**St Peter & St Raphael Stalybridge**

Part of Tameside Pastoral Area in the Diocese of Shrewsbury (A registered charity)

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10th February 2019**

**Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week**

Sat 9th Feb **6:30pm** Dymphna Byrne Sun 10th Feb **11:00am** Parishioners **Uniformed Group Parade**

Mon 11th Feb **9:15am** Bernadette Robertson **World Day of Prayer for the Sick** Tues 12th Feb **9:15am** Service of Word & Communion

Wed 13th Feb **1:00pm** UCM Service **UCM Intention** Thurs 14th Feb **10:00am** St. Raphael’s Class Mass **School Intention** Fri 15th Feb **9:15am** Sarah Walker

Sat 16th Feb **12:15pm** Barbara Forshaw **6:30pm** Mildred SmithSun 17th Feb **11:00am** Parishioners **Day of Prayer for Racial Justice**

**CONFESSION AND EXPOSITION:** 11:30am onwards

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit for the parishioners of St. Peter & St. Raphael

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please remember the sick and housebound in your daily prayers. If you know of any sick or housebound parishioner who would like Holy Communion, please contact Fr. Philip.

**BAPTISM:** we welcome into our parish community Navy Drew Shepley who was baptised here this weekend.

**DECEASED:** we keep all our recently deceased and all our departed loved ones in our prayers.

**MONEY MATTERS**

**Offertory collection for this weekend £812.40 as always, *thank you for your generosity.***

**Attention All Gift Aid Donors -** The Tax Year 2018/19 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will undertake the process of claiming back the gift aid refunds on donations made, indeed for 2017/18 we received back £7978.00. If your circumstances/details have changed and you no longer pay income tax (contact Michelle (338 2575) or Mick Fee (338 6994) before the end of the Tax year.

**Food Bank -** are in desperate need of tinned tomatoes and rice pudding. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**Greystones -** are looking for sleeping bags and small tents to prepare for the winter months. If you have any please leave at the back of church.

**PARISH NOTICES**

**Today is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. pg 135**

**In today’s Gospel, St. Peter begins his service as an Apostle of the Lord, we pray that each one of us may dedicate ourselves to the service of Christ.**

**THIS WEEK**

**This Sun :** 11am Uniformed Groups Church Parade and coffee morning

**Tues :** Choir Practice

**Wed :** 1pm UCM Service, followed by meeting in the Parish Hall

**Thurs :** 1.30pm Over 60’s bingo in the parish hall, all welcome

6.30pm St. Peter’s Children, First Forgiveness all prayer sponsors welcome

**Fri :** SVP Meeting

**UCM -**  on Wednesday 13th Feb at 1pm followed by a meeting in the parish Hall. There is no speaker this month.

**Prayer Sponsors for the children of St. Raphael’s Schools-** Would you like to be a prayer sponsor for a child at St. Raphael’s School, can you spare a little time to pray for them and support them during their preparation and celebrations? If so, please add your name and address to the list on the notice board at the back of church.

**Sarah to Santiago -** Sarah Kelly who is one of our young parishioners and a year nine pupil at All Saints is embarking on a sponsored walk along part of the Camino De Santiago during Lent. She will walk 111km over 10 days, and is raising funds for Mary’s Meals. If you wold like to sponsor her you can do so online by going to the Mary’s Meals website following the Fundraising page and searching for “Sarah to Santiago” or by using the sponsorship form at the back of church. Sarah will collect this money after Easter and send it to Mary’s Meals. This young lady is committing to a quite arduous trek to raise money for a very good cause, so please support her endeavour. <http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/getinvolved/fundraising>

**St. Patrick’s Day Sparkling Afternoon Tea -** the Willow Wood Flower Festival Team welcome you to an Afternoon Tea in support of the Willow Wood Flower Festival on Sunday 17th March, St. Peter’s Parish Hall at 2pm. Tickets £9.50 including a glass of Prosecco or Sherry. Contact Eileen Smith on 07799 172313 or Ann Fee on 0161 338 6994. (see Poster on Notice Board)

**Headteacher Vacancy - St. Mary’s, Congleton -** The local Governing Body is looking to recruit a new Headteacher for their primary school. If you know of a practising and committed Catholic with the right skills who might be interested in leading the school, they would be very welcome to arrange an informal visit in the first instance. This can be arranged by calling the school on 01260 274690. All information and documentation relating to the role is available on the school website: http://www.saintmaryscongleton.co.uk/work-with-us/. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 27th February 2019.

**Caritas Shrewsbury -** currently has 2 vacancies for Family Support Workers (Wythenshawe and Shropshire). Both positions are part-time and a great opportunity for the right person. For further details and an application pack, please contact www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk (‘Job Vacancies’ can be found under the ‘News’ section)/Tel 0151 652 1281 [info@caritashrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:info@caritashrewsbury.org.uk)

**Loop Hearing System -** we have now had a new loop hearing system fitted. Anyone who uses a hearing aid can now turn their aid to “T” when in the main church.