

St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

Part of Tameside Pastoral Area in the Diocese of Shrewsbury (A Registered Charity)

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2024

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat	21st December	6:30pm	Pat Walker
Sun	22nd December	11:00am	Parishioners
Mon	23rd December	9:15am	Jack Lavin
Christmas Eve			
Tue	24th December	6:30pm	with the Music Group and Carols from 6:00pm - Parishioners
		8:30pm	With the choir - Carols from 8:00pm Parish Intention
Christmas Day			
Wed	25th December	11:00am	
St Stephens Day			
Thurs	26th December	11:00am	Tony Bain and Gerard Doherty
Fri	27th December		No Mass
Sat	28th December	6:30pm	Peter Foster
Sun	29th December	11:00am	Pat and Theresa Murphy

This Coming Week

Thurs - No Bingo until 9th January 2025

SANCTUARY LAMP: is lit for the Hall and Mackie families.

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, Anthony Bartley, Maisie Almond, Father Denis Maher, Pat Walker, Tony Bain, Patricia Murphy and all our recently deceased and offer prayers for their families.

CONFESSION: By appointment.

BAPTISM: We pray for our recently baptised.

MONEY MATTERS: The collection total for 15th December was £546.50.

Thank you for your generosity.

COUNTERS: To be arranged

Readers and Ministers Rota - Now available from the Sacristy

PARISH NOTICE

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In today's Gospel we rejoice with Mary and Elizabeth as we celebrate the Gospel reading about Mary's visit to her kinswoman sharing in their love of God and their respect for each other. We ask that we can be inspired by these two great women today.

Caritas Christmas Appeal - the Christmas Appeal collection will be held this Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Advent.

UCM - Last week at our December meeting, we welcomed five representatives from Willow Wood Hospice who accepted our cheque for the amount raised from our fund raising events held during the year and THANKS to the hard work of our members, and YOUR SUPPORT we were able to give them £1500.00 for the benefit of the Hospice. In ADDITION we were able to give them another cheque for £450 so that the Well Being Team can purchase their own "Indoor Kurling Set" which will be used and enjoyed for the benefit of several groups at the Hospice. They were delighted. Without your support and the generosity, hard work and support of our UCM members this would not have been possible. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

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.

THIRD WORLD GROUP: many thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas raffle. The hamper was won by green ticket 731-735, Ann Akid and the cake was won by orange ticket 206-210, Isabella Basil. £262.00 was raised and this will be used to help people less fortunate than ourselves. Rob White

MARY'S MEALS : all donations to Mary's Meals are now being matched by some Mary's Meals supporters up to £900,000. Christmas Cards are available to purchase and this means that every Christmas gift card will now feed TWO children for a year. If you have a Mary's Meals box please bring into the sacristy and take a new one from the back of Church. Any queries call Rob White on 338 6982. Thankyou.

Parish Office - Andrea Kelly, our Parish Secretary will be away from the office from Monday 23rd December until Tuesday 7th January 2025. If you have any urgent enquiries please ring the office, all other emails and messages will be dealt with on her return.

Church Student - **Tomas Miller** will be joining us on 6th January for the whole month. We wish him a happy stay with us.

Christmas Blessings and a Happy New Year

to all our Parishioners, Fr Philip and Deacon

Antony

