

St Peter & St Raphael Stalybridge

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th January 2020

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

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| Sat 25th Jan | 6:30pm | Robinson & Cooke Families | in Parish Hall |
| Sun 26th Jan | 11:00am | Parishioners | in School Hall |
| Sunday of the Word of God | | | |
| Mon 27th Jan | 9:15am | Service of Word & Communion | in Presbytery |
| Tues 28th Jan | 1:30pm | Funeral Mass Mavis Dean | in Parish Hall |
| Wed 29th Jan | 9:15am | Service of Word & Communion | in Presbytery |
| Thurs 30th Jan | 10:00am | St. Raphael's Class Mass | in School Chapel School Int |
| Fri 31st Jan | 9:15am | Betty Kinsman (recently deceased) | in Presbytery |
| St. John, Bosco | | | |
| Sat 1st Feb | 12:15pm | No Mass | |
| | 6:30pm | Christopher Payne | in Parish Hall |
| Sun 2nd Feb | 11:00am | Arthur Howard | in Parish Hall |
| The Presentation of the Lord | | | |

CONFESSION : 11.30am onwards in the Presbytery

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 family Spencer Clarke who was baptised here this weekend.

DECEASED: we pray for Mavis Dean whose funeral Mass will be held here in St. Peter's Parish Hall on Tuesday 28th January at 1.30pm. Peter Latimer, whose funeral Mass will be held here in St. Peter's Parish Hall on Monday 3rd February at 11.45am and Maria Hrycak whose funeral Service will be held here in St. Peter's Parish Hall on Tuesday 4th February at 9.45am. We also keep in our prayers their families at this sad time of loss.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory collection for last weekend £627.63, *thank you for your generosity.*

Crib Offerings £87.00, this will be sent to Caritas.

Also, thank you to the Over 60's Bingo for their donation towards the upkeep of the parish hall.

Greystones - are helping another charity in Hyde and are in need of blankets. If you have any please leave them in the sacristy.

PARISH NOTICES

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. page 127

Today John the Baptist recognises Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world", as we celebrate the enrolment of our children for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion we ask that the words of St. John the Baptist may inspire us today and throughout this sacramental journey.

THIS WEEK

This Sun : 11am First Sacrament Enrolment Mass in the School Hall

Tues : Choir Practice in the parish hall

Thurs : 1:30pm Over 60's Bingo in the Parish Hall, all welcome.

Fri : SVP meeting in the Presbytery

Retiring Collection (this weekend 25th/26th) - Today the annual collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. Special envelopes are available for you to use, which were given out last weekend, spare envelopes are on the table in the foyer. If you wish Gift Aid to be claimed on your donation, please write in your name and address on the front of the envelope. I ask that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support. With every blessing +Mark, Bishop of Shrewsbury.

St. Peter's Prayer Sponsor Invitations - if you very kindly placed your name on the list to sponsor a child at St. Peter's School and haven't received your invitation to their prayer sponsors party being held on Wednesday 29th January at 2.30pm in the parish hall, please take a look on the table in the foyer.

SVP National Annual Raffle - at both next weekend Masses the SVP will be selling raffle tickets at £1 per ticket, there are many cash prizes to be won, please support the SVP if you can.

St. Raphael's School Prayer Sponsors - We are still looking for prayer sponsors for our children at St. Raphael's school, please place your name on the lists in the foyer. The role of prayer sponsor is to support and pray for a child and their family through this journey.

The Annual Diocesan Mass to Celebrate Marriage - will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12 noon in St. Joseph's Church, CH42 7JY on Saturday 8th Feb 2020. All married couples and their families are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th) and wish to attend the Mass, please let your Parish Priest know (by 26th Jan) and you will receive a special letter of invitation. See poster.

UCM - just a gentle reminder for any ladies who were unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday - the annual Diocesan subs are now due. Please arrange to let Stella or Pat have your subs as soon as possible. Thank you.

Third World Group - Alan Pickles was told on Sunday that one of our young female teachers we sponsor at Chamen Oakes Nursery on The Gambia died suddenly and unexpectedly. Her name was Penda Bittaye aged 28, she had 3 children, her youngest daughter is 2 years old. Penda was one of the nursery teachers that has developed "learning through play" teaching the children outside the classroom. Please keep Penda and her young family in your prayers.