

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1077.36 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £179

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

Team 5 are on duty this week

**ST MARKS GOSPEL Exploring St Mark's Gospel** Next meeting is Wednesday 25th February, at 7:30 in St Phillip's Church

**Exploring St Mark - Updating.** There is a change of dates because of other parish events. The revised dates before Easter are: **Wed. Feb. 25th Wed. March 4th & 18th.** All meetings begin at 7:30 in St Phillips Church. There will be another series after Easter.

## VACANCIES

**St Simon's Catholic Primary School** is a warm, welcoming school where Christ is the inspiration for all that we do. We are seeking an creative, and dedicated Reception class teacher to join our EYFS team and cover a period of maternity leave to begin in April 2026

For further information, please click on the link: <https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75781053>

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.

**HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** has a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain. Please visit the School Website for further details – [www.harrytownschool.org](http://www.harrytownschool.org) They also have a vacancy for an Office Administrator (part-time). Please visit the school website for more information – [www.harrytownschool.org](http://www.harrytownschool.org)

## ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB Book choices and information on the Parish Website

We will meet again on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - if you would like to join us please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

**DRAW NEAR Stockport Ecumenical Lent Course 2026.** Life giving habits for Lent. Everyone is welcome to join us as we chat and learn together how we can develop a rhythm of life to help us grow as disciples of Christ. Every Monday from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> March. 7:30 to 9:00pm. At the Strawberry Gardens, Offerton SK2 5BS. For details contact [raj.patta@methodist.org.uk](mailto:raj.patta@methodist.org.uk) or [revmarieflint@gmail.com](mailto:revmarieflint@gmail.com) .Poster also at the back of Church

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Many parishioners have noticed another steep rise in the car park being full, or very difficult to find a space in during the week, especially on a Sunday or at busy funerals. The PPT in conjunction with Fr Philip has discussed this on several occasions and you will have seen new notices going up around the car park warning people that parking is for church and parish centre use only and the **gates may be locked without notice at other times.** Please be aware of this, there is no need to worry if you are visiting church or the parish centre when there is an activity on as the gates will be open at these times

**NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH** The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th—18th March 2026, please see the notice at the back of Church or contact the office or scan the QR Code on the poster.

**LAMBS** additional needs group will meet in the parish centre **TODAY** on the 22nd of February at 4pm until 6pm. We will be having music craft bingo and refreshments all are welcome.

## SPONSORED WALK

Deacon John & Peter Henshaw are going on a walking pilgrimage (St. Oswald's Way, Northumbria) on 26th April 2026. The pilgrimage is 97 miles (156km) and will take 6 days to walk. We are seeking sponsors with all donations going to East Cheshire Hospice. To donate visit the JustGiving page <https://justgiving.com/page/peter-and-johns-st-oswalds-way-sponsored-walk>

**ST DEPAUL TRUST** Every year around this time we collect for the Depaul Trust in Manchester, we are awaiting instruction from them as to what is on their 'wish list' this year. More details next week.

**STROKE UNIT FUNDRAISER** On the 1st March at 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm there will be a Fundraiser for the Stroke Unit at Stepping Hill Hospital, in the Parish Centre tickets are £5 to include a glass of fizz. If you would like a ticket please contact Helen on 07854928072. The bar will be open.

## ST PHILIPS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Thanks to the Friday Friendship Group @ St. Philip's for their kind donation of £50 to the Foodbank. This group would also welcome anyone who would like to come along between 10 & 12 each Friday for refreshments, quizzes and a chat.

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2026 FEBRUARY

FOR CHILDREN WITH UNCURABLE DISEASES LET US PRAY THAT CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM INCURABLE DISEASES AND THEIR FAMILIES RECEIVE THE NECESSARY MEDICAL CARE AND SUPPORT, NEVER LOSING STRENGTH AND HOPE.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST READING:

**Genesis 2:  
7-9. 3: 1-7**

### Psalms 51:

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned**

### SECOND READING:

**Romans 5: 12-19**

### GOSPEL

**ACCLAMATION:  
GLORY AND PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST. ONE DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES FORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD. GLORY AND PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST**

### GOSPEL READING:

**MATTHEW 4:  
1-11**

## JESUS FASTS

### FOR FORTY

### DAYS AND IS

### TEMPTED

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

# St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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Rev Kevin Hogan



## LENT WEEK 1

## 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 21st February 2026

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Letitia and Nick Shaw Intention  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Anne Blythe RIP  
Readings: Isaiah 58: 9-14; Psalm 85; Luke 5: 27-32

### Sunday 22nd February 2026 - First Sunday of Lent

8.30 am Domonic McGoran and Family PIANO—Chloe  
10.00 am Matthew Coleing RIP JUNIOR CHOIR  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm People of the Parish PIANO—Barbara  
Readings: Genesis 2: 7-9,3: 1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

### Monday 23rd February 2026 - St Polycarp

12 Noon Mark Kirwan RIP—Months Mind  
Readings: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18; Psalm 18; Mathew 25: 31-46

### Tuesday 24th February 2026

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 33; Matthew 6: 7-15

### Wednesday 25th February 2026

9.15 am Mass at St Philip's Church - Tommy Dullaghan Intention  
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Jonah 3: 1-10; Psalm 50; Luke 11: 29-32

### Thursday 26th February 2026

12 Noon Owney Dullaghan Intention  
8.00 pm Reception into Church for Ellen Farrell RIP  
Readings: Esther 4: 17; Psalm 137; Mathew 7: 7-12

### Friday 27th February 2026

12 Noon Requiem Mass for Ellen Farrell  
6-8 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation  
Readings: Ezekiel 18: 21-28 Psalm 129; Mathew 5: 20-26

## DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE NEEDY AND HUNGERY— FAMILY FAST DAY

### Saturday 28th February 2026

11 00 a.m.-11 45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction  
12 Noon Son's Death—1st Anniversary  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Sean O'Dwyer RIP  
Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19; Psalm 118; Mathew 5: 43-48

### Sunday 29th February 2026 - Third Sunday of Lent

8.30 am Barbara Binnie RIP PRAISE BE!  
10.00 am People of the Parish FOLK GROUP  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm Peter Davies RIP CHOIR  
Readings: Genesis 12: 1-4; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1: 8-10; Matthew 17: 1-9

### **Your prayers are asked for:**

**LATELY DECEASED** David Harris whose Funeral Service will be here at 1.15pm on Monday 16th February Terry Simms Requiem Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Stockport on Tuesday 24th February, at 12 noon. Ellen Farrell, Ellen will be brought into Church at 8.00 pm on Thursday 26th February and her Requiem Mass will be at 12 Noon on Friday 27th February.  
**Fr. Paul O'Grady. Barbara Goodyear**, Barbara's Requiem will be here at St. Peter's ,more details next week.  
**Nora Waring's** Requiem will be at 12.15 on Monday 23rd March at St. Peter's **Kathleen Hibbert** whose Requiem will be here on Thursday 19th March at 12 Noon followed by Burial at Stockport Cemetery at 1.30 pm

**ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Arthur Rhodes, Margaret Keegan, Teresa Sellers, Teresa Mercer, Matthew Coleing, Margaret Bradley, Helen Cave, Margaret Burgess, Derek Doherty, Kathleen McGlaughlin, Barbara Binnie, Terence McCartney, Carmel Ellis, Walter Barrett, Heebert Markham, Lillian Sheehan, Peter Shorrocks, Sydney Bradwell, Hubert Travers, Ethel Roche, William Logue, Timothy Carroll, Josephine Slavia, Gerard Gresty, Marjorie McMahan

**BAPTISM** We welcome into our Parish Community Leo James and Dylan Thomas Hulme who were baptised here last weekend.

**BAPTISM COURSE** The dates for the next course are 8th and 15th March . There will then be a further course 24th and 31st May. If you would like to book on either course please email [justasec55@hotmail.com](mailto:justasec55@hotmail.com) . There is a form to complete before starting the course .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.

**THE 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.

#### **GOSPEL Matthew 4: 1-11**

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, 'Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him. 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, @He will command his angels concerning you', and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him. 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

#### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

We are now entering into Lent so please join us for the Lenten Lunches on 27th February, 13th March and 27th March, after the 12 Noon Mass or 1.00 pm in the Parish Centre.  
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.

#### **LENTEN LUNCHES**

We will be doing Lenten Lunches again this year on Fridays 27th February, 13th March and 27th March At 1.00 pm after the midday Mass. All proceeds will be sent to St. Philip's for the Stockport Food Bank. If you would like make a pan of soup one week please contact Helen on 07854928072.

#### **24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration.**

Following the midday Mass on FRIDAY 20th March, St Peter's church will be open for 24 hours of Adoration until the midday Mass on SATURDAY 21st March 2026. Everyone is invited to come and pray at any time over the 24 hours, The Sacrament of reconciliation will be available on Friday evening 6 PM - 8 PM and again on Saturday morning, 11 AM - 11.45 AM. We do not leave the Blessed Sacrament alone at any stage over the 24 hours, therefore we need at least two guardians to commit to being present in church at all times. If you are able to commit any time over the 24 hours, a sign up sheet is available at the back of church.

**What is Eucharistic Adoration?** Eucharistic Adoration is simply about spending time in the presence of Jesus. We believe that the Eucharist, the communion bread and wine, through the power of the Holy Mass, becomes Jesus Christ, truly present in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In the form of the Eucharist, we can pray before Jesus, truly present before us. Eucharistic Adoration is how we grow in love by being in the presence of God, who is love. Through this, we receive God's grace and healing and can speak to Him in the quiet of our hearts. It is by this that we are renewed and strengthened for our Christian journey. It is a time of silence, waiting, and emptying ourselves in freedom so He may free and fill us.

**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 Wednesday 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

**SYCAMORE** Will recommence on the 3rd March at 7.30 pm at St. Philip's Church

### **ST PETER'S HELPERS**

#### **ST PETER'S HELPERS- WE NEED YOU!**

There's something for everyone to get involved with and it's a great way to make new friends with other volunteers too. Contact Clare on [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com)

**Healing Mass** - Confirmation of date.

The next Healing Mass followed by lunch in the Parish Centre will be: **Saturday, 11 April** at 12.00 noon. More details to follow.

**Hand made birthday and occasion cards** (including some for Mother's day) will be on sale in the Parish Centre after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on **22 Feb and 08 & 22 Mar**. The cards are very reasonably priced and many can be personalised with names and/ages on request. All proceeds are used to support local charitable causes. Thank you for your support.

#### **Card making**

The next session is on **Thursday, 05 March** from 10.00 until 11.30 in the Meeting room. All are welcome but please let me know by Tuesday, 3rd, if you plan to attend so that I can make sure that there are enough materials available. ([mvbinnie@gmail.com](mailto:mvbinnie@gmail.com) 01663 762974) There is no charge for attending but there will be an opportunity to make a contribution to charity if you wish.

**Cuppa and Chat** - Reminder

The next Cuppa and Chat on Tuesday, 17 March will be at St Philip's School. More details to follow.

**St Peter's Helpers** - Thank You

Many thanks to all those who came to our Light Lunch and Chat this week. We were delighted to be able to offer our guests a homemade lunch and special thanks go to the large team of drivers, servers, food team, those coordinating the guest list and everyone who helped on the day. We were delighted to welcome new helpers too. If you'd like to join our team, get in touch [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com)

#### **FOOTSTEPS GETTING THE BEST OUT OF LENT**

More than 100 people enjoyed the most inspiring talk by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy at Footsteps last Tuesday. He shared his ideas on how we could get the best out of Lent and we commend you to listen to his words especially in these early days of Lent. There is an audio recording available on our parish website. Go to the Newsletter page and scroll down to the talks - he's at the top of the list on the right. This link will also take you there. <https://stpeterscatholic.church/Parish-News-Events/#talks-section>

Our other dates in 2026 are all Thursdays: 19 March, 14 May, 18 June, 3 September, 15 October and 12 November.

#### **CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection**

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 6TH MARCH AT 2.00 PM**

**THEME "I WILL GIVE YOU REST, COME"**

Prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria.

The service will be held at Tiviot Dale Methodist church, Tiviot Dale, Stockport, SK1 1TA,

From this year we are combining with Stockport churches as it is proving difficult to get representation from all the Hazel Grove churches. Stockport churches have been very welcoming and it would be lovely if we can support them by attending the service, so joining our prayers with the rest of the world. All are welcome women, men young and old. As always teas and coffee will be served afterwards.