

St Peter's Newsletter

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Part of the
Mother of God
Local Pastoral Area
In Stockport

Welcome

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 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 a priest.

The next meeting of
the Parish Pastoral
Team will be on
Monday March 12th



The Word of God

First Reading
Job 7:1-4

Psalm: 146

Response
Praise the Lord who
heals the broken hearted

Second Reading
1 Cor 9:16-19.22-23

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the
world, says the Lord, an-
yone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Mark 1:29-39

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

Ordinary Time Week 5 - Year B: Weekday Readings - Cycle 2: Divine Office Psalter - Week 1:

Sunday 5th February 2012 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Peter Onions' intentions
10.00am Dom Dunstan Bumstead OSB (RIP)
11.30am Laurie Cregan (RIP)
4.00pm Polish Mass
6.00pm People of the Parish

Morning Prayer of the Church Monday to Friday at 8.30am in Church

Monday 6th February - St Paul Miki & Companions, Mm

12.00noon **Requiem Mass for Sheila Carter**
Readings 1 Kings 8:1-7.9-13; Ps 131; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday 7th February

12.00noon Paddy O'Callaghan (RIP)
Readings 1 Kings 8:22-23.27-30; Ps 83; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday 8th February

12.00noon John Joseph Williams (RIP)
Readings 1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 36; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday 9th February

12.00noon The Cheetham Family (RIP)
Readings 1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 105; Mark 7:24-30

Friday 10th February - St Scholastica, V

12.00noon John Binnie (RIP)
Readings 1 Kings 11:29-32.12:19; Ps 80; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday 11th February

11-11.45am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
12.00noon For all staff who helped save lives on the Costa Concordia
and all those who died
Readings 1 Kings 12:26-32.13:33-34; Ps 105; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday 12th February 2012 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Margaret (Peggy) Wagstaffe's intentions
10.00am People of the Parish
11.30am John Cain (RIP)
4.00pm Polish Mass
6.00pm Charles Ian Blythe's intentions
Readings Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46; Ps 31; Cor 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

Question of the Week. We have contrasted Jesus' peaceful balance and Job's bleak experience of life as an endless cycle of frenetic activity and troubled rest. But isn't Job's story often ours? The perfect balancing of contemplation, action, prayer and pastoral ministry is realised in Jesus. Perhaps St Mark is challenging us to consider the elements of Jesus' life and their mutual relationship: from synagogue to healing, back to prayer. As Lent draws near we can consider our life balance, where is the prayer, where is the action?

the sick - We pray for 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.

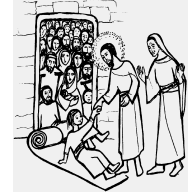
those whose anniversaries occur at this time - Teresa Maguire, Christine Joyce, Cliff Hallworth, Adrian Foy, David Snelgrove

lately dead - Sheila Carter. May she rest in peace. Requiem Mass for Sheila tomorrow, (6th) at 12 noon

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

Gospel Reading - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - B: Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.



That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you'. He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came'. And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

For Conversation:

The ways you balance prayer and activity in daily

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine yourself alongside the followers of Jesus... notice the way those around you respond to all that is happening... notice your own response... What

Diocesan News

The 2012 Diocesan Mass to Celebrate Marriage will be at 2.00pm on Saturday (11th) at St Wilfrid's Church, Witton Street, Northwich.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The dates for the 2012 pilgrimage are

**Tuesday 24th July to Wednesday 1st August 2012 overland and
Wednesday 25th July to Tuesday 31st July 2012 by air.**

Preparations for the pilgrimage are well underway but, given the continuing fluctuation of the value of the euro against the pound sterling, we shall delay publishing our prices until the end of February so that we may hopefully be able to offer even better prices.

We anticipate that despite a slight rise in hotel costs and increased costs of the train and coaches, prices for the overland section will be broadly the same as last year. There may be an increase for the air section as only two dioceses will be using the plane in sequence this year instead of three as last year.

In the meantime, anyone wishing to reserve a seat on the plane may send their £100 deposit to the Pilgrimage Office, St Peters, 16 Green Lane, Hazel Grove, STOCKPORT SK74EA. A brochure and booking form will be sent as soon as they become available. If those who have paid deposits decide not to proceed after our prices are finalised their deposit will be fully refunded.

Local Pastoral Area News

RCIA The next meeting at the Evron Centre will be Thursday (9th) at 7.30pm. Topic 'Sacraments of Service'.

Confirmation 2012 - Bishop Mark will celebrate Confirmation here at St Peter's on Tuesday 10th July 2012 at 7.00pm The next Confirmation Meeting is tomorrow (6th) at 6.30pm in the Meeting Room

Councils of the Church The Spring Term talks, given by Fr Michael Cupit continue on: 7th and 28th February, 13th and 27th March. All the talks are at the Evron Centre from 7.30-9.15pm. See Notice Board

Retreat Afternoons at the Evron Centre. 'Preparing for Lent' Saturday 3rd March 3.00-5.00pm with Fr Mike Cupit. 'Living my Baptism' Sunday 11th March 3.00-5.00pm with Sisters Anne Marie and Phyllis. An evening 'Reflecting on the Passion of Christ' - Zefereilli's Film Jesus of Nazareth with Sisters Anne Marie and Phyllis, Tuesday 3rd April 7.30-9.00pm. All details on Notice Board.

The next Reading Groups Meeting is on Tuesday 20th March at 7.30 pm at 56 Woodford Road. The book for this term is: The Impact of God by Fr. Iain Matthew ODC. All Welcome. Any queries ring Celia on 439 3573.

Parish Events

Teas and Coffees will be served in the Parish Centre today after the 10.00am Mass. Everybody welcome

Columban Mission Appeal Next Sunday, (12th), Fr Denis Carter SSC will be appealing at all Masses on behalf of the Columban Missions worldwide

Youth Club We are open each Monday term time only 7.30 - 9.15pm. Although we now have an additional helper, without extra support the youth club is in real danger of closing down. If you are able to volunteer even if it is only once or twice a month please contact Janice on 0161 427 7589 or email her at janice.arnold2@virginmedia.com. Perhaps parents of year 6 children who are eligible to attend in Sept will be interested in ensuring that the youth club continues.

Justice and Peace POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK: 29th January to 5th February 2012 Annual Appeal for our Local Charity - THE DEPAUL TRUST - which is the largest youth homelessness organisation in the country. They work with young people, aged 16-25, who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, some of the most vulnerable people on the edge of our society.

CAN YOU HELP? The DePaul Trust would be very grateful for the following items:-

Toiletries of any kind, e.g. razors, shaving soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, shampoos, conditioners, shower gel etc, any mugs, cups & plates lying at the back of your cupboard and not used, also cutlery and kitchen utensils, towels & tea towels, clean and in good condition. **SINGLE** bedding, clean and in good condition

A good way to use unwanted Christmas gifts. Have you bought 3 items for the price of two? Could you donate one? Any donation will be gratefully received and appreciated. - Thank you. Boxes are in the porch for your donations.

PLEASE NOTE! WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT CLOTHING.

Piety Shop - New Missals. If you have ordered a Missal from the Piety Stall (with a £5 deposit) it has been reserved for you. The full price is £10. All those we ordered have been sold and we are awaiting a re-print. Watch this space.

Walking Group The next walk will be on 19th February. Park at Disley Station for a 10.00am start. Walk to canal then circular around Strines, back up to the canal and across the Golf Course to the station.

St. Peters Lourdes Group We are holding a 'Come Dine with Me' evening on February 18th in the Parish Centre 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. The cost is £10 for a three course meal and all profits will be going to the Lourdes Fund. Admission is by ticket only available from Helen on 07854928072. Please come and help us raise funds for our Pilgrimage this year. You may be on the winning table!

If you are aged 16 and over (mature helpers always welcome) and would like to join us on the Pilgrimage this year please ring Helen on the above number or speak to Fr. Peter. There is a meeting of the Lourdes Group today (5th) in the Meeting Room at 7.00pm

Why and How do I pray? Is there more to life than this? How can I make the most of the rest of my life? These are just some of the questions answered in an Alpha course starting in the Parish on Thursday 19th April. If you or someone you know would like to know more about Christianity in a light-hearted, friendly and non-threatening way, consider joining the **Alpha** course. Watch out for more information in the Newsletter and other information bulletins.

St Peters Primary School PTA is hosting a "Fish & Chips and Quiz Night" in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm on Friday, 24th February 2012. Up to 6 people per team. Tickets cost £10 per person which includes supper and quiz entry. Tickets will be available from the school office from 1st February, and will also be available on the night. For further information contact Claire on 07977 245243.

SPY Meeting - The next SPY Meeting is to be held on **Sunday 12th**, February at 7.15pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. If you attend Secondary School or 6th Form College, why not join a growing group of youngsters for fun, refreshments, music, games and light hearted discussions on this evening. For further information, feel free to contact David Small on 01625 876752

The Constant Knitters who provide hats, gloves and scarves for underprivileged children in Eastern Europe are running out of wool and would appreciate any of your left overs.

PRAYER PETITIONS TO LOURDES If anyone would like to send a prayer petition to Lourdes for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th please bring them along by Tuesday 7th so that Fr Peter can take them to Lourdes on Wednesday morning. (I know 'away again'!)

The Sunday Lunch Club - Churches in Hazel Grove More volunteers are needed to join the teams running this worthwhile and enjoyable group. The commitment is only for 2 Sundays in the year and help at Christmas and one other event in the summer. For further details please contact Kath and Roland Gingell - 0161 483 8480

SVP - Sudan Baby Appeal The appeal for funds to support the Baby Feeding programme in the Sudan raised £812. When Gift Aid is added the total rises to £1003. Thank you to everybody who contributed - your donations are very much appreciated in a country where many babies would die without the help we are able to give.

SVP Christmas Raffle This year St Peter's raised £35 for local funds and £150 for National funds by selling raffle tickets. During the 2010 raffle, £50,000 worth of tickets were sold nationally and the profits used to support a wealth of projects in every Central Council area.

SVP Meeting The next SVP meeting is on Monday, 06 February at 8.15 pm in the Meeting Room. Please come along and join us if you think you might be interested in becoming a member. You will be made very welcome.

Our next function is the Winter Lunch on 28 February at 12.00 noon in the Main Hall of the Social Centre. Please contact Mary Binnie on 01663 762974 if you are able to help with transport for some of our guests. They will need to be picked up from their homes at about 11.30 am and then taken back again at about 2.30/3.00 pm. Thank you.

SVP Shop operating in Wythenshawe. If you have items you might no longer need please contact Bernard Cain on 0161 902 9221 or 07788963970.

Churches Together in Hazel Grove - Lenten Sessions commence on 28th February. Full details next week.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE. The Queen and the whole nation will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of her accession to the throne in June. I hope we can join in the celebrations; any ideas how we could do this as a parish will be gratefully received.

Admin Matters

Collection Counters

Monday, 6th February - St Thomas More's Guild

Monday, 13th February - St Elizabeth's Guild

Offertory Gifts - Thank you for your contributions last week of £1,238.02 plus £470 by Standing Orders.

Cafod - Thank you for your donations of £74.50

Cleaning - Team 4 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 either of the priests down as a referee to contact them in person, not by phone or email.

St Peter's Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for parties (birthday, wedding, anniversary, christenings etc) Bookings are to be made as follows:

For **children's parties on Saturday** - phone Helen on 07854 928 072.

For all other bookings **Monday to Thursday** - phone Helen on 07854 928 072

For **Friday to Sunday** bookings (requiring the Bar) phone Nicola on 07928 508 450). If you need assistance with catering Christine is always ready to help and can be contacted on 0161 483 8171.

Parishioners are welcome to go into the Members Lounge when the hall is being used for functions.

Meeting Room

Will anyone wishing to use the Meeting Room please contact Helen on 07854 928 072

Could we ask parents to make sure that their children behave appropriately at all times in the Centre. **They should never be on the balcony nor in the Meeting room without adults** There have been some instances of fittings being damaged by children. **CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES.**

Theatre Trips

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

Oliver at the Palace on 9th February 2012. £46.50. Coach leaves at 6.30pm

Wonderful Town with Connie Fisher and the Hallé Orchestra at The Lowry on 12th April 2012. £38 Fully booked. If you have not yet done so please pay by end January.

King and I - Lowry 23rd February 2012 - £31. Payment due now.

Loves Labours Lost - Lowry 19th April 2012 - £22 **Carousel - Lowry** 24th May 2012 - £38

Birds of a Feather - Lowry 31st May 2012 - £28. Original TV cast. We need 9 more names to be viable.

Phantom of the Opera - Palace 26th April 2012 - Price £52. Payment due by 31st March

You can read the parish newsletter on line every week. www.stpetershazelgrove.org.uk Click onto 'Newsletter' It would be helpful and would keep costs down if those who read it on the internet would let us know so that we would be able to reduce the number of copies printed. The newsletter is normally on line on Friday evening or Saturday. Just e mail the admin address to say you would be happy to just use the on line version. Thanks

Parish Diary	Sunday	Lourdes Meeting at 7.00pm Confirmation meeting at 6.30pm in the Meeting Room
	Monday	SVP in the Meeting Room at 8.15pm Dancing in the Parish Centre - 2.00-4.00pm Brownies in the Scout Hut - 6.30-7.45pm Youth SVP at Shepley House at 7.00pm
	Tuesday	Youth Club in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm Centring Prayer in the Parish Centre at 11.15am Cubs in the Scout Hut - 7.00-8.30pm Slimming World in the Meeting Room at 7.00pm
	Wednesday	Sequence Dancing in the Parish Centre at 8.00pm (Tuition at 7.30pm) Slimming World in the Meeting Room at 10.00am WRVS Luncheon Club in the Parish Centre at noon Beavers in the Scout Hut - 6.00-7.15pm Scouts in the Scout Hut - 7.30-9.30pm
	Thursday	Line Dancing in the Parish Centre at 8.00pm Little Fishes in the Parish Centre at 10.00am Thursday Club in the Parish Centre at 2.00pm Rainbows in the Scout Hut - 6.15-7.15pm Rosary Prayer Group in the Parish Centre at 7.00pm, Adult Choir practice - 7.30-9.30pm Guides in the Scout Hut - 7.45-9.15pm
	Friday	J&P in the Parish Centre at 8.00pm Junior Choir Practice from 5.30-6.15pm
	Saturday	Children's Rosary in the Meeting Room at 6.00pm