

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** Thank you for your generous offerings last week which amounted to £1217.92online giving last month came to £3995 and £212.06 from the card machine. Those who use the card machine may find it has not been functioning properly this past few weeks but I think the matter is resolved now (again!) but check your own bank statements. St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £188.00 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**

The new set of envelopes begins this weekend so make sure you have your set.

**CHURCH CLEANING IN ST PETERS** Team 2 are on duty this week.

#### 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

**ST. SIMON'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is looking to recruit **two permanent teachers**, to begin in September 2025. One position is for a main scale teacher and the other is for a TLR, to lead Key Stage 1. For further information, please click on the link <https://www.st-simons.stockport.sch.uk/vacancies-1>  
Visits to our school are warmly welcomed. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested in working at our fabulous school

**ABBA TRIBUTE** calling all you Dancing Queens (and Fernando's) , ABBA are coming to St. Peter's Parish Centre on Saturday 3rd May, doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £15 including food, DJ ABBA Quiz and more...tickets are limited so get yours now. Call Rita on 07483114783

#### FROM ST PHILIPS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

In September 2023, Bishop Mark and Diocesan Trustees confirmed the vision for Catholic education in the Diocese of Shrewsbury - that all diocesan schools would become members of one of the already established Catholic Multi Academy Trust Companies. As a result, the governing board of St Philip's Catholic Primary School will be conducting a statutory stakeholder consultation which will complete on 9th May 2025. To find out more please visit <https://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/academy-conversion/157856>

The governing board of St Philip's Catholic Primary School is looking to recruit a Health and Safety Governor to support with the continued strategic development of their wonderful school. If you would be interested in finding out more then please email the school at [admin@st-philips.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-philips.stockport.sch.uk)

The **CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection** will be a **Retiring Collection on Easter Sunday**. You can give direct using the link [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope)

#### CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

My name is Tim Smart and I have walked 290km doing the Big Lent Walk and received over £1600 in sponsorship up to now. You can continue sponsoring me as I will continue my walk throughout Lent. My online page is: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/tims-fundraising-page1754>

**ALTAR SERVERS - MASSES FOR HOLY WEEK- Signup Sheets are in the Sacristy for the Masses during Holy Week - please sign up for any Masses you can attend and offer your valuable service.**

#### HOLY WEEK

Today We begin the holiest week of the year by holding palm branches in our hands, which recall the palm branches the crowds used two thousand years ago to welcome the Lord into the holy city. Our palm branches are blessed, for they also welcome the Lord to this holy place. Though the people of Jerusalem had no idea what the true nature of Jesus' triumph would soon be, we do and so we anticipate Jesus' ultimate victory while recognizing the intense suffering and profound grief that will accompany it. Let us raise our voices along with our branches as we sing out as even the stones will, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

From today we retrace the steps of the Lord towards Holy Thursday when we remember the institution of the Eucharist and the example of the Lord washing the feet of his disciples. Our Watching at the Altar of Repose is an intense reminder of the Lord' praying in Gethsemane before his arrest and trial. As we remember His Passion and Death on Good Friday we bring our own crosses, our pains and doubts, our failures and leave them with the Lord. The sadness of Good Friday gives way to the silence of Holy Saturday as we prepare for the Easter Vigil and then continue to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord for the next 50 days up until Pentecost.

The Jesuits at St Buenos have prepared a little booklet to help you pray through Holy Week and you can find it on line at <https://stbuenosoutreach.wordpress.com/2025/03/29/praying-holy-week-with-st-beunos-outreach-2025/>

#### POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For the use of new technologies:  
Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

**PROCESSION:**  
**LUKE 19: 28-40**

**FIRST READING**  
**ISAIAH 50: 4-7**

**PSALM 21:**  
**MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?**

**SECOND READING:**  
**PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST, KING OF ETERNAL GLORY. CHRIST BECAME FOR US OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS. THEREFORE GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED HIM AND BESTOWED ON HIM THE NAME THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST, KING OF ETERNAL GLORY.**

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**LUKE 22: 14-23:56**

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the midday Mass on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday.  
**THERE ARE NO CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY**

## St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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#### HOLY WEEK

#### DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER WEEK II

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

#### Saturday 12th April 2025

11-11.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Coner Lyons Finch RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St Philip's, Offerton—Ken Savage RIP  
*Readings: Ezekiel 37: 21-28; Psalm Jeremiah 31: 10-13; John 11: 45-56*

#### Sunday 13th April 2025 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8.30 am Catherine Clancy RIP ORGAN  
10.00am John Mercer RIP CHOIR  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Rite Mass in St. Philip's  
6.00 pm People of the Parish PRAISE BE!  
*Readings: Procession: Luke 19:28-40 Mass: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2: 6-11; Luke 22: 14-23:56*

#### Monday 14th April 2025 - Monday of Holy Week

12 Noon Wedding Anniversary Wishes  
*Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-7; Psalm 26; John 12: 1-11*

#### Tuesday 15th April 2025 - Tuesday of Holy Week

12 Noon The Barry Family  
*Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-6; Psalm 70; John 13: 21-33. 36-38*

#### Wednesday 16th April 2025 - Wednesday of Holy Week

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - Michael Gallagher  
12 noon Helen Lloyd  
*Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9; Psalm 68; Matthew 26: 14-25*

#### Thursday 17th April 2025 Evening Mass of the Lords Supper

9.00 am Syro Malabar Mass at St. Philips  
7.00 pm Ian Hirst RIP  
7.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Andras Lichtneker RIP  
Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose in St Philip's until 9.00 pm and in St Peter's until 11.00 pm  
*Readings: Exodus 12: 1-8. 11-14; Psalm 115; I Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-15*

#### Friday 18th April 2025 - Good Friday The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

10.00 am Syro Malabar Liturgy at St. Philips  
11 00 a.m. Way of the Cross for the Young People In St Peter's  
3.00 pm Liturgy of the Passion at St. Peter's and St. Philip's  
*Readings: Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12; Psalm 30; Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5:7-9, John 18: 1-19:42*

#### Saturday 19th April 2025 - Holy Saturday

9.00 am Syro Malabar at St. Philip's  
12. Noon Blessing of Food in Polish in St. Peter's  
8.30 pm The Easter Vigil - People of the Parish  
*Readings: Luke 24: 1-12*

#### Sunday 20th April 2025 - EASTER SUNDAY

8.30 am Michael Higginbottom ORGAN  
10.00 am Mass at St. Philip's - James Flynn  
10.00am Sarah, Frank and Michael Parker RIP FOLK GROUP  
11.30 am Canon John Roper RIP JUNIOR CHOIR  
*Readings: Acts 10: 34.37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-9*

### Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED :** Victor Bradley ,Juan Perez

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Fr David Peters,, Fr Paul Sidoli, John Mercer, Ulich Burke, Johanna Connolly, Joanne Saunders, Ida Thorpe, Martin Lally, Frances Simpkin, Josephine Collier, Aileen Lim, Irene King, Ian Hirst, Helena O Toole, Patrick Reid, Hary Knowles, Rosaline Adshhead, Kathleen Glazier, Kathleen Souter, Peter Heys, Michael Lawler, James Flynn

### BAPTISM COURSE

The dates for the next course are 25th May and 1st June . If you would like to book on the course please email [justasec55@hotmail.com](mailto:justasec55@hotmail.com) . The aim of the course is to help parents prepare for the baptism of their child and to reflect on their role as the first teachers of the faith.

**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.

Please keep in your prayers our young people preparing for First Communion.

### Palm Sunday Procession Gospel Luke 19:28-40

*'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'*

At that time: Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this: "The Lord has need of it.'"

So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near — already on the way down the Mount of Olives — the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'



**The Joy of the Lord is my Strength** (Nehemiah 8:10) - All are welcome to join us for a time of Scripture & live worship music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD on Sunday 4th May 2025, 7pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

**Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday 13th May 2025 from 7pm to 9pm** - You are welcome to an evening of hearing the message of Fatima, hymns, Eucharistic Adoration, Marian devotion, and veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco. **Beginning with the celebration of Holy Mass at 7pm at Sacred Heart and St Teresa's Catholic Church, Green Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 1LD.** Free parking on Green Lane from 6.30pm and nearby in the Rex Car Park, SK9 1NX

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

If you would like any further information please contact the office [admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk](mailto: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.

**"EASTER REMEMBRANCE LILIES** The flower arrangers will be arranging the Easter Remembrance Lilies for Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one, please put their names on an envelope and hand it in at Mass or the office. The cost is £1 per name. The names will be entered in a Book of Remembrance.

### SUPPORTING THE VOCATION TO MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE:

Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways you can help.

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm

**Where:** Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG

**To Register and for More Information please contact:**

Monika at [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07549226794 or Jane at [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07517 906435.

**ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB** please see website for Book suggestions and for more information please contact Alison on 07792 107152. We will be meeting on 29th April at Topkapi in Hazel Grove 7.00 pm

**HAND MADE CARDS** including Easter cards are available after the 8.30 and 10.00 a.m. Masses on April 13th and 27th

### SAVE THE DATE

The Spring tidy up of the church grounds will be on Saturday 10th May can you help? More details nearer the time.

### BLESSING OF FOOD ON HOLY SATURDAY

Święcenie pokarmów odbędzie się w Wielką Sobotę 19- ego kwietnia o godz 12.00 w parafi Św Piotra w Hazel Grove.

The Polish Community will gather at 12 noon on Holy Saturday for the traditional blessing of food for the feast. All are welcome and thank you to Fr Roman Szczypa from the Salesioans in Bollington who is coming to do this.

### ST PETER'S HELPERS

**Goody bag packing and deliveries 13th April (9.30-11)** Bakers, we need your help please! Please drop off baked goods (no nuts please) by 9.30am. Packing 9.30-11.00, deliverers collect 11am.

### ONLINE PARISH CALENDAR

We have a 'first draft' Online Parish Calendar which is temporarily hosted here <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/st-peters-parish-calendar>

All bookings for rooms and dates must still go to the Parish Administrator Helen Lyons, but entries for the Online Parish Calendar can be submitted here <https://forms.gle/NuDveL18hyfuxopm9> or you can send these into the parish office . Please note, the online calendar will only be updated every 1-2 weeks, please check before you travel. Groups who haven't yet given dates, please submit your dates through the form or contact the Parish Office.

**SPY** is for all young people attending secondary school and college. It's a fun, relaxed space to journey and explore faith with other young people, including ice breakers, games, gospel time along, outreach initiatives to support charities etc. Two of the best things the young people like about SPY is making new friendships and having chance to grow in their faith journey.

Start time: 7pm

Location: St Peter's church Parish centre

Finish around: 8.30pm

We provide refreshments and food.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

**Spy Dates for 2025** Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday Mass - no Spy session but the young people will be involved in the music and readings in church  
Sunday 11th May  
Sunday 15th June  
Saturday 21st June - Savio House Away Day

**THE CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** meet every Tuesday morning in the meeting room in the parish centre. We start at 11 15am and finish at 11 45am. This is a silent prayer group and if you feel this might be for you why not join us next Tuesday or indeed any Tuesday. All are welcome.

**THE SCRIPTURE GROUP** meet on the second and fourth week of each month. We read and discuss the readings for the following Sunday. We start at 7 30pm and finish at 9 30pm with a cup of tea and biscuit. All are welcome. Our next meeting is on Wednesday the 9th of April.

### VE Day 80 - Thursday 8th May - 7pm onwards

On 8 May 2025, we mark the historic **80th anniversary of VE Day**, with the peoples, families and communities of our great nation coming together to unite and celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe. To commemorate this national event, we will be **hosting a fish and chip supper** in the parish centre from 7pm. The cost will be £10 per person. Please sign up at the back of church. Payment will be required in advance and the payment options will be on the sign-up sheet (cheque payable to St Peter Hazel Grove, cash in an envelope with your name on it, or bank transfer bank transfer reference VE DAY TO St Peter Hazel Grove Sort Code 30-15-52. Account No. 54607668 At 9.30pm, we will then go out onto the lawn, and like thousands of people around the country, **light a Lamp of Peace**. We will come together in prayer to show our gratitude for the many sacrifices that secured our freedom.

### ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL EVEN WORSE THAN BEFORE - POSTCARDS AVAILABLE

Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims.

**Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to your MP today!**