

St Peter & St Raphael Stalybridge

Part of Tameside Pastoral Area in the Diocese of Shrewsbury (A Registered Charity)
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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th September 2021

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat 4th Sept	6:30pm	Peter Stevens (80th Birthday)
Sun 5th Sept	11:00am	Parishioners
Wed 8th Sept	10:00am	Peter Goodwin (recently deceased) Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 11th Sept	6:30pm	Thanksgiving 50years of Marriage
Sun 12th Sept	11:00am	Pat Pennington (recently deceased)

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 Donna Maria Gregory who has recently passed away. We remember in our prayers her family at this sad time of loss.

BAPTISM: we welcome into our parish family Alice Rose and Annie May Peters who were baptised here this weekend.

MONEY MATTERS - Offertory Collection for weekend last weekend £477.89. Thank you for your generosity.

****Important**** - Even though the government has lifted all restrictions the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have stated that the following be continued as a duty of care for our Priest, Deacon, stewards and parishioners; **Please** continue to wear face masks inside, sanitise on entry and exit, members of one household can sit together, social distance when moving around the church and ring Pat/Peter on 0161 303 1735 for your place at Mass (our parish Track and Trace system). You can also scan the NHS QR Code which is available inside the porch. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH NOTICES

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First Reading *Isaiah 35: 4-7*

Second Reading *James 2: 1-5*

Gospel *Mark 7: 31-37*

Next Weekend's Scripture; Twenty Fourth in Ordinary Time - Day of Special Prayer for Education

First Reading *Isaiah 50: 5-9*

Second Reading *James 2: 14-18*

Gospel *Mark 8: 27-35*

UCM Prayer Shawl Ministry - The UCM Prayer Shawl Ministry has been a very successful project. The shawls and prayer squares, which have all been handmade by members of the UCM and blessed during Mass by Fr Philip, are **GIFTS** from the UCM for you or someone you may know who would be comforted by them, knowing that they have been made in love and prayer. They are not just for people who are ill or bereaved but are for anyone who maybe going through difficult times or someone who would just appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl and/or prayer square. They are for any age, gender and religion in this parish or anywhere in the country (they can be posted out). If you would like a shawl or square for yourself or someone else please contact Pat on 0161 330 1735 or 07784 135812 or Stella on 07854 061493 and arrangements can be made for you, your friend or loved one to receive one of these gifts from the UCM.

Foodbank -are in need of, cereal, pasta, rice, tinned fruit/tomatoes/vegetables/meat, tea/coffee, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice, non-food items like all types of toiletries; and household items, feminine products, baby supplies, face masks and hand sanitiser. If you can help in any way please bring your donations in a carrier bag and deposit in the box at the back of church. Thanks.

Mary's Meals - Following the recent 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Haiti, around half a million children need emergency humanitarian assistance. Tens of thousands of homes have been destroyed. People are in urgent need of food, safe water, and shelter. Mary's Meals has been feeding schoolchildren in Haiti for 15 years and works closely with four well-established and trusted local partners across the country. Many communities were already vulnerable as the Caribbean nation continued to grapple with ongoing political unrest and the long-term damage created by previous natural disasters, so this latest catastrophe has left hundreds of thousands of people in desperate need. Our partners are co-ordinating an emergency response, to deliver emergency ration packs of essential food items to families in the worst affected areas. Please give if you can, to help families in desperate hardship by sending your donation into church clearly marked Mary's Meals - Haiti or visit <https://giving.marysmeals.org/> thank you.