

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you for your generous offerings, last weeks collection came to £1020.75
St. Philip’s Offertory amounted to £401 (2 weeks)
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 3 are on duty this week

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.

RAMP Please note - As we are now planning to install a ramp off the side door of 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

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER
During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER
During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

ST PETER’S BOOK CLUB
Our first recommendation is **The Brief by Simon Michaels** - based on real Old Bailey cases, this is a legal thriller about Charles Holborne, a young barrister from a troubled background who takes on a dangerous murder case involving powerful criminals while trying to build his career. Our next recommendation is still in Hardback - **A Far-Flung Life by M L Stedman** is a beautifully written epic that begins on a remote sheep station in Western Australia in the early twentieth century, where the harsh landscape shapes every aspect of family life. Finally, **Anxious People by Fredrik Backman** is a warm, funny and moving novel about a failed bank robber who accidentally takes a group of strangers hostage at an apartment viewing. We will meet again on Tuesday 22nd September - get in touch if you would like to join us, telephone Alison McGarr 07792 107152.

HOLY FATHER’S
PRAYER INTENTIONS
FOR JULY
FOR RESPECT FOR
HUMAN LIFE:

LET US PRAY FOR
THE RESPECT AND
PROTECTION OF
HUMAN LIFE IN ALL
ITS STAGES,
RECOGNIZING IT AS
A GIFT FROM GOD

THE WORD
OF GOD

FIRST READING:
1 KINGS 3: 5.7-12

Psalm: 118

O Lord, how I
love your law!

SECOND READING:
ROMANS: 8:
28-30

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA
I THANK YOU,
FATHER, LORD OF
HEAVEN AND
EARTH,YOU HAVE
REVEALED THE
SECRETS OF THE
KINGDOM TO LITTLE
CHILDREN
ALLELUIA

GOSPEL READING:
MATTHEW 13:
44-52

‘THE
KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS
LIKE
TREASURE
HIDDEN IN A
FIELD’

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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Father Philip Atkinson - Parish Priest
Father Kevin Hogan
Deacon John McKay

ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM
www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Ordinary Time Week XVII
PSALTER WEEK II

Saturday 25th July 2026 - St James
12.00 Noon Roy Mathew Thanksgiving
6.00 pm Mass at Offerton - Intention of Joan Hales
Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Psalm 126; Matthew 20: 20-28

Sunday 26th July 2026 - SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am People of the Parish PIANO
10.00 am John Purcell RIP ORGAN
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Eileen Banks RIP PIANO
Readings: 1 Kings 3: 5. 7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8: 28-30;Matthew 13: 44-52

Monday 27th July 2026
12.00 pm Neil McKenzie RIP
Readings: Jermiah 13: 1-11; Psalm Deuteronomy 32; Mathew 13: 31-35

Tuesday 28th July 2026
12.00 pm Enda Donegan RIP
Readings: Jeremiah 14: 17-22; Psalm 78; Matthew 13: 36-43

Wednesday 29th July 2026 - Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus
9.15 am Mass at St. Philips—Sr. Mary O’Callaghan RIP
12 Noon Service of Word and Communion
Readings: 1 John 4: 7-16; Psalm 34; John 11: 19-27

Thursday 30th July 2026
12.00 pm Birthday Memories Intention
Readings: Jeremiah 18: 1-6; Psalm 145; Mathew 13: 47-53

Friday 31st July 2026 - St Ignatius of Loyola
12.00 Noon Christopher Heeley - Intention
Readings : Jeremiah 26: 1-9; Psalm 68; Matthew 13: 54-58

Saturday 1st August 2026 - St Alphonsus Mary Liggguori
12.00 Noon Mark Kirwan RIP
6.00 pm Mass at Offerton - Krystyna May
Readings: Romans 8: 1-4; Psalm 119; Matthew 5: 13-19

Sunday 2nd August 2026 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30 am Martin Darcy Snr RIP
10.00 am People of the Parish
11.00 am Syro Malabar Mass in St. Philips
6.00 pm Michael Donnelly RIP
Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-3; Psalm 145; Romans 8: 35.37-39; Matthew 14: 13-21

Your prayers are asked for:

LATELY DECEASED Christine Lloyd whose Requiem Mass will be here on Monday 3rd August at 11.30 am. **Andrew Ray** whose Funeral Service was at Stockport Crematorium last Thursday 24th July

ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME: Alice Melia, Maureen Faudy, Denis Foudy Fred Laverty, Stephen Burke, Kathleen Canning, Clare Coe, Daneil O'Connell, Sarah Toye, Diane Earlam, Michael Grennan, Maeve O'Sullivan, Geoffrey Nicholls, Mark Rigg

SHEILA AND ALAN APPLEBY

Sheila (91) and Alan (90) APPLEBY have been part of the church community for 50 plus years. They were regular attendees until Covid after which they followed on line. The church family supported them greatly over the last few years, taking them to events and delivering weekly Eucharist. Sadly they moved out of area to a residential home together 3 months ago where they have a lovely room together.

Sheila has deteriorated rapidly due to a number of co-morbidities and is approaching the end of her life.

We would kindly request the Church remember Sheila in prayer. The couple also celebrate 68 years of marriage on 26th July.

With our kind regards

Sharon (daughter in law)

GOSPEL 13:44-52

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.

Take time to reflect on the treasure, pearl, good haul you have found...What difference has it brought to daily life? How might God be calling you to use these riches? Spend time in prayer asking for discernment.



For Conversation:

The treasure(s) that has brought/brings you great happiness.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP We will not be meeting in August, next Meeting will be on 8th September, more details nearer the time. If you would like any further information regarding the Bereavement Group please contact the office admin@stpetershazeltown.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.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE (Again...)

A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026.

Please write to our MPs - Lisa Smart and Tom Morrison - ask Lisa Smart MP

to vote NO to assisted suicide, and please thank Tom Morrison for voting against the bill in its last passage through parliament here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

Your vote matters more than ever if you live in Hazel Grove as Lisa Smart MP previously voted in favour of the assisted dying bill. Tom Morrison MP for Cheadle voted against. Thankyou

DR KIERAN MORIARTY TODAY

Pope Leo XIV has honoured Dr Kieran Moriarty as a Knight of the Pontifical Order of Saint Gregory the Great (KSG). Bishop John Arnold of Salford will be investing him on Sunday 26th July at 17.30h at the Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Pre-departure Mass at Salford Cathedral, 250 Chapel St, Salford M3 5LL.

If any parishioner wishes to support Kieran, he would be deeply grateful.

The service will also be live streamed on the Salford Cathedral website www.salfordcathedral.co.uk There is a link to the Cathedral Livestream channel on this website. The Investiture will be just after the Gospel, possibly 17.40-17.45h.

FUTURE DATE FOR YOU: NEXT ACCESSIBLE MASS OCTOBER 4th 2026

St Peter's Inclusion Group wish you all a lovely holiday period but please put in your diary the date for our next Accessible Mass. This mass is suitable for all in the parish and we focus on ensuring every person's needs are met. We welcome anyone who might struggle with our regular masses, we will support you in anyway we can. We have a sensory activity incorporated into a shorter mass, with a relaxed atmosphere and finish with a cuppa and chat.

If you need more information, please contact: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

LAMBS ADDITIONAL NEEDS GROUP

Will meet in the Parish Centre (**TODAY**) Sunday 26th July between 4pm and 6pm, we will have crafts, music, bingo and fun along with cream scones and ices as a special treat.

There will be no group on in August, we will meet again on September 27th

CAN YOU HELP with A FLAT FURNISH?

Have you any items surplus to your needs that might help a young family furnish an empty flat?

If so please contact Carmel on 483 8296. If there is no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

LOURDES

Next week the 2026 75th Anniversary Diocesan Pilgrimage will set out for Lourdes. Thank you for your support of the pilgrimage. Please remember us in your prayers, as we will remember you and your parishioners in ours.

You may wish to follow Lourdes TV, via the Sanctuaries website <https://www.lourdes-france.com> and to join us for the International Mass on Sunday 2 August at 9.30am (8.30am UK time) and Grotto Mass on Monday 3 August at 10am (9am UK time). Other liturgies maybe live streamed too.

This year Bishop Mark has invited the Pilgrimage to pray for the following intentions:

To pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo.

To pray for all who have gone before us in the pilgrimage of Lourdes over the 75 years of our Diocesan

Pilgrimage.

To pray that we and all pilgrims will respond to the message of prayer and conversion, walking together in Eucharistic faith and love, all our lives.

To pray we will generously respond to our calling and for an abundance of new vocations in our Diocese to the great callings of Marriage, the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life.

To pray for the peace of the world amid many dangers and conflicts.

To pray the threat of euthanasia to the sick and the aged will be averted and the lives of the most vulnerable cherished and safeguarded.

To pray with Our Lady and Saint Bernadette that through the pilgrimage of life we will always remain in the joy of the Gospel.

LOURDES PETITIONS

If you would like a Petition to be taken to the Grotto in Lourdes, please put in an envelope and hand into the office by Wednesday 29th July. There are paper and envelopes available at the back of Church if you wish to do it today. Father Kevin will take them to the Grotto for you.

FROM FATHER KEVIN

Thank you to all members of the parishes of St Peter's and St Philip's for all their prayers and good wishes on the occasion of my ordination to the priesthood. It was a profound, humbling and joyous occasion. Thank you also for the generous gift which I will be using to purchase vestments. I am delighted with my appointment and look forward to serving you as I begin my priestly ministry. Please keep me in your prayers.