

St Peter & St Raphael Stalybridge

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Third Sunday of Lent

15th March 2020

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

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| Sat 14th Mar | 6:30pm | John Dennis Rudd | in Parish Hall |
| Sun 15th Mar | 11:00am | Veronica Fahey (Bain) | in Parish Hall |
| | | Third Sunday of Lent | |
| Mon 16th Mar | 9:15am | Service of Word & Communion | in Presbytery |
| Tues 17th Mar | 9:15am | Malcolm Hastie St. Patrick | in Presbytery |
| Wed 18th Mar | 9:15am | Service of Word & Communion | in Presbytery |
| | 6:30pm | St. Raphael's First Forgiveness | in School Chapel |
| Thurs 19th Mar | 10:00am | St. Raphael's Class Mass St. Joseph | in School Chapel |
| Fri 20th Mar | 9:30am | St. James' Class Mass at St. James', Hattersley | |
| Sat 21st Mar | 12:15pm | No Mass | |
| | 6:30pm | Michael Maher | in Parish Hall |
| Sun 22nd Mar | 11:00am | Laurian Bold | in Parish Hall |
| | | Fourth Sunday of Lent | Mothering Sunday |

CONFESSION: Saturday 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We keep in our prayers Barbara Watson and her family at this sad time of loss. Barbara's funeral will be held here on Monday 30th March at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our parish family Rex Tracey who was baptised here this weekend.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory collection for last weekend £670.89, thank you for your generosity.

Retired Priest Fund raised £442.00, thank you.

Attention All Gift Aid Donors - The Tax Year 2019/20 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 2018/19 we received back £7597.00. 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.

PARISH NOTICES

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Today we continue our Lenten preparation by reflecting on our personal relationship with Christ, something told in today's Gospel of the Samaritan women.

THIS WEEK

Tues : Choir practice in the Parish Hall

Wed : 6.30pm St Raphael's First Forgiveness in the School Chapel

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

Derek Atkinson - Fr Philip would like to thank all parishioners for their kind words and condolences following the death of his father Derek Atkinson. Derek's funeral will be at St. Paul's, Hyde on Thursday 26th March at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

Eucharistic Minister / Readers - the rotas for the Easter Masses and Services are now on the notice board. If you are able to help at any of these please place your name on the sheet. Thank you for your continued support.

UCM Fundraiser - from this weekend (14th/15th Mar) the UCM will be selling "Birthday Dates". Please support them if you can.

SVP - would you or do you know of anyone that would like a visit from a member of the SVP? If you do please contact a member of the SVP, Bernard Sutton or Michelle in the office. The Mass for the Sick (21st March) has been postponed we will confirm a new date soon.

St. Peter's School Cafod Café - invite you to attend their Year 6 Cafod Café on Monday 16th March 1.45pm - 3pm. This is an annual fundraiser and a lovely social occasion. Please support them if you can.

International Eucharistic Conference, Budapest, 14-21 Sept - <https://www.iec2020.hu/en> There is a block booking with Tangney Tours for all pilgrims from England and Wales (<http://www.iec.tours>). Only 20 places for each diocese, staying in a 4-star hotel near events. Two possibilities: 5 or 7 nights; prices are all-inclusive, except for the journey to Heathrow which will be arranged for those going with the diocese. See poster for details. Registration by Easter directly via the Tangney website. Enquiries to Barbara Davies, tel 07730 526821 or email barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Building Work Update - we have recently received news from the builders about the final phase of the work being done in the church which includes the painting of the church and the installation of new lighting. The work should be completed by the end of April, This timetable means as we had presumed that the Easter Services would be in the hall. However, arrangements will be made to make the Easter Celebrations as fitting as possible.

IMPORTANT - it has been brought to my attention that last Sunday some cash was taken from the basket we have been using for newspaper sales, therefore this basket will now be in the hall. Please be vigilant and do not leave any personal/valuable belongings in the foyer during Masses. Thanks