

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £916.97 Online giving last month came to around £1100 per week . St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £222.12 Thank you to those who have done the on line giving. We also received £318.50 through the card machine during March 2024. The Cafod Family Fast Collection is still open for further donations ,envelopes at the back of Church .

There are a few boxes of envelopes still unclaimed in the porch.

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 4 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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

26 July—01 August by air 25 July—02 August - overland

Full details and booking forms can be downloaded from

www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk/BROCHURE---FORMS

or speak with Fr Peter. For the YOUTH SECTION (ages 16-22) see Fr Peter

VACANCIES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ALL HALLOWS Catholic College are advertising for a College Chaplain, 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 Headteacher 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.

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

FROM FR PETER

I am just back from a very pleasant few days in Ravenna with 9 other priests from the diocese. We were exploring some of their early churches which have some amazing mosaics which have been well preserved. Our guide knew the place well and was intent on showing us as much as possible—we walked miles! -and was always pointing out little details so it was all quite interesting. We also had a day in Bologna which has the oldest university in the world. The picture shows one of the mosaics in the church of San Apollinare in Classe. After all that I am suffering from cultural indigestion as well as the other kind following some good Italian cuisine. It was good to spend some time with brother priests some of whom I had not seen for some time.

Another three points the other night and the boys are virtually in to Division 1. another point will confirm it.

Have a good week

Fr Peter



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 3: 13-15. 17-19

PSALM 4 LIFT UP THE LIGHT OF YOUR FACE ON US, O LORD

SECOND READING: JOHN 2: 1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! LORD JESUS EXPLAIN THE SCRIPTURES TO US. MAKE OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US AS YOU TALK TO US. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL READING LUKE 24: 35-48

'SO YOU SEE HOW IT IS WRITTEN THAT THE CHRIST WOULD SUFFER AND ON THE THIRD DAY RISE FROM THE DEAD'

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

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EASTER WEEK III

Divine Office Psalter Week III

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL

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

Saturday 13th 2024 - St.Martin 1

11.-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Nadia Fares and Christine Anievas - First Profession in Jerusalem
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - In Thanksgiving
6 00 p.m. Mass in Polish in St Peter's
Readings : Acts 6: 1-7; Psalm 32; John 6: 16-21

Sunday 14th April 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30 am People of the Parish Organ
10.00 am Ken Myers - Birthday Memories Junior Choir
10 00 a.m. Syro Malabar Rite Mass in St Philip's
6.00 pm Dorothy Johnson RIP Piano
Readings: Acts 3: 13-15,17-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2: 1-5; Luke 24: 35-48

Monday 15th April 2024

12 noon Terry Turner RIP
Readings: Acts 6: 8-15; Psalm 118: John 6: 22-29

Tuesday 16th April 2024

12 Noon Vera Atherton Intention
Readings: Acts 7: 51-8: 1; Psalm 30; John 6: 30-35

Wednesday 17th April 2024

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Judy Ingle RIP
12.00 pm Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Acts 8: 1-8; Psalm 65; John 6: 35-40

Thursday 18th April 2024

12 Noon Ian Hirst RIP
Readings: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 65; John 6: 44-51

Friday 19th April 2024

12 Noon Joan Collins RIP
Readings : Acts 9: 1-120; Psalm 116: John 6: 52-59

Saturday 20th 2024

11.-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
12 Noon Marie and Paddy O'Brien 60th Wedding Anniversary
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - In Thanksgiving
6 00 p.m. Mass in Polish in St Peter's
Readings : Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 115; John 6: 60-69

Sunday 21st April 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30 am Audrey Connolly RIP Choir
10.00 am Donald McDermott RIP Folk
10 00 a.m. Syro Malabar Rite Mass in St Philip's
6.00 pm People of the Parish Praise Be
Readings: Acts 4: 8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18

DAY OF PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR VOCATIONS



Your prayers are asked for

RECENTLY DECEASED David Harding and John Campbell whose Requiem Mass will be at St. Vincent de Paul's Church in Bramhall at 11.00 am on Friday 26th April followed by burial at Mill Lane Cemetery. We also mourn the death of John Mercer who died on Saturday morning.

Anniversaries that occur around this time: Fr David Peters, Fr Paul Sidoli, Johanna Connolly, Joanne Saunders, Ida Thorpe, Frances Simpkin, Josephine Collier, Aileen Lim, Irene King, Ian Hirst, Helena O'Toole, Patrick Reid, Harry Knowles, Rosalind Adthead, Kathleen Souter, Peter Heys, Michael Lawler, James Flynn, Alice Pastorelli, Elsie and John Carney, James Quinn.

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.

Third Sunday of Easter (Year B) Luke 24:35-48

Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of the bread. They were still talking about all this when he himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet, yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourself; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled'. He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.

2. Picture the scene. Place yourself there. What are you thinking and feeling as you hear Jesus talking to you? What is your response when you hear Jesus say 'You are witnesses to this?' Take time for quiet prayer.

3. What does the passage say to you about Jesus?

For Conversation:

What word does the passage offer the parish community?

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!!

BEREAVEMENT GROUP on 26th April at 7.00 pm in the Meeting Room (or Hall if available) we will be having a Film Night, The King's Speech. 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@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.

HEALING MASS - including the Sacrament of the Sick

St Peter's Helpers invite you to a Healing Mass and lunch at 12.00 noon **NEXT** 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.

HOLY HOUR AT CHRIST CHURCH - TONIGHT

'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 **NEXT Sunday 14th April 2024, 7.30pm-8.30pm** followed by refreshments in the hall.

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

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.

Recycle your Easter Cards

We would be grateful for any of your Religious Easter cards to help in the making of cards for Easter 2025. Please leave them in the office or at the back of Church.

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.

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.

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.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

The journey through the Old Testament with David O'Neill continues and it's not too late to join ... we set off again last Thursday, and will be continuing on the 18th and 25th April. The theme for these sessions is "3 Prophets: Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah": please bring a Bible (Jerusalem Bible even better if you have this translation). Look forward to seeing you if you're free. For more information speak to David or Deacon John.

DISABILITY INCLUSION GROUP - Relaxed Mass, Sunday 28th April at 2.30pm

We are arranging a 'relaxed' mass for those who struggle to attend our regular Sunday Mass. On Sunday 28th April we will have a shorter, relaxed mass, which we are hoping will be more appropriate for those who find our regular services too challenging. We will have support from someone who can Sign the mass, a breakout area, low stimulus music and reduced content.

We are trying something new, so please spread the word if you feel you or a family member/friend would enjoy this service.

Contact: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

MEN'S CURRY NIGHT

Curry Night on Friday 19th April at 7.30 pm at the Purple Pakora on the A6, opposite 'The Three Tunnes': 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 Wednesday 17th April. Thanks to the 25 people who have already signed up – the Purple Pakora say they can cope with up to 40 of us. Please sign up as above. If anyone wants to have a drink beforehand we can meet in The Three Tunnes from 7pm. Looking forward to seeing you all.

LADIES NIGHT

There have been a few comments! a Ladies Night is to be organised so watch this space.

POYNTON MALE VOICE CHOIR (Conductor Eileen Rigg) present their 90th Anniversary Concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th April at Poynton Methodist Church. Guest soprano Charlotte Hoather.

Tickets £12 (children/students £6), pay at the door or see Eileen. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening!

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.