

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1108.56 Online giving last month came to around £1100 per week . St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £148.90 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 6 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](mailto: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](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk/BROCHURE---FORMS)**

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

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

**HARRYTOWN HIGH SCHOOL** are seeking to appoint a new Headteacher following the retirement of Mr Turmeau.

Full details can be found on the school website **[www.harrytownschool.org/Information/Vacancy-Information/](http://www.harrytownschool.org/Information/Vacancy-Information/)**

**ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB**

Our first recommendation is **Cuddy by Benjamin Myers** - it is the winner of the 2023 Goldsmiths Prize and is a very creative retelling of the story of St Cuthbert across four different historical eras, from the Vikings to the modern day. The clever use of poetry and story, with well-researched sources scattered throughout, really enhances what is a beautifully written tale spanning over a 1000 years. Secondly, we recommend **Cloisters by Katy Hays** which sees a young girl working for the summer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. An unexpected death and the girl is suddenly at the centre of a dangerous game of power and ambition. Our final book this time is **Brother Do You Love Me written by Manni and Reuben Coe** - this is based on a true story. In November 2020, at the height of the Covid pandemic, Manni received a text from his brother Reuben, who has Down's Syndrome and who was alone in his room in a care home in Dorset. Reuben's text message was 'Brother, do you love me?' and it was a cry for help. This is the story of how Manni responded to that cry.

We had a lovely meal at Gnammy's and will be meeting again before the summer - if you would like to join us please do call or message Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

**CHARITY PLANT SALE**

"Charity plant sale at 55 Broadway Bramhall SK7 3BU on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30. Free admission. Lots of plants at bargain prices and much more, including lucky dip, books and coffee/tea and cakes. All profits to Walthew House and Beechwood Cancer Care, both local charities."

**FROM FR. BERNARD**

Thank you to everyone who shared in the celebration of my 50th Jubilee Mass at All Saints Parish in Sale last Sunday. It was great to meet friends from both parishes who came along. Thanks for your best wishes and generosity ...much appreciated. Look forward to sharing in St Peter's Centenary celebration on 29th June. God bless you all.

Fr Bernard

**FROM FR PETER**

Still Champions!!!

It was good to see so many at the Mass with Anointing last Saturday lunchtime and we were also grateful for the assistance of Fr Blaise with the actual anointing. There was also a good turnout from here at Fr Bernard's Golden Jubilee celebration at Ashton on Mersey on Sunday evening. Don't forget its the local elections this week so use your vote! P.S. No I'm not going to **THE** parade this afternoon!!

Have a good week

*Fr Peter*

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2024**  
For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians:  
We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST READING:**  
**ACTS 9: 26-31**

**PSALM 21**

**YOU, LORD ARE MY PRAISE IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY**

**SECOND READING:**  
1 John 3: 18-24

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME, AS I MAKE MINE IN YOU. WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME BEARS FRUIT IN PLENTY ALLELUIA!**

**GOSPEL READING**  
JOHN 15: 1-8

**I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES**

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 V**

Divine Office Psalter Week 1

**ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM [www.churchservices.tv/stockport](http://www.churchservices.tv/stockport)**

**Saturday 27th April 2024**

11.-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Peter Wilkinson RIP  
2.00 pm Nuptial Mass Tom Samari and Vianney Castillo Sosa  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Agnes Shaughnessy RIP  
6 00 p.m. Mass in Polish in St Peter's  
Readings : Acts 13: 44-52; Psalm 97; John 14: 7-14

**Sunday 28th April 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.30 am Canon John Roper RIP Organ  
10.00 am People of the Parish TOAST  
With Reception into Full Communion for Ashley Carver  
10 00 a.m. Syro Malabar Rite Mass in St Philip's  
2.30 pm Disability Inclusion Mass  
6.00 pm John Campbell RIP CHOIR  
Readings: Acts 9: 26-31; Psalm 21; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8

**Monday 29th April 2024 - St Catherine of Siena**

12 noon For Healing  
Readings: 1 John 1:5—2:2, Psalm 102; Matthew 11: 25-30

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE**

**Tuesday 30th April 2024 - St Pius**

12 Noon Vincent Roper RIP  
Readings: Acts 14: 19-28; Psalm 144; John 14: 27-31

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

**Wednesday 1st May 2024 - St Joseph the Worker**

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Barbara Martin RIP  
12.00 pm Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Acts 15 1-6; Psalm 121; John 15: 1-8

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR HUMAN WORK**

**Thursday 2nd May 2024 - St Athanasius**

12 Noon Linda Shallcross RIP  
Readings: Acts 15: 7-21; Psalm 95; John 15: 9-11

**Friday 3rd May 2024 - St Philip and St James**

9 30 a.m. Mass for the feast in St Philip's School  
12.00 Peter Carrahar RIP  
6.00-8.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 18; Psalm 18; John 14: 6-14

**Saturday 4th May 2024 - The English Martyrs**

11.-11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon John Mercer RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips Anne Westmacott  
6 00 p.m. Mass in Polish in St Peter's  
Readings : Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 30; Matthew 10: 17-20

**Sunday 5th May 2024 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8.30 am People of the Parish ORGAN  
10.00 am Bill and Muriel Christie RIP FOLK GROUP  
10 00 a.m. Syro Malabar Rite Mass in St Philip's  
6.00 pm Fr. Bernard McDermott 50th Jubilee PIANO  
Readings: Acts 10: 25-26.34-35.44-48; Psalm 97; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15:1-8

## Your prayers are asked for

**RECENTLY DECEASED** David Harding, John Mercer, whose Requiem Mass will be here at 11.00 am on May 10th followed by burial at Mill Lane Cemetery, Martin Lally who will be received into Church on 14th May at 7.00pm followed by his Requiem on 15th May at 12 Noon, committal then at Southern Cemetery, Kay Glazier whose Requiem Mass will be at 11.30 on 20th May followed by Cremation at Stockport, and Patrick 'Paddy' Campbell whose Requiem is on 17th May at 11.30 am follow by Cremation at Stockport.

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Sheila Pierse, Barbara Dunstan, Eileen Massey, Winifred Copp, Peter Bramall, Bill Christie, Joan Whittam, Edward Gaughan, Therese Hanson, George Thornley, Frances Oulton, Barbara Martin, Doris Head, Elizabeth O'Reilly, Maureen Kennern, Alexander Murphy, Terence McConville, Tony Devoy, June Whitaker, Stanley Mitchell, Peter Carrahar, Moira Drain, Kenneth Lupton, Helga Bartley, Sheila Durdey, Pamela Autherson, Jose Matos, Margaret Barrow.

**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.

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Parish Community George Robert Morgans who was Baptised here last weekend

**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.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B) John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away—he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine yourself as one of the disciples hearing Jesus speak these words to you. Notice what you think and feel as you listen to him. Take time to talk with him about all that is in your heart and mind.
3. What phrase/sentence could be your 'motto' for the coming week?

### For Conversation:

What word does the passage offer the parish community?

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** Our next meeting is on the 7th May at 2.00 pm in the Members Lounge, we will be having a visit from the Fire Service to give us advice about safety in our home. The 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.

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

### OUR NEXT FOOTSTEPS EVENT

We continue our 2024 programme of inspiring talks on **Thursday 2 May at 7.30pm** when we'll welcome back a familiar face to Footsteps, **Anthony Delaney** from the Ivy Church in Didsbury. He suggests we consider **'The art of survival – how to get through whatever you have to go through.'** It's a message he has been speaking on in various settings including in the Middle East in recent months so it sounds like it will be very thought provoking. Anthony is a former police officer, now an ordained minister, an author, speaker and broadcaster – and a local chap too! We meet in the **parish centre** in an informal café-style setting with drinks, nibbles and a warm welcome as we continue our Christian faith journey. See you there!

### DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE

This year's Diocesan Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday June 8th, 12 noon at Saint Columba's Church Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. If you would like to celebrate a special anniversary in 2024 please send the following details names, address and which anniversary you are celebrating, (this would be 25,30,0,50,60 or 1st) **to the parish office (admin@stpetershazलगrove.org.uk)** as soon as possible

### LAMBS

Lambs meet again today 4pm until 6pm in the Parish Centre.

**ROSARY GROUP** will meet 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!!

## ST PETER'S PARISH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

We will be celebrating the Centenary of the parish on Saturday June 29th with Mass with the Bishop at 12 noon followed by a buffet in the Parish Centre. We have invited priests who have served in the parish as priests of deacons and former head teachers of our schools as well as the present ones. I hope that you will keep this date free and come along and join in the celebrations.

On the same weekend we will be having a Centenary Flower Festival which will commence on Friday June 28th running through till the Sunday evening—further details of this event will be made available over the coming weeks.

**ST PETER'S HELPERS** A big thank you to anyone who contributed to the very successful Healing Mass and lunch last Saturday. We could not do this without the help and support of so many parishioners. The meal by Reflections (High Lane) was excellent and was paid for by a very generous donation - thank you very much to our anonymous benefactor. Thank you also to Fr Peter, Fr Blaise and Deacon John without whom this event would not be possible.

The next event is the Cuppa and Chat 2.00 - 3.30 pm on Thursday, 16 May.

### CARD MAKING

The next card making session is 10.00 - 11.30 am on Thursday, 02 May in the Meeting room. All are welcome as all materials are provided and you do not need to have any previous experience. There is no charge but there is an opportunity for you to make a donation to charity if you wish. Please let Mary know if you would like to attend so that sufficient materials are available (01663 762974 or [mvbinnie@gmail.com](mailto:mvbinnie@gmail.com))

**Hand Made Cards** (birthday and occasion) will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on 28 April, 26 May, 09 and 23 June. There is a wide variety of cards at very reasonable prices and all of the proceeds are used to support charitable causes (mainly within the Parish).

### 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.

**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. I understand that more than half the places have already been booked.

**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](mailto:unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com) for more information.

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Please see notice at the back of Church

### DIOCESAN APPOINTMENT

Damian Cunningham whom some of you will know from when he was head at Harrytown is stepping down from his role as Director of Schools for the Diocese so the Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools and applications are now open. Details of the role and the application process can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>

**SPY (St Peter's Youth)** are meeting **TONIGHT** Sunday 28th April after 6pm Mass in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. Open to all young people of high school age and above.

We have young people from year 7 through to college age who attend regularly. Come along for Faith sharing, friendship and fun and of course food! (7pm - 8.30 pm) All welcome and this is part of the Confirmation programme

### STOCKPORT PRAYER BREAKFAST

16th May 2024—please see notice at the back of Church for more details.