

St Peter's Newsletter



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You are all welcome to our Church

We warmly welcome you all to St Peter's.

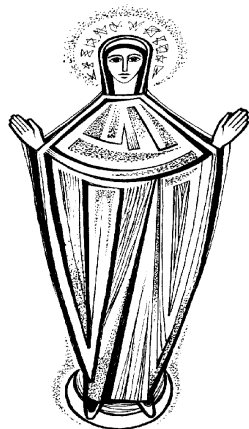
To help those who might not be familiar with the words of the Mass, some booklets and leaflets are available at the back of the Church. Please ask a Welcomer for one.

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.

When you greet a stranger, they will no longer feel a stranger. And you will feel good. Try it.

Part of the
Mother of God
Local Pastoral Area
In Stockport

The next meeting of
the Parish
Pastoral Team will
be on Monday
21st September



The Word of God

First Reading

Apocalypse 11:19;
12:1-6.10

Psalms 44

Response

On your right stands
the queen in garments
of gold

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken
up into heaven; all the
choirs of angels are
rejoicing. *Alleluia!*

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

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

Ordinary Time B Week 20 Weekday Readings - Cycle 1 Divine Office Psalter - Week 4

Sunday 16th August 2015 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 30am Thanksgiving (47th wedding anniversary)
10 00am Claire Dolan (RIP)
6 00pm People of the Parish
Readings Apocalypse 11:19.12:1-6.10; Ps 44; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

Monday 17th August

12.00noon SERVICE OF WORD AND COMMUNION
Readings Judges 2:11-19; Ps 105; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday 18th August

12.00noon SERVICE OF WORD AND COMMUNION
Readings Judges 6:11-24; Ps 84; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday 19th August

12 .00noon SERVICE OF WORD AND COMMUNION
Readings Judges 9:6-15; Ps 20; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday 20th August - St Bernard, Ab.D

12.00noon SERVICE OF WORD AND COMMUNION
Readings Judges 11:29-39; Ps 39; Mt 22:1-14

Friday 21st August - St Pius X, Pp.

12.00noon Rose O'Connell (RIP)
Readings Ruth 1:1.3-6.14-16.22. Ps 145; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday 22nd August - The Queenship of Mary

11.00am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
12.00noon Agnes and Joe Dempsey (RIP)
6.00pm Vigil Mass in Polish
Readings Isaiah 9:1-6; Ps 112; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday 23rd August 2015 - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 30am People of the Parish
10 00am Wyn Robershaw (RIP)
6 00pm Mary Ellen Burke (RIP)
Readings Joshua 24:1-2.15-18; Ps 33; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

The next formation session for parents wanting baptism for
their children one will be on September 13th, 20th and 27th

LIVE ON THE INTERNET

To access our Masses go to www.churchservices.tv/stockport

Apologies for non publication of last week's newsletter on the website
Those who normally do it were all away!!

Your prayers
are asked for

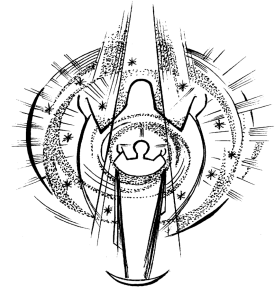
the sick - we pray for those who are sick remembering all those in the parish, in our hospitals and nursing homes who are sick, We also remember those who are housebound and are unable to come to Mass. We remember Fr Paul Lomas from Christ Church Heald Green who is in hospital at the moment

those who have died recently -

those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr Chris Jenkins, Robin McGregor, Michael O'Brien, Joe Reilly, Ellen Blood, Olive Francis, Thomas Meadows, Bridget Marie Toye, Owen Ring, Tina Davies, Edna Williamson, Agnes Dempsey, Wyn Robertshaw, Catherine Ashton,

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.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then went back home.

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine Mary's feelings as she approached Elizabeth's home how Elizabeth was feeling awaiting Mary – notice your response as the two women meet...
3. What does Mary's Magnificat tell you of God?

For Conversation
The things that make you
want to praise God

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 a Extraordinary Holy Year, beginning in Advent this year, with the theme of Mercy.

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, a diocesan pilgrimage to Rome in October and a pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the end of November 2016. Watch this space for more details in the autumn

Diocesan News

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

There is a display of photographs at the back of church. We hope to have some reflections from pilgrims in the coming weeks.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality members are invited to the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, 6th September 2015 at 2.00pm in St Wilfrid's Parish Hall, Witton Street, Northwich, CW9 5NP. For further details contact Kath Emsley, Honorary Secretary, via email at kathemsley@gmail.com.

World Youth day 2016. In Lourdes last week Bishop Mark invited the young people of the Diocese (age 16 -35) to join Pope Francis for the World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland. A group from the diocese will be travelling to Poland on 19th July to 2nd August 2016. There are still a few places available in our Diocesan group. Do you want to join them? For registration forms and more info visit www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/youth or from Pauline McCulloch at the Curial Offices pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Local Pastoral Area News

RCIA has finished. The new season will begin on 10th September. We are looking for helpers to join the team of Catechists. If you are interested please contact Tony Martin or Fr Peter.

VOCATIONS - Date for your diary

As part of the year for Vocations in the diocese we are invited to join the Bishop for a Holy Hour on Thursday September 17th at 2 00pm until 3 00pm at Christ Church, Finney Lane, Heald Green.

Parish Events

Congratulations to **Anthony Philip Dunn and Julia Louise Espley, Dominik Stanislaw Pietrzykowski and Jevenie Joy Zason-Axford, Stephen Conlon and Lesley Wilson** and **Graham Lee and Clare Timmons** who were married here over the past two weekends.

Baptisms Into our parish community we welcome **Lily-Anne Victoria Parry, Alice Marie Perry, Loulanne Lucy Gidman, Steven Joshua Wilson, Finley Samuel Wilson** who were baptised here last weekend. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

ALPHA Feel like a new start? Alpha starts at St. Peter's primary school at 1.30pm on Tuesday 22nd of September and runs for 10 weeks excluding half term. It is open to all – of any faith background or none. There is also an evening Alpha at St. Anne's Cheadle Hulme on Mondays starting on October the 5th. To find out more why not come along to the Alpha Celebration evening. See below.

On Thursday 17th September there will be an **Alpha celebration** evening in the Parish centre open to everybody. We particularly look forward to welcoming back all those who have taken part in the recent Alpha course, anyone who has attended Alpha in the past and anyone interested in doing Alpha in the future. The evening starts with supper at 7 pm. Why not come along and find out what Alpha is all about? This would be a good 'taster' evening before the new courses commence. Why not invite somebody to come with you? For further information speak to Rachel or John on 0161 487 1659..

Walking Group today. Meet at Compstall (money needed for Car Park) for 10.00am start. Then River Goyt, Romiley Golf Club, Werneth Lowe. Return for 1.00pm

The Sons and Daughters Prayer Group is having a summer break this year and will not be meeting again until **Wednesday 2nd September** with Exposition at 7.30pm

Proclaim '15 Prayer must be our cornerstone, at every level. God has His plan and we need to listen to Him. The Holy Spirit was definitely at the recent conference in Birmingham Proclaim '15 is the start of something special. Watch this space.

Children's Liturgy Support Leaders Wanted!

Our Support Leaders accompany the Catechists during each Children's Liturgy session in compliance with the directive from the Diocese. There is no planning required (leave that to the catechists). There is approximately a three week rota. If you feel that you can help in this valuable service, please contact Janice (0161 456 6157).

On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. There are some postcards available in the porch to use to contact our local MPs urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can also send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can also be found at the back of church as well as copies of **Key Issues Brief from SPUC** is also available at the back of church.

'Come and See' 2015 at Christ the King School, Stamford Road, Southport, PR8 4EX - 3rd to 4th October 2014. Keynote speaker Sr Helen Prejean (the real woman behind 'Dead Man Walking'). Music and prayer led by Jo Boyce and friends. Full details on the Notice Board.

The Gift - Did you ever receive a present which you didn't unwrap? - **The Gift ... unwrapping soon!** ... Watch this space

Away again! Fr Peter will be off on his hols after today. During his time away we will be welcoming Monsignor Charles Cavanagh from the Diocese of Paisley, Scotland. Mgr Charlie was the pilgrimage director for Paisley and has now retired from parish ministry which is why he is available to supply here. He will be around for the three weekends and for some parts of the weeks whilst Fr Peter is away.

Admin Matters

Monday, 17th August - St. Edmund Campion's Guild

Monday, 24th August - St Bede's Guild

Offertory Gifts Thank you for your donations last week which amounted to £1,126.10 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 £58.35

Cleaning - Team 2 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 - Could we remind anybody who is putting Fr Peter down as a 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.

Theatre Trips

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

Theatre Trips 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.

Mack and Mabel at the Opera House, 22nd October. Cost £40. **SOLD OUT.**

SALE OF BOOKS AND JEWELLERY which belonged to Carole McLachlan (RIP) will be held in the house and garden of her home, 45, Penrhyn Crescent, Hazel Grove, on Sunday 23rd August from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Tea and cake will also be available. Proceeds in aid of Beachwood Cancer Care, Stockport.

Parish Diary

Sunday	Tea and coffee served after the 10.00am Mass
Monday	Dancing in the Parish Centre from 2.00-4.00pm
	Youth SVP at Shepley House at 7.00pm
Tuesday	Centring Prayer in the Parish Centre at 11.15am
	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)
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	Irish Dancing in the Parish Centre from 10.30am-1.30pm

