

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1207.59 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 £235.26 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**.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the next financial year 2024/2025 are now available at the back of both Churches

CHURCH CLEANING IN ST PETERS Team 5 are on duty this week. Volunteers for St Philips are requested

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.

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

ST. PHILIPS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head-teacher from September 2024. More information can be found on the following websites:
Greater Jobs: <https://www.greater.jobs>

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

ST PETER’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are looking for an individual at St. Peter's Catholic Primary School to join our caretaking team as a school cleaner For more information, pop in to the school office or ring Mrs Sutherland on:- 0161 483 2431.

CASTLERIGG MANOR (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

FILM NIGHT 14 March 2024 **‘The Chosen’** - Season one—episodes three and four at Our Lady’s Social Club 7:45 prompt start. Mass 7 pm at Our Lady’s all welcome. Come and see, Peter and Jesus, slog it out over Peter re-casting his net following a hard night of fishless fishing—Their reactions to each other are classic. Subtitles will be on. The Bar will be open.

EASTER EGGIN If you want to buy liquid Easter eggs for family and friends you can still obtain some St Peter’s Centenary Gin from Stockport Gin <https://www.stockport-gin.com/stpeters>

DON’T FORGET OUR 24 HOUR TIME OF ADORATION AND PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM MIDDAY MASS ON FRIDAY UNTIL MIDDAY ON SATURDAY.

You can sign up for an hour on the list in the church porch.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5 30 p.m. Until 7 00 p.m. On Friday evening.

**POPE’S INTENTIONS
FOR MARCH 2024
FOR THE NEW
MARTYRS**
We pray that those
who risk their lives
for the Gospel in
various parts of the
world inflame the
Church with their
courage and
missionary
enthusiasm

**THE WORD
OF GOD**

FIRST READING:
2 CHRONICLES 36: |
14-16,19-23

PSALM 136
O LET MY TONGUE
CLEAVE TO MY
MOUTH IF I
REMEMBER YOU
NOT

SECOND READING:
Ephesians 2: 4-10

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION

GLORY AND PRAISE
TO YOU, O CHRIST!
GOD LOVED THE
WORLD SO MUCH
THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONLY SON; EVERY-
ONE WHO BELIEVES
IN HIM HAS ETER-
NAL LIFE.
GLORY AND PRAISE
TO YOU,O CHRIST

GOSPEL READNG:
JOHN 3: 14-21

THEY WHO
LIVE THE
TRUTH COME
OUT INTO
THE LIGHT

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Divine Office Psalter Week 1V

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL

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

Saturday 9th March 2024

11—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 Noon Margaret Magner RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - People of the Parish
6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass
Readings: Hosea 5: 15-6:6; Psalm 50; Luke 18: 9-14

Sunday 10th March2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am Janet Quirk RIP ORGAN
10.00 am Christine Slater RIP CHOIR
11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite
6.00 pm Philip Howarth PRAISE BE
Readings: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Ephesians 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21

Monday 11th March 2024

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Michael Melia
Readings: Isaiah 65: 17-21; Psalm 29; John 4: 43-54

Tuesday 12th March 2024

12 Noon John Waring RIP
Readings: Ezekiel 47: 1-9,12; Psalm 45; John 5: 1-3,5-16

Wednesday 13th March 2024

9.15 am Sr. Margaret Mary Connell
12 noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Isaiah 49: 8-15; Psalm 144; John 5: 17-30

Thursday 14th March 2024

12 Noon Baby Roman
Readings: Exodus 32: 7-14; Psalm 105; John 5: 31-47

Friday 15th March 2024

12 Noon Marie McNeill RIP
Readings : Wisdom 2: 1, 12-22; Psalm 33; John 7: 1-2, 10,25-30
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after midday Mass until midday Mass on Saturday
Please come along to pray for the parish and for peace in the world

Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 5 30 p.m, until 7 00 p.m.

Saturday 16th March 2024

12 Noon Almut Livesey RIP
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Peg O’Dwyer RIP
6.00 pm St Peters - Polish Mass
Readings: Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 7; John 7: 40-52

Sunday 17th March2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am Joe Francis ORGAN
10.00 am People of the Parish FOLK GROUP
11 00 am St Philips - Mass in Syro Malabar Rite
6.00 pm Ciro Robustelli RIP CHOIR
Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 50; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33

During Lent we keep in our prayers those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil which will be on Saturday March 30th at 8 00 p.m.

Your prayers are asked for

RECENTLY DECEASED Michael Melia whose Requiem Mass will be at St Peters on Monday March 11th at 12 noon, Rosemary Fergus and Matthew Bardsley whose funeral will be at Stockport Crematorium on Friday March 22nd at 3 00 p.m.

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Mary Wright, Vic Chesham, Alan Morgan, Margaret Parker, Arnold Riddiough, Michael Kane, Frederick Carr, Jacob Holmes, John Glancy, Ernest Marsden, James Nutt, Matthew Byrne, Mary Ivory, Sophie Oldham. Isabella McHale.

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.

4th Sunday in Lent (Year B) John 3:14–21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have-shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God;'

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Place yourself with Nicodemus...hear Jesus speak these words to you. Notice your response - your thoughts, your feelings.... Notice what you learn about Jesus through listening to him...
3. Take time in prayer with Jesus...talk with him about his immense love of all people...of you...of the times you avoid his light...

For Conversation:

Those walking in God's light who inspire you on your Lenten journey.

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 March 12th, when we will be having a Lenten Service in Church at 7.00 pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. During Lent we are meeting on a Friday for the Lenten Lunches after the Midday Mass starting on 23rd February. Our Spring/Summer programme will be available soon.

If you would like any further information please contact the office admin@stpetershazलगrove.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.

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.

FOOTSTEPS ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH

Our programme of relaxed and inspiring talks continues with an event on **Thursday, 21 March at 7.30pm in the parish centre**. It's always a pleasure to welcome **Fr Chris Thomas** from the Irenaeus Centre in Liverpool to share his thoughts and his humour with us. He's going to look at the Book of Jonah as a model for how we respond to the voice of God in our lives and how sometimes it's the worst moments that are the growth times – probably something that will resonate with many of us. Do come and join us in our café-style setting – you'd be very welcome.

FINDING NEW LIFE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

The Old Testament course with David O' Neill will continue during Lent on 14th March. It is not too late to join us.

SAVE THE DATE 24 hours of Adoration for the Centenary of the Parish

Friday March 15th midday - Saturday March 16th midday.

This will be a chance to pray especially for our parish. For all who have worked and worshipped here over the last 100 years and for all who will keep the spirit of St Peter's Parish alive in the Hazel Grove community for the next 100 years. A SIGN UP SHEET IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

HAND MADE CARDS - Birthday and Occasion 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 Sunday 10th March (Mother's Day) and 24th March (Palm Sunday).

ST. PETER'S HELPERS

Cuppa and Chat - The next session is on Thursday, 14 March from 2.00 'til 3.30 in the Meeting Room - All are welcome.

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.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

If you want to find out what is going on in school then look up www.st-simons.stockport.sch.uk or www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk and click on newsletter

EXPLORING INCLUSION/UNDERSTANDING AUTISM.

After an inspiring Open Church event in January for those with disabilities, both physical and hidden, we are planning our next event.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20th March at 7.15pm in the parish meeting rooms. We are working with Fr Pat Munro and having a short inclusive mass on 28th April at 2.30pm.

What will this entail? Come along and help us plan it. More information later.

LENTEN LUNCHES Its that time of year again for Soup and a bread roll after midday Mass on a Friday. We If you would like to offer to make a pan of soup, please contact Helen on 07854928072. This year we will, once again, be donating to St. Philips Foodbank.

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/>