

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Thank you for your generous offerings last weeks collection came to £950.69St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £233

**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 4 are on duty this week**

**CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT** Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> **stay with us** or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / **017687 72711**

**YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY**

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. **Interested?** Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> **join the team**

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY** are holding a day of reflection on Saturday 23rd May at Shrewsbury Cathedral Chapter House. The day will include reflections from Father Sean Henry and Dr Kieran Moriarty. There will also be Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All Hospitality members and their guests are welcome to attend. Please confirm your attendance to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) along with a link to the new online booking

**PLANT SALE**

The Inner Wheel Club of Hazel Grove is holding a charity plant sale on 16th May at 55 Broadway Bramhall SK7 3BU from 10.30 to 1.30. Wide range of plants available including bedding, perennials, vegetables and shrubs, all at reasonable prices. Te/Coffee and cake also available. All proceeds to Walthew House Stockport and Ronald McDonald House Manchester Children's Hospital.

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2026**

Parishioners celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2026 are invited to attend the **Diocesan Mass for Marriage, which will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 13th June at Saint Columba's, Chester.** The Mass be followed by a buffet lunch for invited guests. To receive an invitation from the Bishop's Office, parishioners should contact their Parish Priest or Parish Secretary with the following information: names, address and which significant anniversary is being celebrated. Invitations will only be issued through parishes. The closing date to receive an invitation is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**BETHLEHEM ART**

We would like to sincerely thank you for giving us the opportunity to visit your parish, to present and sell the olive wood carvings from the Holy Land, and for your wonderful hospitality. We are pleased to share that we raised approximately £1200 from the sale. The response from the parishioners was truly amazing. Their kindness and generosity were a real blessing and a great support to us. Once again, thank you for your generosity, and please extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners who supported us. Kind regards Rana

**SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN MISSION MASS** will be held at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Saturday 6th June at 12.15 pm. Please join us in the Orchard Cafe' for refreshments afterwards, please RSVP by 29th May, email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or telephone 07593544625

**CAR PARK** As you will be aware there has been considerable problems in our car park and on neighbouring roads recently with people attending the Easter services, Sunday masses and other events both in the church and the club. We propose to try and alleviate this congestion by re-introducing a strict one-way system and would ask for your help by adhering to it. Vehicles should approach the church complex via Grenville Road and the yellow-gated entrance road off Green Lane, and once in the car park follow the direction-of-flow arrows painted on the surface. To leave the car park again, follow the direction-of-flow arrows through the black exit gates on to Charles Street before turning left on to Mount Pleasant. Please do not enter the car park from Charles Street and driving over the No-Entry sign in this way we should avoid vehicles trying to squeeze past oncoming cars, making things safer and minimising the risk of damage to vehicles. Thank you for your co-operation.

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2026**  
THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD  
LET US PRAY THAT EVERYONE, FROM LARGE PRODUCERS TO SMALL CONSUMERS, BE COMMITTED TO AVOID WASTING FOOD, AND TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO QUALITY FOOD.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST READING:**  
**ACTS 8:-5-8. 14-17**

**Psalm 66:**  
**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth**

**SECOND READING:**  
**1 PETER 3: 15-18**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA IF ANYONE LOVES ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD, SAYS THE LORD, AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL COME TO HIM. ALLELUIA**

**GOSPEL READING:**  
**JOHN: 14: 15-21**

**I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS; I WILL COME TO YOU**

**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 WEEK VI**  
**PSALTER WEEK II**

**Saturday 9th May 2026**

12 Noon Rosie Anderson RIP  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's - David Donnelly RIP  
Readings: Acts 16: 1-10; Psalm 99; John 15: 18-21

**Sunday 10th May 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8.30 am Mary Davies RIP PIANO  
10.00 am Agnus Bumstead RIP JUNIOR CHOIR  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm People of the Parish PIANO  
Readings: Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3: 15-18; John 14: 15-21

**Monday 11th May 2026**

12.00 pm Ruth Thompson RIP  
Readings: Acts 16: 11-15; Psalm 149; John 15: 26-16:4

**Tuesday 12th May 2026 - St. Pancras**

12 Noon Bill and Muriel Christie  
Readings: Acts 16: 22-34; Psalm 137; John 16: 5-11

**Wednesday 13th May 2026—Our Lady of Fatima**

7.00 pm Mass at St. Philips - Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord -Gerard McKee  
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion  
Readings: Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 16-23

**Thursday 14th May 2026 - The Ascension of the Lord**

12.00 pm Margaret King RIP  
7.00 pm Enda Donegan RIP  
Readings: Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1: 17-23; Matthew 28: 16-23

**Friday 15th May 2026**

10.30 am Funeral Service for Dr Patrick O'Reilly - Manchester Crematorium  
12.00 pm Mary and John Burke RIP  
Readings: Acts: 18: 9-18; Psalm 46; John 16: 20-23

**Saturday 16th May 2026**

12 Noon The Brotherton Family  
2.00 pm St. Philip's Children 1st Holy Communion  
6.00 pm Mass at St. Philip's - Ken Savage RIP  
Readings: Acts 18: 23-28; Psalm 46; John 16: 23-28

**Sunday 17th May 2026 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8.30 am People of the Parish PIANO  
10.00 am Eileen Farrell RIP FOLK GROUP  
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips  
6.00 pm Elaine O'Flanigan RIP PRAISE BE!  
Readings: Acts 1: 12-14; Psalm 4: 13-16; John 17: 1-11

## Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED Kathryn Trueman** (Margaret Purcell's Daughter) whose Funeral Service will be held at Stockport Crematorium on 22nd May at 1.00pm in the Rowan Chapel **Dr.Patrick O'Reilly** whose Funeral will be at Manchester Crematorium on Friday 15th May at 10.30 am.

**ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME:** Francis Boote, James Kane, Claire Kan Hai, Muriel Christie, Mary Morgan, Joan Howard, Agnes Bumstead, Jennifer Southward, Bridget Quinn, Doreen Irwin, Barbara White, Zeger Beyens, Maureen Rowbotham, Vic Ratcliff, Paul Kivell, Kathleen McCarthey

**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.

**BAPTISM** We welcome into our Parish Community Aston James Stewardson Marrima who was Baptised here last Sunday.

### GOSPEL John 14:15-21

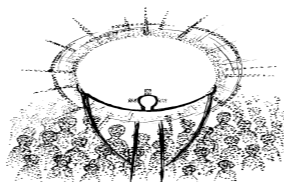
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

1. Spend some time quietly and reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Take time to be with the disciples. Hearing Jesus' promise to remain with you – whatever the struggles, Jesus is with you. Notice your thoughts, feelings...
3. Allow the truth of this to take route more deeply – respond to Jesus
4. What might your Gospel 'motto' for the coming week be?

#### For Conversation:

The ways in which your parish community renews its ways of keeping Christ's commandments.



### 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.

**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.

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th. May when we will be Meeting in **CHURCH** at 2.00 pm for a reflection led by Fr, Philip. With refreshments afterwards, and we will have the Programme for the rest of the Spring/Summer.

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.

**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

### FOOTSTEPS

Our next event in this year's programme of inspiring talks in our informal, café-style setting will be on **Thursday 14 May at 7.30pm** when we'll have the pleasure of welcoming again **Fr Chris Thomas** from Liverpool. His theme will be a timely one as he invites us to share "**Glimpses of resurrection**" - a chance, he says, to see what the four Gospels say about Jesus' resurrection.

Do come and join us in the **parish centre** for drinks, nibbles and guaranteed spiritual refreshment on our Christian journey! You will be very welcome.

## ST PETER'S HELPERS

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

**SPY** The next SPY meeting will be on Sunday 10th May after the 6.00 pm Mass. SPY is for year 7 (up to and including college age) on a Sunday after 6pm Mass. All welcome for faith sharing, fun and food. Chance to get out of the house and meet other young people in a safe friendly environment. Bring a friend?

### SPONSORED WALK

Peter Henshaw, John McKay and Nora (John's dog!) would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us on our walking pilgrimage to Holy Island. Thank you for all the prayers and messages of support. Thank you for the very generous donations. Together we have raised £4,802, plus £930 gift aid, meaning East Cheshire Hospice will receive £5,732. Anyone who still wants to donate, the Just Giving page can be accessed via the Sponsor Us page on the blog <https://peter-and-johns-st-oswalds-way-pilgrimage.mystrikingly.com/>

**ST PETER'S BOOK CLUB** We would like to recommend **The Names by Florence Knapp** - this is a fantastic debut novel that follows three alternate versions of a child's life over 35 years, showing how a mother's single decision, what name to give her newborn son, profoundly shapes identity, safety and destiny for an entire family. Our next recommendation is **Vianne by Joanne Harris** which traces the childhood and young adulthood of Vianne Rocher as she is shaped by restless travel, inherited magic and loss, becoming the woman who will one day arrive in Lansquenet with chocolate. Our third recommendation is **Secret of Secrets by Dan Brown** which follows symbologist Robert Langdon as he races across Prague and beyond to uncover dangerous truths about human consciousness - this book is still in hardback. We will meet again in early July - if you would like to join us please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152.

### DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS

This Tuesday 12th May at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church, Deacon Kevin will be walking through the Mass with the Sycamore group. The meaning behind many of the things we see, say, do, hear and experience will be explored. There will be lots of opportunities to ask questions. Everyone is welcome to come and join in whether or not you have been to Sycamore. We begin at 7.30 with Tea and Coffee in the sacristy. Be welcome and bring a friend

### WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

We are holding this special week on the above dates in St Peter's parish. A week of accompanied prayer is a way of making a personal retreat in the midst of daily living and is **open to all**. Participants set aside 30 minutes for prayer daily at home and in addition receive spiritual support/guidance from a member of the prayer team each day. The meeting with the assigned prayer guide is either in the parish or a designated place for 30 minutes Monday to Friday inclusive.

There is a short introductory session on Sunday afternoon where participants meet the team and other pilgrims and are assigned their prayer guide companion for the week. The week closes on Saturday morning with a short group service.

If you are interested, please sign up with your details on the notice board at the back of church. Please do not delay in making your decision as it important to know the number of participants for which plans need to be made. For further information contact Laura via [lauradavidsmall@outlook.com](mailto:lauradavidsmall@outlook.com)

**RAMP** Please note - As we are now planning to install a ramp off the side door of the church, the defibrillator has been moved. It is now positioned to the left of the main front door as you come in to church.

### DEACON KEVIN'S ORDINATION

On 4th July Deacon Kevin will be Ordained a Priest at Shrewsbury Cathedral at 12.00 pm. There will also be a reception in the Orchard Cafe afterwards. If you would like to go we have a coach leaving here at 9.00 am and leaving the Cathedral at 4.30 pm, the cost of which will be £12 for adults and £6 for Children. Please put your name and telephone number on the list at the back of Church. If you prefer to travel another way please be aware that there is very limited car parking space around the Cathedral. There is a train service from Stockport.

The Piety Stall has some nice Ordination Cards on sale.

- 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!

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