, so if you would like to join us for a post-Lent drink and a lovely meal, please get in touch with Alison McGarr on 07792 107152

If you would like to recommend a good book, once again just let us know, we are always looking for good recommendations.

HOLY YEAR 2025—PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

Next year will be a Holy Year—these are held every 25 years. We will be organising a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi beginning on Easter Monday April 21st until the following Monday April 28th. We will spend a few days in Rome before going up to Assisi. The cost is £1495 per person sharing with a single supplement of £200. per person. Fr Peter has the full itinerary for anyone who is interested along with booking forms.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP are meeting again this Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the parish centre meeting room. We pray the rosary and relax into our loving God's presence. All are welcome to come and join in with our friendly group - no experience necessary!!

LENTEN LUNCHESES

Thank you to all those who attended, helped, made soup and Easter Cards. We raised £485.40 for St. Philip's Foodbank.