

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Thank you for your generous offerings, last weeks collection came to £1047.40 St. Philip's Offertory amounted to £302.50

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**

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**CHURCH CLEANING** - Team 5 are on duty this week

#### 'OPEN THE WINDOW - OUR ADVENT RETREAT DAY'

We are delighted to offer an Advent Retreat Day on **Saturday 21 November** in the parish centre. **Mary Hardiman** will lead us in a special day of reflection called '**Open the window**' where she will explore how we open the window to Christ, allowing his humility, love and compassion to guide us towards Christmas. She'll be looking at what the Bible says about the coming of the Messiah and how we can apply that to our preparations. Come for a **9.30am start** (when the kettle will be on) in the parish centre; we'll have Mass at noon in church. Back to the parish centre after Mass to eat **your packed lunch**, then hear Mary's afternoon reflection. We aim to finish around 4pm. This is an annual event which is always really popular, so do plan to come and enjoy both the spiritual and the social elements. All are welcome.

#### PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady, at Walsingham, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2027. Half board accommodation, transport by coach, programme of processions & services. Estimated cost, ensuite accommodation £486, standard accommodation £420. Final cost known once transport arrangements finalised. Clergy will be Fr. Philip, Fr. Peter Burke & Deacon Steve Pomeroy (formerly of St. Peter's). Contact Peter Henshaw if interested, 07845 711540, [peterhenshaw26@gmail.com](mailto:peterhenshaw26@gmail.com).

**LAMBS** additional needs group will meet in the Parish Centre on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November the between 4.00 and 6.00 pm Any parishioners you like join us at 4-30 would be most welcome.

Hopefully we will be having our bingo session and food and refreshments. Future dates for **LAMBS** are: 13th December, 31st January, 28th February, 28th March, 25th April, 30th May, 27th June, 25th July

**AUTUMN GROUND CLEAR UP** "A Date for your diaries! The autumn grounds clean up will take place on Saturday November 7th this year, commencing at 9.00am. Many hands make lightwork. Everybody welcome. Please bring gloves, loppers, spades, barrows, brushes, leaf blowers and other such useful implements. For catering purposes please add your name to the list on the notice board in the porch at the back of the church.

#### SAVE THE DATE 80's and Motown Night

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for an evening packed with unforgettable classics, iconic 80's anthems and smooth Motown hits! Saturday 7th November from 7.00 pm Tickets £10 each including light snacks and nibbles. Bring your friends, grab a drink and make it a night to remember. Call Rita on 07483114783 for tickets but be quick, it's bound to be a sell out.

#### THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Do come and join us at **FOOTSTEPS** - the last one this year - on Thursday 12 November to hear **James Gallogly** presenting '**The Lord works in strange ways**' - **Faith and Prison Ministry**. James will be sharing insights and experience from his work as an RC Chaplain and Family Liaison Officer in the prison service. We hope you'll be there to enjoy our informal, friendly event which takes place at 7.30pm in a café-style setting **in the parish centre**; we serve light refreshments and nibbles along with a good sprinkling of humour. Footsteps provides a forum for all denominations where we can listen to and reflect on various topics as we journey in our Christian faith. We look forward to welcoming you.

Remember, many of our talks have been recorded and are available on our parish website:

<https://stpeterscatholic.church/Parish-News-Events/#talks-section>.

**PLEASE NOTE THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM THROUGH THE CAR PARK** The entrance is off Green Lane, the exit via Charles Street.

#### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

#### THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service, the common good and solidarity of those who have less

#### THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING:  
Revelation 7:  
2-4, 9-14

Psalm 24:  
Such are the people  
who seek your face, O  
Lord

SECOND READING:  
1 John 3:  
1-3

GOSPEL  
ACCLAMATION:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA  
Come to me, all who  
labour and are heavy  
laden, says the  
Lord, and I will give  
you rest  
ALLELUIA !

GOSPEL READING:  
MATTHEW 5  
1-12

Rejoice and be  
glad, for your  
reward is great  
in heaven

The Sacrament  
of Reconciliation  
will be celebrated  
in the Sacristy on  
Saturday morning  
11am – 11.45am  
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)

Ordinary Time Week XXXI

Psalter Week III

#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026

11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12.00 Noon Barbara Binnie Birthday Memories 100th

6.00 pm Mass at Offerton – Carol Makin

Readings: Phillipians 1: 18-26; Psalm 41; Luke 14: 7-11

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026 – ALL SAINTS

8.30 am Deceased members of the Begley,, Mannion and Smyth CHOIR

10.00 am Lionel Browne RIP FOLK GROUP

11.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass in St Philips

6.00 pm People of the Parish PRAISE BE!

Readings: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026 Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

12.00 pm Niall Galloway RIP

7.00 pm Holy Souls Mass

Readings: Isaiah 25:6, 7-9; Psalm 27; Romans 5: 5-11; Matthew 11:25-30

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2026 St Winefride

12.00 pm Patrick O'Brien RIP 1.30 pm

1.30 pm Funeral Service for John Hardy

Readings: Song of Songs 8: 6-7; Psalm 45; Matthew 13: 44-46

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - St Charles Borromeo

9.15 am Mass at St. Philips - For the sick

12 Noon Service of Word and Communion

1.30 pm Funeral Service for John Hardy

Readings: Phillipians 2: 12-18; Psalm 26; Luke 14: 25-33

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2026

12.00 pm Margaret Birch RIP

Readings: Phillipians 3: 3-8; Psalm 104; Luke 15: 1-10

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2026

12.00 Noon Ged Newcombe RIP

6 - 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Readings: Phillipians 3: 17-4:1, Psalm 121; Luke 16: 1-8

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2026

11.00—11.45 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

12.00 Noon James Keane RIP

6.00 pm Mass at St Philips - Sr Bernadette O'Dwyer RSM

Readings: Phillipians 4: 10-19; Psalm 111; Luke 16: 9-15

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2026 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 am People of the Parish PRAISE BE!

10.00 am Damien and Tony Byrne – Birthday memories CHOIRS

11.00 pm Syro Malabar Mass in St Philips

6.00 pm Abraham M, Chinnamma Abraham, John T and Aleyamma RIP PIANO

Readings: Wisdom 6: 12-16; Psalm 62; Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL WAR VICTIMS

## Your prayers are asked for:

**LATELY DECEASED John Hardy** whose Funeral Service will be held at St. Peter's on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 1.30 pm , **Stanley Sutton** whose Funeral Service will be held at St. Peter's on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am followed by burial at Mill Lane Cemetery , **Lionel Browne** (who died in Canada) **Margaret Woodall** whose funeral service will be at Stockport Crematorium in the Rowan Chapel at 1.45 pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. **Margaret Birch** whose Requiem Mass will be on Thursday [5th November 11am at St Edward's Macclesfield, 145 London Rd, Macclesfield SK11 7RZ](#). **Richard Gregg** whose Requiem Mass will be held at St. Peter's on Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 Noon followed by burial at Mill Lane Cemetery.

**ANNIVERSARIES THAT OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME** Rose Revie, Angela Rhodes, Anne Davidson, Margaret Wills, Gerard Morrell, Thomas Simmon, Irene Heap, Florence Bradshaw, Bernard Gibbs, George Normanse3ll, Patricia Roper, Thomas Newcombe, Ted Nestor, Bernard O'Gara, Margaret Kenny, Damien Byrne, Mary Box.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** The dates for the next Baptism Preparation sessions are 24th and 31st January 2027@11am in the Parish Centre (after 10am Mass). If you would like to register for the January sessions please email [stpetersbaptism1@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersbaptism1@gmail.com) for the Baptism Preparation Request form. The aim of the sessions is to help parents prepare for the baptism of their child & to reflect on their role as the first teachers of the faith.

**PRAYER INTENTION** We have a team of 'prayer warriors' who will pray for your intentions, send them to the Parish Office and they will be forwarded. You can also light a 'virtual candle' on the Parish Website

### GOSPEL Matthew 5: 1-12

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our next event will be on **MONDAY** 2<sup>nd</sup> November when we will be joining the Holy Souls Mass in Church at 7.00 pm with refreshments afterwards. If you would like more information about the Bereavement Group please contact Helen on 07854928072 or email [admin@stpetershazelgrove.org](mailto:admin@stpetershazelgrove.org). You are welcome no matter how recently or how long ago you lost a loved one.

### HOLY SOULS MASS

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00 pm there will be a Mass for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. to which we invite all those who have lost a loved one over the past 12months., everyone is welcome to join us at this special time of year. There will also be a basket on the Altar during November for you to put any Prayer Intentions for deceased loved ones.

### Holy Souls Display

The Bereavement Group have made a display of deceased Parishioners family and friends from Order of Service booklets to be displayed in Church during November. If you would like a picture/photograph added please leave it in the box in the porch by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### SHINE SHINE SHINE – CALL FOR ARTICLES

We're looking to produce the next issue of our parish magazine, Shine, in mid December before the schools break up. So, now is the time to start getting your information and stories together and sorting out your photographs. You'll see in previous issues of Shine which are available on the website, that it's a great way of sharing what's going on in our parish communities in Offerton and Hazel Grove, what hobbies you might have, what your parish group has been doing, etc. Please send your articles and photos to [terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:terrythiele@hotmail.co.uk) by **Sunday 1 November**. If you haven't got Email don't let that stop you – just hand your papers and photos to any of our clergy in an envelope marked for Terry Thiele. It's time to Shine!

**PARISH PASTORAL TEAM** - Would you like to help make a difference in our parish? Please approach Fr Philip if you'd like to join the Parish Pastoral Team. We meet 4–5 times a year to share ideas, discuss pastoral needs and explore ways we can support and strengthen our parish community.

**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

**THE SHROUD OF TURIN The Fifth Gospel.** A date for your diaries. On **Thursday 26th November at 7.30 PM** at St Peter's Parish Centre, there will be an evening talk on The Shroud of Turin by Michael Kowalski, author of 'The Shroud of Christ: Evidence of a 2000-Year Antiquity' All welcome.

**St Peter's Youth Group (SPY)** meets monthly on a Sunday after 6PM Mass in the Parish Centre and all young people of high school age, year 7 and above (up to and including college age) are invited to come along. SPY is a great way to keep in touch with your faith and your friends, as well as making new friends, as you move on into your High School Years. SPY is also the place to come if you are interested in being Confirmed (year 8 and above) Come along for Faith sharing, friendship, lots of fun and of course food! (7pm - 8.30 pm) All welcome.

The Spy dates for this term are:-

Sunday 8th November Sunday 22nd November - Feast of Christ the King/Youth Sunday - the young people will be involved in the Youth Mass at 6 PM

Sunday 13th December

### ALPHA

Alpha restarts after the half-term break this Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at St Philip's at 7.30. This week's topic is: 'Why and how should I read the Bible?' There's a seat for you.

### ST PETER'S HELPERS

**Help needed** We are always looking to welcome new helpers who can help set up, serve, bake, drive, or help on a regular basis at our chai and chat group. Contact Clare for an informal chat via [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com)

### Cards

Birthday, occasion and **Christmas** cards will be on sale after the 08.30 and 10.00 Masses on: 01, 08, 15, 22 and 29 November, 06 and 20 December. There is a very varied selection of cards including both religious and non-religious Christmas cards and cards suitable for children. As usual, all of the proceeds will be use to support local good causes.

### Card making

The next card making session will be on Thursday, 05 November at 10.00 in the Meeting Room. We will be making Christmas cards. All materials will be provided. There is no charge but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to charity if you wish. Please let me know by Tues, 03 November if you wish to attend. (01663 762974, [mvbinnie@gmail.com](mailto:mvbinnie@gmail.com) )

### HAZEL GROVE CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Christian communities in Hazel Grove are re-launching Hazel Grove Churches Together. The ecumenical group will seek to find ways of working and worshipping together. We are looking for people who would be willing to represent St. Peter's in this important endeavour. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Kevin for further details

**Stockport Ecumenical Christmas Carol Singing** @ Aldi on 9<sup>th</sup> December

### Come and sing with BBC Songs of Praise!

One of the world's longest-running TV programmes invites you to a special event at Christ Church West Didsbury.

**Please see notices at the back of Church for both of these events**

### SAINT PETER'S BOOK CLUB

Our first recommendation is **The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd** - this is the story of Ana, the daughter of Matthias, who lived in first century Galilee and has been allowed to learn to write, in a time when very few women were taught this skill. Our second recommendation is **Poor by Katriona O'Sullivan**. Through this memoir the author speaks about her hardship growing up as a child of parents who were drug addicts, and how often it was school and kind teachers that taught her that she deserved more than what she had. Finally, **Theo of Golden by Allen Levi**, is a heartwarming story about the power of kindness when a mysterious older man moves to the small Georgia town of Golden for one year. Our next meeting is on the 19th January - please contact Alison McGarr on 07792 107152 if you would like to join us.