

St Peter & St Raphael Stalybridge

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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th January 2021

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat 16th Jan	6:30pm	
Sun 17th Jan	11:00am	Parishioners Day of Special Prayer for World Peace
Sat 23rd Jan	6:30pm	
Sun 24th Jan	11:00am	Parishioners Day of Special Prayer for Openness to the Word of God

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember the sick and housebound in your daily prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: we remember all our recently deceased and their families especially Kathleen Manley, whose funeral service will be held here this week.

Please note due to the Government Guidelines only 30 can attend any Funeral Service, if you have not been invited by the family we can not allow entry. Large gatherings outside the church building are also not allowed. Thank you for your understanding.

Attending Mass - Please telephone Pat and Peter on 0161 330 1735 to book your place should you wish to attend Mass. Face coverings are **mandatory** in Places of Worship with 2m social distancing. All those who are attending Mass must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. We have taken the step of compiling our own record of names & contact details, (which will be kept in the office) for "Track & Trace" purposes only. This will ensure we maximise capacity (whilst maintaining safe distancing) and avoid visitors being turned away. We will display a QR Code on entrance to Church for the newly launched NHS Track and Trace App, should you wish to use this. Also as Covid Secure Guidelines stipulate good ventilation in enclosed spaces we will have to keep the main church doors open at all times, please wrap up warm. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. **You must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble if you do attend a Service/Mass.**

Money Matters - Offertory Collection for Christmas Day £889.65, weekend 27th December £896.91, 3rd January 2021 £310.76 and last weekend £232.00. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH NOTICES

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First Reading *Samuel 3:3-10, 19*

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20*

Gospel *John 1:35-42*

Next Weekend's Scripture Readings

First Reading *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Gospel *Mark 1:14-20*

Retired Priests' Fund - Special Collection - Today (17th January) the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. There will be a retiring collection basket in the foyer.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods

Third World Group - many thanks for all your support in November/December 2020. We were able to send £295 to The Little Way, £1410 to The Mission in Ecuador and £870 to Mary's Meals. The Christmas Gift Cards raised a further £966.70 for Mary's Meals. Both amounts for Mary's Meals are being matched by UKAID so this will allow them to feed 231 children for a full year. All donations to Mary's Meals are being matched until the end of January 2021 so if you have a Mary's Meals box please bring it to Church or ring Rob White on 338 6982 and he will collect them.

Parish Christmas Cards placed around the Crib - Christmas wishes were received and placed around the crib from Margaretha Murray, Elaine & John Birch, Fliss & John Holland, Luisa and Daniel, Ann Fletcher, Sheila Rogerson, Sheila & Rob White and Susan Wait.

Visa Debit Card Found - if you have lost a visa debit card last weekend, this has been found. Please phone the office for more details.

Tameside East Foodbank Collection - If you can bring your donations in a carrier bag and leave in the designated box near St. Peter on entry. Any donations will be most gratefully received.