

St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

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The Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2023

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat	9th December	6:30pm	Monica Gallagher RIP
Sun	10th December	11:00am	Margaret Higgins Leech
		3:00pm	Rainbows Brownies & Guides Gift/Carol Service
Mon	11th December		No Mass
Tues	12th December	9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed	13th December	12:30pm	Funeral Mass - Barbara Whelan
Thurs	14th December	10:00am	St Raphael's School Christmas Mass
Fri	15th December	9:15am	Mass - The Golding Family
		7:30pm	Christmas Concert-St John's Band (Mossley)
Sat	16th December	6:30pm	Martin Lawlor
Sun	17th December	11:00am	Barbara Carey

This Coming Week

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

Thurs: Over 60s bingo **Please note this starts at 12:30pm this week.**

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: Collection total for 26/11 was £356.20 and 3/12 was £429.50. Bank payments from 31/10 to 09/11 total £726.00. Thank you for your generosity.

COUNTERS - Mary

PARISH NOTICE

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In today's Gospel we hear about one of the great Saints of Advent, St John the Baptist who calls on us to prepare a way for the Lord. In our prayers today we ask that during this time of Advent we can prepare that welcome for Christ.

SVP Coffee Morning - This 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.

Christmas Fair - Christmas Fair - Once again, thank you so much to everyone for all your help and support in making the Christmas Fair a great success. The final total raised was £3,910.42.

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

Parish Christmas Gift Service - The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides invite you ALL to their Gift/Carol Service **this 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.

Christmas Concert - Friday 15th December at 7:30pm - We look forward to welcoming St John's Band (Mossley) for our Christmas Concert this 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>. You can also sign the list at the back of Church with your contact details and tickets can be provided to you.

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.

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.