

## St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

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

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### Third Sunday of Easter

4th May 2025

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat	3rd May	6:30pm	Mass - Martin Turnbull Ross
Sun	4th May	11:00am	Mass - Parishioners
Mon	5th May		No Mass
Tue	6th May		No Mass
Wed	7th May	9:15am	St Peters Class Mass -Year 2
Thurs	8th May	10:00am	St Raphaels Class Mass
Fri	9th May	6:00pm	St James First Forgiveness
Sat	10th May	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St Raphael's First Holy Communion</b>
		6:30pm	Mass - Sheila Kane
Sun	11th May	11:00am	Mass - Ellen & Edward Clayton

### This Coming Week

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

**Thurs:** Over 60s Bingo **Sat:** St Raphaels FHC **Sun:** SVP Coffee morning

**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, Norah Cousil, Robert Lees, John Stanley Bain, Joseph Seddon, Pauline Frier and all our recently deceased & offer prayers for their families.

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

**SOLEMNITIES THIS WEEK:** We continue our Easter celebrations.

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

**BAPTISM:** This week we welcome into our Parish family Maxx Summerscales and Maeve Elizabeth Jackson who will be baptised here this weekend.

**MONEY MATTERS:** The collection total for 27th April was £475.41.  
Thank you for your generosity.

**COUNTERS** - Peter

## PARISH NOTICE

### Third Sunday of Easter (Page No: 259)

In today's Gospel we hear another of the famous resurrection appearances of our Lord following his resurrection on the first Easter Sunday. In today's reading we are reminded to place our trust in Christ and to offer him loving devotion as our Lord and Saviour.

**Pope Francis** - During these days of mourning we continue to offer our prayers for our former Holy Father, Pope Francis and to pray for his eternal life in Christ. We also pray for the Cardinals who are now preparing for the Conclave where under the Holy Spirit's guidance they will elect the new Pope.

**SVP Coffee Morning - Next Sunday 11th May** 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

**First Holy Communion** - In the next 2 weeks we will be celebrating with St Raphael School and St Peter's School as their children make their First Holy Communion. We begin with St Raphael next Saturday 10th May and then celebrate with St Peters on Saturday 17th May.

**MARY'S MEALS:** many thanks for all your donations over the Easter period. £1333 was raised, including £240 raised by the children at St Raphael's. This will feed 70 children for a whole school year, so on behalf of those children I want to say a BIG THANK YOU. Rob White

**Diocesan Marriage Mass - 21st June 2025** - Bishop Mark will be celebrating this years Mass for married couples at Holy Angel's, Hale Barns at 12 noon on 21st June. If any couples are celebrating a special anniversary this year and would like to go then please see Father Philip or Deacon Antony. Please see the poster on the notice board.

**Wedding Congratulations** - to Gary Rothwell and Sarah Burns who were married this Saturday here in the Church.

**Confirmation Meeting** - Our next Confirmation Meeting will be this **Tuesday 6th May at 6:30pm** at St Mary's Dukinfield. If there are any young people who would like to be Confirmed in July please let Father Philip or Deacon Antony know as soon as possible.

**Assisted suicide Bill** - Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims. ***Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to your MP today!***

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