

St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

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Third Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2025

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat	22nd March	6:30pm	Mass - Jimmy Briscoe
Sun	23rd March	11:00am	Mass - Bernard Kempster
Mon	24th March		No Mass
Tue	25th March	9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed	26th March	9:15am	No Mass - Special Intention
Thurs	27th March	10:00am	St Raphael's Class Mass - The Lane Family
Fri	28th March	9:15am	Mass - Winifred Edwards
Sat	29th March	6:30pm	Mass - Palmer Family Intentions
Sun	30th March	11:00am	Mass - Parishioners

This Coming Week

Tues: 10:00am - Choir Practice in the Church **1:00pm** - Prayer Group

Thurs: Over 60s Bingo **Saturday: 11am –2pm** Baby Fair - Parish Hall

SANCTUARY LAMP: is lit for the Duncuft and Connelly 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, Vittorio Forgetta, Margaret Brown, Dominic Petruzzelli, Winifred Edwards, Moira Boyd, Bernard Kempster 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: This week we welcome into our Parish family Maya Dorothy Sullivan-Clare who will be baptised here this weekend.

MONEY MATTERS: Collection total for 16th March was £474.70. Thank you.

COUNTERS - Peter

A message from Lourdes Director, Canon Christopher Matthews - I am delighted to tell you that bookings for our 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open. The brochure and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

PARISH NOTICE

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In today's Gospel Jesus speaks about repentance and the forgiveness of sins. As we reflect on his words today we ask that each one of us may value the sacrament of confession and forgiveness and receive it when we can.

Confirmation 2025 - On Tuesday 1st April at 6:30pm we will be gathering at St Mary's, Zetland Street, Dukinfield for our first full Confirmation preparation session. To any young people in Year 8 or above at high school a warm welcome is offered if you would like to be Confirmed this summer.

Weekly Offering Envelopes and Gift Aid - are available on the table at the back of the church. The boxes are arranged in alphabetical order. Please only take your own envelopes. If your circumstances have changed, e.g. you no longer pay tax, or if a box was put out for you but you now give by standing order, or you would like to start using gift aid envelopes, then please phone the office to leave contact details.

Baby Fair; Saturday 29th March 11am-2pm - St Peter's Third World Group will be holding a Baby Fair of good quality pre-loved baby clothes and equipment in St Peter's Parish Hall on Sat 29th March between 11am and 2pm. Tables cost £10 to rent. There is room for 18 tables. If you prefer to just donate items for the group to sell, we will be available to accept items between 8.30am - 9.30am at St Peter's Presbytery door on Thursday 27th & Friday 28th March. Admission is £1 on the door & there will be a **Mother's Day Pamper Hamper** raffle. Tickets £1. If you wish to take a table, please email Phil Murphy: murphyfest@btinternet.com by the end of Tues 25th March.

MARY'S MEALS EMERGENCY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA - Many thanks for your donations at the weekend masses. Please continue to give what you can during lent. Boxes are situated beside both statues on the altar and at the back of church.

Small collection boxes are available at back of church to take home. If you want to set up a regular donation either pick up a form at the back of church or go to www.marysmeals.org.uk and click on DONATE. Remember it costs only 10p to provide a child with a meal so any donations are most welcome. Rob White

Missio Red Boxes - It is once again time to empty the Red Boxes. I will be paying in all monies at the beginning of April. Could holders of Red Boxes please bring them into church and leave them in the Sacristy before Easter. There is a supply of empty boxes at the back of church. **Please fill in your name and address on the label on the bottom of the box you are leaving. This is especially important if you gift aid.**

Food bank - Thank you for your continuing generosity in donations to the foodbank. All, dry, canned, packaged food and toiletries gratefully accepted and appreciated.

Stations of the Cross for the Sundays of Lent - For the Sundays of Lent Deacon Antony will be leading us in stations of the cross and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This will be for all the remaining Sundays of Lent including Palm Sunday and begins at 2:00pm

Special Collection for Walsingham - This weekend we will be holding a retiring collection for Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham to raise money for the various Jubilee events that they will be providing during 2025. Thank you for your generosity.