

St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

30th March 2025

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat	29th March	6:30pm	Mass - Palmer Family Intentions
Sun	30th March	11:00am	Mass - Parishioners
Mon	31st March	10:00am	St Peters School Reconciliation Service
Tue	1st April	9:15am	Mass - For Naomi
Wed	2nd April	12:30pm	Funeral Service - Norah Cousil
Thurs	3rd April	10:00am	St Raphael's School Reconciliation Service
Fri	4th April	9:15am	Mass - The Holland Family
Sat	5th April	6:30pm	Mass - Mary Mason
Sun	6th April	11:00am	Mass - Parishioners

This Coming Week

Tues: 10:00am - 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, Margaret Brown, Dominic Petruzzelli, Winifred Edwards, Moira Boyd, Bernard Kempster, Norah Cousil & all our recently deceased & offer prayers for their families.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK: Wednesday 2nd April at 12:30pm Norah Cousil

SOLEMNITIES THIS WEEK - Feriel Masses for Lent this week.

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

BAPTISM: We pray for our recently baptised.

MONEY MATTERS: Collection total for 23rd March was £551.40. Thank you for your generosity.

COUNTERS - Mary

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Page No: 168)

In today's Gospel we hear the famous story of the Prodigal Son as we hear the story of two young men in need of their Father's forgiveness. We ask that as we focus on our need for confession in the sacrament of forgiveness that we may rejoice in the loving kindness of Christ.

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.

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.

Greystones - Greystones need towels, either new or used. They have also made a particular request for toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant etc. Please leave at the back of Church marked for Greystones. Many thanks.

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 are 2:00pm

Special Collection for Walsingham - The total collected last week was £175.00. Thank you for your generosity.

British Summer Time - The clocks go forward tonight by one hour

Mother's Day - We wish a happy mother's day to all the mothers who are celebrating today.