

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £1477.60 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £206.90

### 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 VACANCIES

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](#)

## ST SIMON'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Class Teacher with TLR for September 2026 - Permanent

The governors of St Simon's are seeking to strengthen the Senior Leadership Team by awarding a TLR 2a to a teacher who will have responsibility for the development of our Key Stage Two provision; leading on curriculum and assessment, and significantly contributing to school improvement.

We are looking for an outstanding teacher with a passion for learning and teaching who shares our vision for quality education rooted in faith. The successful candidate will be welcomed into a leadership team committed to continually raising standards and upholding the distinctive ethos of this Catholic, friendly, high achieving, inclusive school.

### Class Teacher 0.4 (M1 - M6) for September 2026 - Permanent

St Simon's Catholic Primary School is a warm, welcoming school where Christ is the inspiration for all that we do. The governors of this successful school invite applications from highly motivated and organised individuals, with energy and likeminded vision, to join this lively and enthusiastic team as a class teacher, working two days a week, to job share with another teacher.

Visits to the school, prior to application, are warmly welcomed. Further information can be found on Greater Jobs Stockport

## DIOCESAN VACANCIES

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](#)

Two vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a **Programme Coordinator** and **Youth Mission Team Member**. Further details regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) **Closing date Friday 29 April 2026.**

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2026

FOR PRIEST'S IN CRISIS  
LET US PRAY FOR PRIESTS GOING THROUGH MOMENTS OF CRISIS IN THEIR VOCATION, THAT THEY MAY FIND THE ACCOMPANIMENT THEY NEED AND THE COMMUNITIES MAY SUPPORT THEM WITH UNDERSTANDING AND PRAYER

## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST READING:

**Acts 10:  
34. 37-43**

**Psalm 117:  
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad**

### SECOND READING:

**Colossians 3: 1-4**

### GOSPEL

**ACCLAMATION:  
ALLELUIA,  
ALLELUIA,  
CHRIST, OUR  
PASSOVER LAMB,  
HAS BEEN  
SACRIFICED; LET US  
THEREFORE  
CELEBRATE THE  
FESTIVAL IN THE  
LORD  
ALLELUIA**

### GOSPEL READING:

**JOHN 20: 1-9**

**FOR AS YET THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURE, THAT HE MUST RISE FROM THE DEAD**

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

# St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

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

## EASTER SUNDAY

### Saturday 4th April 2026 Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

8.30 pm People of the Parish  
Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2 Psalm 103. Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 15. Exodus 14:15:-15:1; Psalm Exodus 15. Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 29. Isaiah 55: 1-11; Psalm Isaiah 12. Baruch 3: 9-15,32-4:4; Psalm 18. Isaiah 12; Psalm 50. Romans 6: 3-11; Psalm 117. Matthew 28: 1-10

### 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. 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3: 1-4 ; John 20 1-9

### Monday 6th April - Monday of the Easter Octave

12.00 pm Karen Bryan RIP  
Readings: Acts 2: 14.22-33; Psalm 15: Matthew 28: 8-15

### Tuesday 7th April 2026 - Tuesday of the Easter Octave

12 Noon Peter Collins RIP  
Readings: Acts 2: 36-41; Psalm 32; John 20: 11-18

### Wednesday 8th April 2026 - Wednesday of the Easter Octave

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips— Sr Eileen McGarry—RIP  
12 Noon Service of Word of Communion  
Readings: Acts 3: 1-10; Psalm 104; Luke 24: 13-35

### Thursday 9th April 2026 - Thursday of the Easter Octave

12 Noon Peter Wilkinson RIP  
Readings: Acts 3: 11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 24: 35-48

### Friday 10th April 2026 - Friday of the Easter Octave

12 Noon Margaret Tudor RIP  
Readings: Acts 4: 1-12; Psalm 117; John 21: 1-14

### Saturday 11th April 2026 Saturday of the Easter Octave

**12 Noon** Healing Mass-Margaret King RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's  
Readings: Acts 4: 13-21; Psalm 117; Mark 16: 9-15

### Sunday 12th April 2026 - Second Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Nora Waring  
10.00 am Terry Turner RIP  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm People of the Parish  
Readings: Acts 2 : 42-47; Psalm 118; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED** Francis Kinsler whose Requiem will be at St. Peter's on Monday 13th April at 12 Noon followed by Cremation at Stockport at 1.45 **Vincent Thompson** whose Funeral Service will be here on April 17th at 1.15 pm. **Marie Glennon** whose Requiem will be at 12 Noon on Friday 24th April, followed by burial at St. Mary's Church Disley at 1.45 pm. **Frances Burke** whose Requiem will be here on 8th May at 12.15 pm followed by Cremation at Stockport at 1.45 pm .

**ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Stan Pomeroy, Myles McGuire, John Tate, Albert Snelson, Lionel Grocott, Jean Hillier, John Begley, Eileen Loble, John Holdaway, Juan Gonzalez, Bridget McCouley, Margaret Smith, Mary Ashley, Steve Whitaker, Gerard Sturmey, James Cox, Peter Wilkinson, Robert Hargreaves, Veronica Burgess, John Hazeldine, Peter Coleman, Pauline Banham, Terence Turner

**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 John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, pausing at the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. *If only you knew what God is offering.* Imagine yourself sitting by the well and hearing Jesus saying these words to you. Take time to reflect on these words in the presence of Jesus. Talk to him about the meaning they might have in your life.
3. For daily prayer: '*Show me Lord, what you are offering*'. Let the phrase echo in you throughout the day.

## For Conversation:

The people to whom you/your parish community might say Come and See.



## 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

**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>

## THANK YOU

The family of Enda Donegan would like to say thank you so much to everyone who offered prayers, love and support both during his illness and since his death. We are so very grateful for everyone in our parish family.

## 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 and lunch - 12 noon on Saturday, 11 April

We look forward to welcoming you to Mass, including Sacrament of the Sick, and to lunch afterwards (catered by Reflections, High Lane) for those who have booked. There will be an opportunity to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the meal.

**NB.** There are some changes to drop off arrangements at the beginning so please make sure that you follow the instructions of the people directing traffic. There will be a strict one-way system - enter via Green Lane and exit via Mount Pleasant. Drop off will be just before the exit gate (helpers available to escort guests into Church if required) and drivers will need to drive round to the entrance again if they wish to park. Able bodied drivers please park round the back of the Parish Centre.

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

Please let me know by Tuesday, 07 April if you wish to attend (01663 762974 or [mvbinnie@gmail.com](mailto:mvbinnie@gmail.com)). All materials are provided, and there is no charge for attending, but there is an opportunity to make a donation to charity if you wish.

**Hand made cards** will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on Sunday 12 and 26 April, 10 and 24 May, 14 and 28 June. The cards cover a variety of birthdays and other occasions and are very reasonably priced. Many can be personalised on request.

**Thank You** to all who helped make last Sunday's Goody Bag session so successful. We packed and delivered 89 bags and 20 cards to our special friends including some lovely gifts and cards from our primary schools. Well done to everyone concerned.

**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](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.

**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.

### 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

### THE CROSS BEFORE THE CROWN

We would highly recommend you listen to the recording of the talk given recently by Mary Hardiman at Footsteps, entitled "**The Cross before the Crown**". It is available on our website by following this link: <https://stpeterscatholic.church/Parish-News-Events/#talks-section> or going to the **News/Events** page of the website and scrolling down to Footsteps recordings. Mary gave a most powerful insight into the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord and it will be especially beneficial to share it during Holy Week and the Easter period.