

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1075.31 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £208.90

### Offertory envelopes are now available at the back of Church for those who use them.

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**

### SCHOOL VACANCY

St Peter's Catholic Primary is an outstanding school committed to providing the highest standards of education for all of its pupils. The governors are seeking to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic fixed term 1:1 Teaching Assistant to their welcoming school. Further details can be found via our website [Vacancies](#)

**DIOCESAN VACANCY** Due to retirement, a vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Health & Safety officer. **Salary** £32,000 - £38,000 dependant on experience. **Hours:** 25 per week, term time only, Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) **Closing date** 10 April. Further details can be found on the Diocesan Website [Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#)

### THANK YOU

An enormous thank you from Nora's family to all of St. Peter's caring community, for their warmth and support at the celebration of her life on 23rd March. You are all very much appreciated.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST PETER'S AND ST PHILIP'S CHURCH

### Confessions and Stations of the Cross at St Philip's

There will be an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation during the service of Stations of the Cross tomorrow Monday 30th March between 7 and 8pm. The service will commence with the dedication and blessing of the new Stations of the Cross painted for us by Maria Elena O'Grady. The service will continue with the Way of the Cross, a traditional visitation of each station. Fr Philip will be available for Confessions in the sacristy at St Philip's till 8pm. You are warmly invited to join in this special Lenten occasion.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April Mass in St. Peter's each day at 12 Noon and on Wednesday at St. Philip's at 9.15 am

The Chrism Mass this year is limited to two people per Parish, as it is to be held in the Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April, We have two Parishioners attending

Holy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mass in both Churches at 7.00 pm

Watching at the Altar of Repose in St. Philip's until 9.00 pm and in St. Peter's until 11.00 pm

Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> Stations of the Cross led by the Children at 11.00 am  
Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00 pm in BOTH Churches

Holy Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>

Blessing of Food at 1.00 pm by the Polish Community

**THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY**

The Easter Vigil in St. Peter's only at 8.30 pm on 4th April

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Masses in St. Peter's 8.30 10.00 and 11.30 (NO EVENING MASS)  
Mass in St. Philip's at 10.00 am

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2026

**MARCH**  
FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE  
LET US PRAY THAT NATIONS MOVE TOWARD EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT, PARTICULARLY NUCLEAR, AND THAT WORLD LEADERS CHOOSE THE PATH OF DIALOGUE AND DIPLOMACY INSTEAD OF VIOLENCE

### THE WORD OF GOD

**PROCESSION: MATTHEW 21: 1-11**

**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**

**GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 26: 14-27:66**

**SO THEY WENT AND MADE THE TOMB SECURE BY SEALING THE STONE AND SETTING A GUARD**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St. Peter's after Midday Mass on Monday 30th March and Tuesday 31st March and at St. Philips on Monday 30th March at 7.00-8.00 pm.**

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

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### HOLY WEEK 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 28th March 2026

12 Noon Philip Hampson—Special Intention  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - **Palm Sunday Vigil** - People of the Parish  
Readings: Ezekiel 37: 21-28; Psalm Jeremiah 31; John 11: 45-56

### Sunday 29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday

8.30 am Jenny Love RIP **CHOIR**  
10.00 am Margaret Fogarty RIP **FOLK GROUP**  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm Daniel Begley RIP **PRAISE BE**  
Readings: Procession: Matthew 21: 1-11—Mass Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2: 6-11; Matthew 26: 14 –27: 66

### Monday 30th March 2026— Monday of Holy Week

12.00 pm Margaret King RIP  
Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-7; Psalm 26; John 12: 1-11

### Tuesday 31st March 2026 - Tuesday of Holy Week

12 Noon Monica Beckett RIP  
Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-6; Psalm 70; John 13: 21-33.36-38

### Wednesday 1st April 2026 - Wednesday of Holy Week

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

### Thursday 2nd April 2026 - Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7.00 pm Mass at St. Peter's and St. Philip's **FOLK GROUP** at St. Peter's  
Readings: Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14; Psalm 115; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-15

### Friday 3rd April 2026 Good Friday

11.00 am The Way of the Cross - Led by the Children  
3.00 pm The Celebration of the Lord's Passion **CHOIR**  
Readings: Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12; Psalm 30; Hebrews 4: 14-16.5: 7-9; John 18: 1-19: 42

### Saturday 4th April 2026 Holy Saturday

8.30 pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter **CHOIR**  
Readings:

### Sunday 5th April 2026 - Easter Sunday

8.30 am Mike Carroll RIP **ORGAN**  
10.00 am Enda Donegan and Family **FOLK GROUP**  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
11.30 am People of the Parish **JUNIOR CHOIR**  
Readings: Acts 10: 34

## Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED** Francis Kinsler whose Requiem will be at St. Peter's on Monday 13th April at 12 Noon flowed by Cremation at Stockport at 1.45 **Vincent Thompson** whose Funeral Service will be here on April 17th at 1.15 pm. **Frances Burke**

**ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Margaret Fogarty, Arthur Philbin, Dan Begley, James Purkins, Elsie Freeman, Jenny Love, James Hulme, Ann Sharples, Gerard Maher, Paul Hayward, Carol Collins, Catherine Marsland, Alan Bell, Carole McLachlan, Kathryn Lee, Irene Darcy, Marian Sheldon, Norman Anderson, John Irwen, Philomena Rooney, Richard Fitzgerald, Mary Normansell, Jean Cheetham, Fr. Tom Osbyrne, James Bradley.

**BAPTISM COURSE** 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 (Procession)

Matthew 21:1-11

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

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them", and he will send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.'

### Matthew 26: 14-27:66 (Mass) - The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS** for the children and their families will be at 11.00 am on Good Friday

**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

### ST PHILIPS FRIENDSHIP GROUP

This group would also welcome anyone who would like to come along between 10 & 12 each Friday for refreshments, quizzes and a chat.

**WHO IS THE MAN OF THE SHROUD SUNDAY** April 12th at Blackburn Cathedral - please see poster at the back of Church

**EASTER REMEMBRANCE LILLIES** 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 and envelope and hand it in a Mass of The office. The cost is £1 per name. The names will be entered in Book of Remembrance.

**SYCAMORE** Will carry on at St. Philips on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm please see Deacon John for more details if you wish to join.

**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>

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**- On Tuesday evening this week at 7.30pm, the Rosary Group will be gathering in the parish meeting room. We pray the rosary and relax into our God's loving presence. All are welcome to come and join in with our friendly group - no experience necessary!

## 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)

**Hand made cards** will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on Sunday, 29 March, 12 and 26 April, 10 and 24 May, 14 and 28 June. There are birthday and occasion cards at very reasonable prices - please come and see! **LAST CHANCE FOR EASTER CARDS TODAY!**

### Card making - Thursday, 09 April, 10.00 - 11.30 am, in the Meeting Room

All materials are provided. There is no charge for attending but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to charity if you wish. Please let me know by Tuesday, 07 April, if you wish to attend so that I can ensure there are sufficient materials available.

### Healing Mass and lunch - Saturday, 11 April at 12.00 noon

St Peter's Helpers look forward to welcoming you to the Mass, which includes the Sacrament of the Sick, and to the lunch afterwards for those who have booked. There will be an opportunity to make a donation towards the cost of the meal if you wish.

**ST PETER'S YOUTH GROUP (SPY)** Our next SPY youth gathering will be on Palm Sunday **TONIGHT** at the 6.00 pm Mass when we will be joining in the readings and music

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We will have details of our Spring/Summer Programme after Easter.

If you would like any further information please contact the office 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.

**OUR SCHOOL STREET NEEDS YOUR HELP** St. Philip's Primary School and Dial Park Primary School are setting up a School Street on Half Moon Lane Offerton and are looking for volunteers. Please see poster at the back of Church for more details.

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY** For all those interested in supporting the Vocation of Marriage and Family you are invited to attend our Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry (MFL) Retreat Day to help you find out more about what is involved and what help is needed. There will be presentations on the Mission of Marriage, a Reflection on the Book of Tobit and Holy Mass at Midday

**When : 18th April 2026**

**Where: St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Witton Street Northwich Cheshire, CW9 5NP**

**Time: 9.30pm to 4.00pm**

**Please Register with Monika Golembiewska** on 07549 226794 or

email: [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### DISABILITY INCLUSION GROUP -Open Afternoon, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Please join us for an afternoon of celebration for our group and for our parishes. St Peter's has gained a reputation of being 'forward thinking' when it comes to inclusion, opening our doors to all and providing a safe and supportive place to worship. We have an afternoon planned of music, with a Sign choir and St Peter's Primary School Choir, of information gathering with local organisations, of reflection and of course refreshments. Please join us.

### BLESSING OF FOOD

ak co roku, zapraszamy na święcenie pokarmów na stół wielkanocny które odbędzie się w kościele św Piotra w Hazel Grove w sobotę 4-ego kwietnia 2026 o godzinie 13.00.

We invite the Polish Community for their traditional blessing of the baskets on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm in our church.

**LAMBS ADDITIONAL NEEDS GROUP** meets again **TODAY** Sunday the 29th of March from 4pm until 6pm in the Parish centre, we have music crafts and food all are welcome.

### 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

### PARISH CENTRE EVENTS

Following on from last year's very successful and enjoyable evenings we are excited to continue with more of these events this year and would like to know what you would like us to put on next! Your suggestions are very welcome so please call or text us on 07483114783 or add your ideas on the list at the back of Church and we will get more of these evenings booked in! Thanks for all your support and we look forward to more great evenings together. Rita and Katy