

St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

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

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

21st December 2025

Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat	20th December	6:30pm	Mass - Pauline & David Eyres-Golden Wed
Sun	21st December	11:00am	Mass - Cummins & Noone Families

Mon	22nd December	9:30am	Mass - Joseph Burke (Lately Deceased)
Tue	23rd December	9:30am	Mass - Intentions of Ozzy Smith

Christmas Eve

Wed	24th December	9:30am	Mass - For All Families at Christmas
		6:00 for 6:30 pm	Mass - Intentions of Parishioners
		8:00 for 8:30pm	Mass - Peace in the World

Christmas Day

Thurs	25th December	11:00am	Mass - For all homeless people
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St Stephen's Day

Fri	26th December	11:00am	Mass - Intentions of our Altar Servers
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Sat	27th December	6:30pm	Mass- Intentions of Parishioners
Sun	28th December	11:00am	Mass - Ints of Patricia Smith (Enniskillen)

This Coming Week

Tues: 10am-Choir Practice in the Church **Tues: No Prayer Group until January**

Thurs: No Over 60s until 8th January

SANCTUARY LAMP: is lit for Maisie Almond.

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: We pray for our recently baptised.

MONEY MATTERS: Collection total for 14th December was £582.77.

Thankyou for your generosity.

COUNTER: Mary

PARISH NOTICE

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Our focus now is on Our Lady in the last few days before the birth of her Son.

SVP Coffee Morning-Thankyou for supporting the coffee morning last Sunday morning.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE-The third world group will be selling raffle tickets for their Christmas raffle until before 11:00am Mass on Sunday 21st December. 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 after the 11 am Mass that Sunday 21st December.

Volunteers Christmas "Thankyou"- Thankyou for coming along to our Christmas get together and all your hard work for the Parish throughout the year.

St John's Band Christmas Concert - Friday 19th December - 7:30pm-Thankyou to everybody who came along and made this such a wonderful evening.

Volunteer Marshalls for Christmas Masses-Many thanks to our volunteers.

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.

Parish Office -Please note that our Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 24th December until Tuesday 6th January 2026.

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 given 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.

Christmas Flowers Collection-The total collected was £284, many thanks for your generosity

Cafod's World Gifts - Christmas catalogues are available at the back of Church.

*Merry Christmas from Father Paul, Father Owen
Deacon Antony and all of us in Stalybridge and
Hattersley.*

