

St Peter's Newsletter



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You are all welcome to our Church

We warmly welcome you all to St Peter's.

To help those who might not be familiar with the words of the Mass, some booklets and leaflets are available at the back of the Church. Please ask a Welcomer for one.

New parishioners are invited to fill in one of the forms at the back of Church and hand to Fr Peter or put in the collection basket.

Just a smile for a person can speak volumes. The words can follow, but start with a smile

Part of the
Mother of God
Local Pastoral Area
In Stockport

The next meeting of
the Parish
Pastoral Team will
be on Tuesday
1st March 2016



The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8;

Psalm 137

Response

Before the angels I will
bless you, O Lord

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says
the Lord, because I
have made known to
you everything I have
learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

**The Sacrament
of Reconciliation
will be celebrated on
Saturday between
11.00am-11.45am**

LIVE ON THE INTERNET

To access our Masses go
to
[www.churchservices.tv/
stockport](http://www.churchservices.tv/stockport)

Ordinary Time Week 5 - Year C Weekday Readings - Cycle 2 Divine Office Psalter - Week 3 and 4

Sunday 7th February 2016 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 30am Christine Glazier (RIP)
10 00am Helene Tadler (RIP)
6 00pm People of the Parish
7.30pm Mass in Syro Malabar rite
Readings Isaiah 6:1-8; Ps 137; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Monday 8th February 2016

12.00noon The Cheetham family (RIP)
Readings Psalter Week 3 - 1 Kings 8:1-7.9-13. Ps 131; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday 9th February

12.00noon Intentions of Rita Kress
Readings Psalter Week 3 - 1 Kings 8:22-23.27-20; Ps 83; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday 10th February - Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting and Abstinence Distribution of Ashes at all Masses

9.15am Mass at St Philip's
12.00noon Fr Gerard McBride (RIP)
7.30pm Agnes Bumstead and Muriel Christie (RIP)
Readings Psalter Week 4 - Joel 2:12-18; Ps 50; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6.16-18

Thursday 11th February

12.00noon Christine Glazier (RIP)
7.30pm Mass for Lourdes Hospitality
Readings Psalter Week 4 - Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Ps 1; Luke 9:22-25

Friday 12th February

12.00noon John Cain (RIP)
5 00pm-7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed sacrament and opportunity for
Reconciliation
Readings Psalter Week 4 - Isaiah 58:1-9; Ps 50; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 13th February

11.00-11.45am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
12.00noon Joe Lynch (RIP)
6.00pm Vigil Mass in Polish
Readings Psalter Week 4 - Isaiah 58:9-14; Ps 85; Luke 5:27-32

Sunday 14th February 2016 - First Sunday in Lent

8 30am Eileen's intentions
10 00am Agnes Higgins (RIP)
6 00pm People of the Parish
Readings Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Ps 90; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

New rotas are available today in the Sacristy.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION TODAY
SUNDAY, 7th FEBRUARY**

the sick - we pray for Canon Harry Stratton, Canon Philip Moor and all those who are sick, remembering all those in the parish, in our hospitals and nursing homes. We also remember those who are housebound and are unable to come to Mass.

lately dead -

those whose anniversaries occur at this time - Christine Joyce, James Andrews Cliff Hallworth, Adrian Foy, David Snelgrove, Rosemary McCartney,

PRAYER INTENTIONS We have left a file in the Lady Chapel and invite you to write there any particular intentions for prayer that you may have and we would ask that if you go to light a candle you include in your prayers all the intentions mentioned in the prayer file

To prepare for this prayer, spend a few moments asking the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear this Word being spoken to you today.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - Luke 5:1-11

Now he was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.- He got into one of the boats-it was Simon's-and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'. 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man'. For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. What link does this passage have with daily life?
3. Imagine yourself there with the disciples. What do you notice about their thoughts and feelings ...and yours?
4. 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful person'. Spend time in quiet reflection on the meaning of these words.

For Conversation
What following Jesus demands of you.

For those who find these gospel reflections helpful you may wish to look at www.wednesdayword.org where you can see next Sunday's reading and reflection by Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



Pope Francis has called for an Extraordinary Holy Year, beginning in Advent last year, with the theme of Mercy.

There are some little booklets available 'A Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy 2015-16' which have a series of articles about the Holy Year and about Mercy. Please take one, the suggested contribution is £1. An important part of a Holy Year is a pilgrimage and during the next year there will be the usual pilgrimage to Lourdes on offer at the end of July 2016, a diocesan pilgrimage to Rome in October 2016 and a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 21st—1st December 2016. Flights from Manchester to Tel Aviv and staying at the Hotel Gloria in Jerusalem and then at the Ron Beach Hotel in Tiberias by Lake Galilee. Cost is £1695 on a half board basis. More details from Fr Peter.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR HOLY YEAR OF MERCY October 17th –21st 2016

Bishop Mark will lead the pilgrimage. We will visit the major Basilicas of Rome including passing through the Holy Door at St Peter's. In addition there will be a **General Audience with the Holy Father and a visit and Holy Hour at the Venerable English College. Flights are from Manchester. Booking forms for the above are now available from Fr Peter. The cost is £695 based on sharing a twin/double room or £565 sharing a triple room. This includes 10kg of hand luggage but 15kgs of hold luggage will cost a further £30. Travel insurance which is essential is not included. Accommodation is at the Lancelot Hotel www.lancelothotel.com or The Domus Australia (www.domusaustralia.org) which is a guest house belonging to the Archdiocese of Sydney! There are some single rooms available at £825 per person**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Booking forms for the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes are now available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. The prices are the same as last year.

Diocesan Jubilee of Youth - Sunday March 20th

To all young adults of the Diocese: Bishop Mark invites you to join him in responding to Pope Francis' call to 'enter the door of mercy' in this Holy Year. The Jubilee Year event for young people will take place at St Chad's High School in Runcorn on Sunday 20th March to hear from John Pridmore (former East End gangster) and the Cenacolo Community (a life changing community for addicts), as well taking time for prayer, reflection, Adoration and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The afternoon is a great opportunity to gather together with other young people in a spirit of faith and friendship. See Notice Board for more information

Diocesan News

Lourdes Hospitality Mass A Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated here at St Peter's at **7.30pm on Thursday 11th February 2016**. Everyone will be welcome, especially all members of the Diocesan Lourdes Hospitality. Light refreshments will be available after Mass.

Celebrating the Holy Year of Mercy in Prayer, Scripture and Music at St Mary's, Middlewich on 20th February - 10.30am-1.00pm. Tea and coffee available from 10.00am. Cost of session £3 per head, max £15 per parish. Book by ringing 01606 832359 or email stmarys-rcmiddlewich@gmail.com

World Youth Day Krakow 2016: For any 16 – 35 year olds there are still a few places available on the Diocesan trip to Poland (19th July – 2nd August 2016) to celebrate with Pope Francis and millions of other young people from all over the world. The last date for applications is Monday 8th February. Further details and booking form at: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/youth>

Day of Reflection Saturday 20th February 2016 A 'Day of Reflection' led by Fr Jonathan Brandon has been organised by 'A.C.T.S.' ('ADULT CATHOLICS TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY'). Anyone aged between 18 – 35 is most welcome. Fr Jonathan will lead us prayerfully through the day which is being held at Wistaston Hall, Crewe CW2 8JS. The day will start approximately at 9.30am until approx 5pm (exact times to be confirmed nearer the date). £20 (£15 for unemployed/students). If you would like to join us or wish to know more about it please contact Siobhan at siobhanbc@talktalk.net or tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761 138947 .

Local Pastoral Area News

RCIA The next session will be on 18th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Evron Centre. The topic will be 'Our Lady'

Confirmation The next session will be on Wednesday 24th February 2016 in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 6.30pm. Thank you to all who have volunteered to be Prayer Sponsors for our candidates.

Introduction to Liturgy Course Dr. Marian Tolley will be leading the Course on Saturdays 27th February and 12th March from 10 am to 3 pm with coffee/tea from 9.30 am at St. Vincent's, Bramhall. Please bring a packed lunch.

The Sessions are: Introduction to Liturgy, Lent Liturgies, the Liturgies of Holy Week and Lay led Liturgies. This course is open to everyone.

LPA Midweek stay at Ampleforth Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th April. Group will be led by Fr Terence (Prior) through one major book of the bible.. Full details on the Notice Board.

READERS REFLECTION will take place NEXT Saturday February 13th from 10 00 a.m. lead by Margaret Lillis and finishing with Mass at lunchtime. Every reader should make an effort to attend

Parish Events

Songs of Praise On April 12th 1931 St Peter's, Hazel Grove was opened and a first Mass was held. To celebrate the 85th Anniversary of this event a "Songs of Praise" service will be held on Sunday April 17th at 3.00pm. We will have the opportunity in advance to nominate our favourite hymns and the most popular choices will be sung at the service. There will also be contributions from our primary schools and the church choirs and musicians. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the Parish Centre afterwards. You are all very welcome.

SVP Winter Lunch We are hoping for your kind help and support in transporting our guests to Winter Lunch on Tuesday, 23rd February. If you are able to help us in any way please contact Christine Neary on 0777303 2324 or cneary@hotmail.co.uk.

J&P Group-Supporting Asylum Seekers in Stockport. The clothing scheme has been running for some months now and on average we serve 20 visitors each week. Each gets to choose clothing for their own needs and also get a bag containing toiletries, socks and underwear. Light refreshments are served whilst they are waiting. All seem to be grateful for our efforts. We have heard some harrowing stories of their journey to the UK.

Thank you to all the people who have been bringing in clothes. Please do keep collecting, BUT JUST FOR THE TIME BEING WOULD YOU HOLD ON TO THEM. Our storage area is full and we are trying to make some more space. The scheme may be expanded to cover ladies and children's clothing, but for now a further big thank you to all the volunteers and all those who have supported the scheme so far. Keep your eyes open for the date when we ask you to start bringing them again. We will put a notice in the Newsletter.

One of the suitcases which was donated contained a travelling clock. If this was a mistake please contact the parish office.

The Marriage Course - started in the Parish Centre on February 1st, and will continue every Monday at 7.30pm for the seven week course. The Marriage Course is for any couple who wants to invest in their relationship, whether you have been together 1 or 61 years and whether you have a strong relationship or are struggling. Couples are served a candlelit dinner at a romantic table for two, while listening to practical talks on DVD that are informative and fun. Registration is required for this course. For further information or to express interest in attending, please contact Laura or David Small on 01625 876752.

Walking Group The next walk will be on 28th February. Meet at Nelson's Pitt, Higher Poynton for a 10.00am start through the dry parts of Lyme Park.

Alpha Feel in need of a fresh start? Why not try Alpha? A daytime Alpha is running at St Simon's school on Tuesdays from 1.30pm - 3.20pm. There is an evening Alpha at St Vincent's Church, Bramhall at 7.00pm, and also on Thursday evenings at The Wellspring in Stockport at 6.00pm. Why not give Alpha some thought? Think about maybe coming along yourself and who you could bring with you? Everyone is welcome, of any faith background or none. For more information contact Rachel 487 1659 or Karen 07939 052357 or speak to Fr Peter. **Please keep Alpha in your prayers.**

COMING SOON - PARISH MEETING WITH HOT POT SUPPER AND BAR

LENT 2016 - Year of Mercy

Lent begins on Wednesday (Ash Wednesday a day of fasting and abstinence). Masses will be at 9.15am in St Philip's and then 12 noon and 7.30pm in St Peter's. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each Mass.

LENTEN LUNCHESES Once again home made soup, roll, tea/coffee will be served after the noon Mass on Friday's February 19th, 26th, March 4th, 11th and 18th. Would anybody willing to make soup or help on any of these dates please contact Helen on 07854 928 072. The proceeds will go towards the Chimbote Mission in Peru where Fr Ned Wall served.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on each Friday of Lent from 5.00pm till 7.00pm with opportunity for individual Reconciliation. The LPA Lenten Service of reconciliation will be on Saturday March 19th at Our Lady's at 2.30pm (County are away so there will be car parking available!!)

Churches Together in Hazel Grove will hold services during Lent as follows: Wednesdays February 17th - Baptist Church; 24th - URC; March 2nd - St Peter's; 9th - Norbury; 16th - Methodist.. Each service will all start at 7.30pm and there will be refreshments at the end.

Cafod During Lent this year Cafod are encouraging us to look at how access to clean water can help to improve the lives of many, especially those of women and girls. The Family Fast collection will be geared to all this and as in previous years you are invited to fast during Lent and give to the retiring collection for Cafod on Easter Sunday

Admin Matters

Monday, 8th February - St Bede's Guild

Monday, 15th February - St Thomas More's Guild

Offertory Gifts Thank you for your donations last week which amounted to £1,339.05 plus £590 by Standing Order. If you attend Mass in one of the other parishes and use envelopes from St Peter's then do please put them into the collection wherever you attend Mass and they will find their way back to us. This is specially important if you are on GIFT AID. Equally if you are visiting from another parish you may leave your Offertory envelope here and we will return it to the right parish - honest!

Cafod - Thank you for your donations last week which amounted to £53.90

Retired Priests' Fund - Many thanks for your further donations which amounted to £90

Cleaning - Team 3 are on duty this week

Callers - Could we ask that callers to the Presbytery please use the front door and also if you are putting an envelope through the letter box there is no need to ring the bell.

References - We remind anybody who is putting Fr Peter down as referee to contact him in person, not by phone or email.

ROTAS FOR READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 10 00 a.m. MASS ARE ALL ON THE WEBSITE

Some useful phone numbers

Stepping Hill Hospital Chaplaincy 419 5889 for requests for Holy Communion

To page the Catholic Chaplain in an emergency 483 1010 and ask for Catholic Chaplain

St Peter's Primary School 0161 483 2431 **St Simon's Primary School** 0161 483 9696

St James High School 0161 482 6900 **Harrytown High School** 0161 430 5277

Aquinas College 0161 483 3237

St Peter's Parish Centre

The Centre is available for parties (birthday, wedding, anniversary, christenings etc) Bookings are to be made as follows: Friday to Sunday bookings requiring the bar and children's parties on Saturday should be referred to the Bar Supervisor, Tracy, on 077799 63535, or the booking line 480 0741. (If you use this number you must clearly state that you want St Peters). For all other bookings **Monday to Thursday** or anyone wishing to use the Meeting Room phone Helen on 07854 928 072.

CLEANER URGENTLY REQUIRED for the Parish Centre. Please call Tracy on 077799 63535 for details.

Theatre Trips

All ticket prices, unless stated otherwise, include coach fare. Cheques should be made payable to 'St Peters.'

In addition to our evening theatre trips would anyone be interested in a matinee performance. If so, please put your name on the list on the Notice Board.

Cats at the Opera House on 11th February 2016. Price £41. **Coach leaves from The Anchor at 6.30pm.**

Billy Elliott at The Palace on 15th December 2016. Price £48. Some more tickets have become available. Please let Tony Martin know ASAP if you are interested..

Mrs Diane Duckworth is fundraising for the Sandalwood Suite at Stepping Hill Hospital in memory of her son who was born asleep 13 years ago. Sandalwood is a special suite of rooms purpose built to offer comfort and support for bereaved parents. The suite itself is in need of updating and constant maintenance. There are lots of fundraising events taking place culminating in a St Patrick's night disco at St Kentigern's in Levenshulme on Saturday 19th March. Tickets are £5 and available from Diane duckworthdianne@yahoo.com or 07456 391191 Live Irish music from "The Last Drop" Irish dancers and an auction

40 Days for Life Manchester starts Ash Wednesday

Take a stand for life this Lent. Sign up online www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/manchester-2/ or call Michael 07810 791032.

Parish Diary

Sunday	Refreshments after the 10.00am Mass
Monday	Dancing in the Parish Centre - 2.00-4.00pm Brownies in the Scout Hut - 6.30-7.45pm Marriage Course in the Parish Centre at 7.15pm.
Tuesday	Centring Prayer Parish Centre at 11.15am Cubs in the Scout Hut - 7.00-8.30pm Guides at School St Guide H.Q. 7.45-9.30pm Sequence Dancing in the Parish Centre at 8.00pm (tuition at 7.30pm) Slimming World in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm
Wednesday	Luncheon Club in the Parish Centre at noon (Contact Margaret Hulme on 07775 162 694) Beavers in the Scout Hut - 6.00-7.15pm Scripture Group in the Meeting Room at 7.30pm
Thursday	Little Fishes in the Parish Centre at 9.30am Rainbows in the Scout Hut - 6.15-7.15pm Adult Choir practice 8.00-9.30pm in church
Friday	Local History at 10.00am in the Meeting Room Junior Choir Practice at 5.45-6.30pm
Saturday	Irish Dancing in the Parish Centre from 10.30am-1.30pm