**St Peter’s & St Raphael’s Stalybridge**

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

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**13th May 2018**

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

Sat 12th May **6:30pm** Parishioners

Sun 13th May **11:00am** Margaret Lancake

Mon 14th May **9.15am John** Kleban **St. Matthias**

Tues 15th May **9:15am St. Peter’s Yr4 Class Mass Special** Intention

Wed 16th May **9:15am Eucharistic** Service

Thurs 17th May **9:15am Eucharistic Service**

**F**ri 18th May **9:15am Parish** Intention

**Sat 19th May 10:00am St. Raphael’s First Holy Communion Mass 6:30pm Jean McAllister**

**Sun 20th May 11:00am Christine Ann Tracy Pentecost Sunday**

**NO CONFESSIONS**

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

**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.

**DECEASED PARISHIONERS:** we remember in our prayers all our recently deceased parishioners and their families at this sad time of loss.

**Sean Patrick Doherty;** funeral service to be held at Dukinfield Crematorium on Wednesday 16th May at 2.30pm

**Patricia Ashworth;** Funeral Mass to be held here at St. Peter’s & St. Raphael’s on Monday 21st May at 11.30am

**Francis Craven;** Funeral Mass to he held here at St. Peter’s & St. Raphael’s on Tuesday 22nd May at 12.30pm

**MONEY MATTERS**

**Offertory collection for last weekend £749.20 as always, *thank you for your generosity.***

***Also,*** thank you to 6th Stalybridge Rainbows, Brownies & Guides and the Tuesday Line Dancers for their contributions towards the up keep.

**Little Way Boxes -** are now due for emptying. Please leave your box in the Sacristy and when emptied it will be left on the shelf at the back of church.

**Old £1 Coins -** we are still collecting old £1 coins for Mary’s Meals. If you have any please put in the box at the back of church under the notice board. Every old £1 coin can help to feed a starving child.

**PARISH NOTICES**

**TODAY IS THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. page 273**

**In todays Mass we continue our rejoicing in the Ascension of the Lord and now prepare with the Church across the world for the coming of The Holy Spirit at Pentecost.**

**THIS WEEK**

**Tues :** Choir Practice

**7.30pm RCIA meeting in the Presbytery**

**Thurs :** 1.30pm Over 60’s Bingo in the Parish Hall, all welcome

7.30pm Prayer Group

**Next Sat:** 10.00am St. Raphael’s School First Holy Communion Mass

**Next Sun:** Annual Whit Walks and Service in Armentieres Square

**World Communications Day -** there will be a retiring collection after both masses this weekend 12th/13th for World Communications Day. There are prayer cards on the church table for you to take if you wish.

**Willow Wood Annual Flower Festival -** (Saturday 12th May & Sunday 13th May) “Blooms on Broadway” is the theme for this year. Entrance fee is £3, please go along and support this worthy charity if you can. (Poster on Notice Board)

**Whit Walks 2018 - (Sunday 20th May).** This year’s Whit Walk Service will take place at the usual time of 2.30pm in Armentieres Square, processing from St. Peter’s & St. Raphael’s Church lead by Herod Brass Band. If you are able to help regarding preparation of banners and /or stewarding please leave your details with either Fr. Philip or Michelle in the office or fill your name on the sheet at the back of church so we know we have enough help for the walks to run smoothly and safely. On our return from the walks there will tea, coffee and refreshments in the parish hall.

**UCM -** many thanks to everyone who supported the UCM birthday dates. The winners were: 1st Prize - Fliss Holland, 2nd Prize - Susan Wait and 3rd Prize - Irene Madden.

**End of Year Accounts 2018 -** we have now received our end of year accounts which are posted on the notice board. If you would like a hard copy for yourselves please contact Michelle in the parish office via email stpetersstalybridge@btinternet.com.

**8th Stalybridge Scout Group -** are in desperate need of leaders and helpers to run their Beaver and Cub sections. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested please contact Arnold Ellershaw (DC Tame Valley) on arnold.ellershaw@tamevalleyscouts.org.uk

**Confirmation Programme 2018 -** If you are in year 8 or above, application forms to enrol are available at the back of church to complete and return it to Fr. Philip. Details of the programme are on the noticeboard at the back of church.

**Help Needed To Mow Our Lawns!! -** do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to become a member of a gardening team? If so, please let Michelle know in the office.

**Notice Board -** if you can spare 5 mins, please take a look at our notice board where you will find information about projects and events happening in Stalybridge and our Diocese.

**Tameside Foodbank -** If you have any surplus in date items or are shopping and can buy an extra item in your shopping these will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your generosity.

**Name The Bear Winner -** His name is Simon and the winner is E Pickford. Please come and collect Simon from the Sacristy.