

OFFERTORY GIFTS Thank you for your generous Easter offerings last week from both our communities. Online giving last month came to around £1100 per week . 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 if you forgot last week!

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 2 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 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 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.

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 .

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.

FROM FR PETER

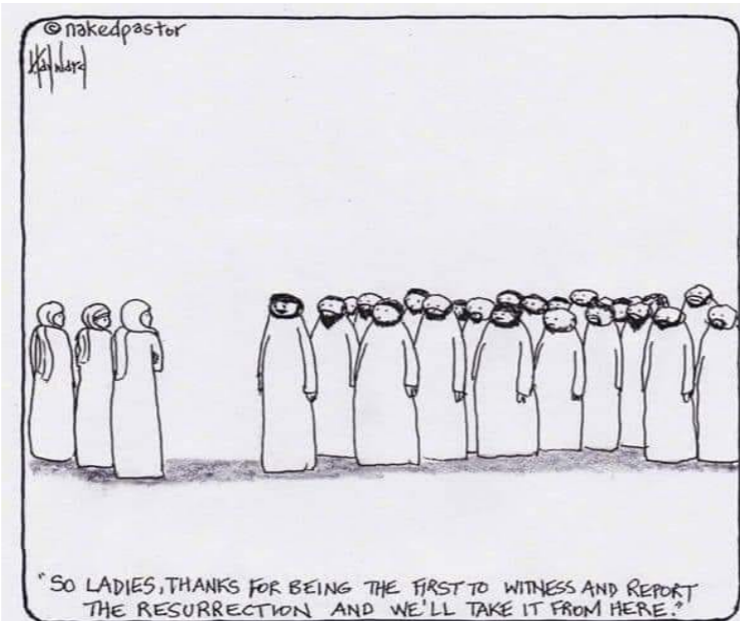
Thank you to everyone who made the Easter Services so special. It was so good to see the attendances at the various celebrations and especially on Easter Sunday morning. Thank you to our musicians, readers and servers who helped and of course our team of flower ladies who once again have created a superb display of flowers and the Easter Garden

Thank you for the generous Easter Offerings from both of our parishes as well as many personal 'Easter eggs'. Both deacon John and myself are immensely grateful for your kindness and encouragement.

As its getting to the business end of the season I will not make any wishes or predictions except to say its ours to throw away now!

This week I shall be away for a few days with some of the priests of the diocese looking at churches and mosaics in Ravenna. Hopefully there may also be a glass of red wine to help the pasta go down. Its not a holiday just a mini break so see you next 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 4: 32-35:

PSALM 117: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS LOVE HAS NO END

SECOND READING: JOHN 5: 1-6;

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! JESUS SAID: 'YOU BELIEVE BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE ME. HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET BELIEVE.' ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL READING JOHN 20: 19-31

'PEACE BE WITH YOU.'

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 II

Divine Office Psalter Week 11

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL

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

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 Piere and Jenni McConville
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - People of the Parish
6 00 p.m. Mass in Polish in St Peter's
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 Organ
10.00 am Marie McNeill RIP and Kath Thiele Intention Folk Group
10 00 am Syro Malabar Rite Mass in St Philip's
6.00 pm Peter Davies RIP Piano
Readings: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 117; John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31

Monday 8th April 2024 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

12 noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14,8,10: Psalm 39; Hebrews 10: 4-10: Luke 1: 26-38

Tuesday 9th April 2024

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Acts 4: 32-37: Psalm 91; John 3: 7-15

Wednesday 10th April 2024

12.00 pm Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Acts 5: 17-26; Psalm 33: John 3: 16-21

Thursday 11th April 2024 - St. Stanislaus

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: Acts 5: 27-33; Psalm 33; John 3: 31-36

Friday 12th April 2024

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings : Acts 5: 34-42; Psalm 26; John 6: 1-15

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

CONGRATULATIONS

We send our congratulations, best wishes and assurance of prayers to Canon Jonathan Brandon who has been appointed as Vicar General of the diocese in succession to Canon Phil Moor who has stepped down because of ill health



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.

Anniversaries that occur around this time: John Tate, Albert Snelson, Lionel Grocott, Jean Hillier, John Begley, Eileen Lobley, John Holdaway, Bridget McCauley, Margaret Smith, Mary Ashley, Steve Whittaker, Gerard Sturme, James Cox, Robert Hargreaves, Veronica Burgess, Peter Coleman, Pauline Barnham, Terence Turner, Tom Wagstaff, Evelyn Stewart, Bridgid Rowbotham, Maureen Butt, Conor Lyons Finch, Ulich Burke, Fr Paul Sidoli, Fr David Peters and Fr Kevin Daley

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.

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained. 'Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe'. Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage.
2. Note the words/phrases that draw your attention.
3. Place yourself in the scene noticing what you see, hear, think, feel.....
4. You find yourself in conversation with Jesus...What do you say to him...? What does Jesus say to you...?
5. What Gospel word/phrase might be your 'motto' for this week?

For Conversation:

Moments when you, like Thomas, have said 'My Lord and My 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@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 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.

HOLY HOUR AT CHRIST CHURCH

'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.

FROM ST PHILIP'S FOODBANK LENTEN LUNCHESES

The amount raised for our foodbank from the Lenten lunches was over £480 and this will go a long way to help people who are really struggling at the moment. We regularly provide food for over 40 people at our Thursday sessions.

So, to all those who organised and prepared the lunches and, of course, to those who kindly donated, a massive thank you.

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.

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.

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 on Thursday 11th April, 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.

DIVERSITY 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

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.

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