

St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

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The First Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2023

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat	2nd December	6:30pm	Deceased Families of John and Fliss Holland
Sun	3rd December	11:00am	Jack and Ann Bowker
Mon	4th December	9:15am	Mass - Bernard Hill
Tues	5th December		No Mass
Wed	6th December	9:00am	St Peters School Advent Mass/50th Anniversary
Thurs	7th December	10:00am	St Raphael School Advent Mass
Fri	8th December	1:30pm	St James' School - Reconciliation Service
Sat	9th December	6:30pm	Monica Gallagher RIP
Sun	10th December	11:00am	Margaret Higgins Leech

This Coming Week

Tues: 10:30am-Choir Practice in the church - 1:00pm Prayer Group

Thurs: Over 60s bingo.

SANCTUARY LAMP: is lit for the Parishioners of St Peter and St Raphael.

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, Elizabeth Merrylees, Bill Walker, Alma Hastie and Barbara Whelan and all our recently deceased and offer prayers for their families.

CONFESSION: 11:30 - 12 noon in the Church or by appointment.

BAPTISM: We pray for our recently Baptised.

MONEY MATTERS: Recent collection totals will be provided next week. Thank you for your generosity.

COUNTERS - Ann and Mary

PARISH NOTICE

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Today we begin our journey through this holy season of Advent and we ask that we may receive the Lord's many blessings as we prepare for Christmas.

Christmas Fair - Thank you EVERYONE for all your help and support in making the Christmas Fair last weekend such a huge success. The final total raised will be confirmed next week.

Christmas Card Exchange - As Parishioners often like to exchange cards with fellow Parishioners, there will shortly be a table at the back of Church to help you exchange your Christmas cards if you wish.

SVP Coffee Morning - Next Sunday 10th December the SVP invite you to come and join them for refreshments after 11am Mass in the Parish Hall. It is a lovely opportunity for Parishioners to come together for teas and coffees and the SVP are hoping to do this on the second Sunday of each month.

Parish Christmas Gift Service - The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides invite you ALL to their Gift/Carol Service on Sunday 10th December at 3pm. It's a lovely opportunity to be able to support families less fortunate than ourselves. ALL children are invited to bring along a gift which will be taken up to the altar during the service and will be donated to Barty's Food Bank when Steve Barton will distribute them to needy families. Mums, Dads, Nannas, Grandads, Aunties and Uncles are invited to bring an item for the food bank. Please support the girls on this important afternoon in their calendar.

UCM Birthday Dates - This weekend - Saturday and Sunday - the UCM will be selling birthday dates at the back of church. It is £1 a go and there will be 3 cash Prizes. All profits will go towards the UCM's chosen charities for this year, which are Age UK Tameside and Brain Tumour Research. Thank you for your support.

Mary's Meals - Mary's Meals: Christmas gift cards are now available. The £19.15 card feeds a child for a whole year, and a £5.00 card will provide 50 meals. Until the 22nd January all donations to Mary's Meals are being doubled by supporters, so a £19.15 card will feed 2 children for a year and the £5.00 card will provide 100 meals. Contact Rob White at Mass or on 3386982 to buy cards.

Food Bank - Thank you for our continuing generosity in donations to the Foodbank, your donations are very important at this time to so many families.

Christmas Concert - Friday 15th December at 7:30pm - We look forward to welcoming St John's Band (Mossley) for our Christmas Concert on Friday 15th December at 7:30pm. The band will be performing a number of Christmas pieces and carols, and refreshments will be available at the interval. Tickets are £6.00 for adult and £3.00 for children and are available to purchase from Church or on the website <https://stjohnsband.sumupstore.com/product/st-peter-s-christmas-concert-tickets> Please see the poster at the back of church.

Enrolment of Eucharistic Ministers at this Sunday's Masses - Father Philip and Deacon Antony are hoping to use this Sunday's Masses for another service of enrolment and recommitment for our Eucharistic Ministers who were unable to attend the recent enrolment. Please keep our Ministers in your prayers.

Readers Rotas - Could the readers please collect their new rota's from the Sacristy.