

## St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

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

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### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th January 2025

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat	18th January	6:30pm	Parishioners
Sun	19th January	11:00am	Iris Driver
Mon	20th January	9:15am	Mass - Recently Deceased Parishioners
Tue	21st January	10:00am	Mass with the choir - All welcome
Wed	22nd January	9:15am	St Peters Class Mass - Reception
Thurs	23rd January	10:00am	St Raphael - Class Mass
Fri	24th January	9:15am	St James School - Class Mass
Sat	25th January	6:30pm	Maisie Almond - Birthday memories
Sun	26th January	11:00am	Pat Walker - Birthday memories

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

**FUNERALS THIS WEEK:** There are no funerals in the Parish this week.

**CONFESSION:** Saturday at 11:30—12 noon or by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** We pray for our recently baptised.

**MONEY MATTERS:** The collection total for 12th January was £657.33. Bank payments from 9th—31st Dec total £ 587.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**COUNTERS** - Peter

**CARITAS** - The Caritas Christmas Appeal raised £230.00. Thank you for your generosity.

## PARISH NOTICE

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In today's Gospel we hear the famous story of the wedding feast at Cana where Jesus turned water into wine, something recognised as his first miracle. Today we reflect on that story and recognise Christ's love for us each and every day.

**Pro-Life Speaker and collection** - This weekend we welcome Hugh Fitzpatrick who will be making his annual Appeal on behalf of the Pro-Life Charity SPUC and bringing us up to date with various developments in the UK concerning pro-life. It is always lovely to welcome Hugh amongst us as a local friend we have known for a number of years and I am sure he will find a generous response to his talk.

**St Peter's School "Gather the Family" - Monday 20th January 2025 at 2:45pm** - All Parishioners are welcome to join us for our "Gather the Family" celebration" with tea and coffee served by our Mini Vinnies in the School Hall

**Prayer Sponsors** - An important part of our preparation of First Sacraments has been the involvement of the Parish in praying for the children who are on the programme, but alongside the general prayers of parishioners we also invite some of you to sign up to be prayer sponsors. It is a very special ministry of prayer that guides the children at this time. If you would like to help as a prayer sponsor (the list to go up will be that for St Peter's School and their **Prayer Sponsors Party will be on Monday 10th February at 2:15pm**). Please sign your name on the list at the back of Church.

**First Sacramental Programme** - if you have a child/children, who do not attend our two Parish Schools who are in Year 3 or over and would like them to make their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion in 2025, please contact the office leaving your name and contact telephone number so that a member of our First Sacramental Team can contact you with details.

**Uniformed Mass (Church Parade) - Sunday 26th Jan** - The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will be joining us once again next **Sunday 26th January** at the 11:00am Mass for Church Parade. The girls will parade their flags into the Church and will help with the readings and prayers and there will be a coffee morning in the Church Hall after Mass. Everybody welcome please support our Uniformed Groups. Thankyou.

**Tomas Miller** - On Tuesday of this week Tomas will have completed his first two weeks amongst us and has already seen some important parts of the work of the Parish. He has visited the three Parish primary schools that we are involved with and been part of a children's Mass at all three. Tomas has also been visiting the sick alongside our Eucharistic Ministers and this weekend has the opportunity to introduce himself to the 9:00am congregation at St James, Hattersley and the 11:00am congregation at St Peter and St Raphael as last weekend he was unavailable as together with other church students he was invited to Mass at St Joseph's Stockport with Bishop Mark.