

St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

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

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The Third Sunday of Advent

14th December 2025

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat	13th December	6:30pm	Mass - Ann Fletcher - Birthday Rem
Sun	14th December	11:00am	Mass - Martin Lawlor - Anniversary Mass
Mon	15th December	9:30am	Mass - Intentions of Parishioners
Tue	16th December	9:30am	Mass - All our Volunteers
Wed	17th December	9:15am	St Peter's whole School Mass
Thurs	18th December	9:15am	St Raphael's Whole School Mass
Fri	19th December	9:30am	Mass - Rachel's Mother
		7:30pm	St John's Brass Band Concert
Sat	20th December	6:30pm	Mass-Pauline & David Eyres-Golden Wed
Sun	21st December	11:00am	Mass - Cummins & Noone Families

This Coming Week

Tues: 10am-Choir Practice in the Church **10-12** Volunteers thankyou
1pm-Prayer Group **Thurs:** Over 60s Bingo **Fri:** 7:30- St John's Brass Band
SANCTUARY LAMP: is lit for the Parishioners of St Peter & 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. Paul.

RECENTLY DECEASED: we keep in our prayers, Harold Taylor, Margaret Gaffney, Anthony Goddard and Angela Barrow 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 to 12 noon or by appointment.

BAPTISM: This week we welcome into our Parish family Zenaya Heaven Povah who will be baptised here this weekend.

MONEY MATTERS: Collection total for 7th Dec -£501.89, Bank payments received from 1st to 30th Nov total £1,083.00. Thankyou for your generosity

Christmas Flower Collection - Many thanks to all who those who supported.

COUNTERS: Stephen and Pauline

PARISH NOTICE

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Our focus remains on St John the Baptist who came to prepare the Way for the Lord.

SVP COFFEE MORNING - This Sunday 14th Dec-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 & coffees, the SVP are hoping to do this on the second Sunday of the month. All welcome. Please support these events.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE-The third world group will be selling raffle tickets for their Christmas raffle again this weekend 13th/14th Dec. First prize is a luxury Christmas hamper, second prize a home made Christmas cake and third prize is a bottle of wine. Tickets are £1 a strip and the winners will be drawn at 11 am Mass on Sunday 21st Dec.

Volunteers Christmas "Thankyou"-We are so grateful to all our dozens of volunteers who work in so many different ways to help our Parish. Do please drop in on Tuesday morning between 10 and 12 for our chance to thank you and share some Christmas Cheer.

Annual Gift & Carol Service- Many thanks to everybody who came to support out Gift & Carol Service last Monday. Huge thanks to the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for leading the service and to all our wonderful Leaders who support our Uniformed Groups all year. Thank you for the wonderful donations for the Tameside Toy Appeal&Food Bank.

St John's Band Christmas Concert - Friday 19th December - 7:30pm- We look forward to welcoming St John's Band back for our Christmas Concert. Ticket are £7 for adults and £3 for under 16s and these may be obtained via the QR code on the poster, from us here in Church or on the door on the night of the concert. All very welcome.

Christmas Mass Times-Wednesday 24th Dec, 9:30am, 6 for 6:30pm & 8 for 8:30pm, Thursday 25th Dec 11 o'clock Mass and Friday 26th Dec 10 o'clock.

Volunteer Marshalls for Christmas Masses-We need 4 Marshalls to help us look after everybody at the two Masses on Christmas Eve and the one on Christmas Morning.

Please sign up on list at the back of Church if you can help. Many thanks

Christmas Card Exchange-As Parishioners often like to exchange Christmas Cards, please use boxes on the table at the back of church to help exchange cards if you wish.

MARY'S MEALS-Please contact Rob White on 338 6982 with any queries.

Caritas at Christmas Appeal 2025-There will be a Crib Collection in support of the Diocesan Caritas Christmas Appeal and you can also donate on line. Every penny you give goes directly to help those most in need in our Diocese, including food vouchers, practical support and care and compassion especially for our families who are struggling the most.

Confirmation 2026-This will take place on Thursday 25th June 2026 at St Mary's, Dukinfield. The classes begin on Tuesday 3rd March, anyone in year 8 or above in the high schools are welcome to join and especially any adults who may have missed out when they were teenagers. Please see Father Paul if interested.

Do you have a child not in a Catholic primary school that you would like to make their First Holy Communion?-Please contact Father Paul and we will make the necessary arrangements. The closing date this year is Christmas.

Cafod's World Gifts -Christmas catalogue available at the back of Church