

## St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

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

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### The Second Sunday of Advent

7th December 2025

#### Mass Times and Intentions for the coming week

Sat	6th December	6:30pm	Mass-50th Wed Thanks-Steve & Susan Toulson
Sun	7th December	11:00am	Mass - John Doherty
Mon	8th December	9:30am	Mass - Thomas Carey
		<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Funeral Service-Anthony (Harry) Goddard</b>
		7:00pm	Uniformed Groups - Gift & Carol Service
Tue	9th December	9:30am	Mass - Mary Kane (40th Anniversary)
Wed	10th December	9:30am	Mass - Intentions of UCM
		<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Funeral Service - Angela Barrow</b>
Thurs	11th December	10:00am	St Raphael's Mass - Peace in Ukraine
Fri	12th December	9:30am	Mass - Barbara Carey Anniversary Mass
Sat	13th December	6:30pm	Mass - Ann Fletcher - Birthday Rem
Sun	14th December	11:00am	Mass - Martin Lawlor - Anniversary Mass

### This Coming Week

**Mon:** 7:00pm - Uniformed Groups Gift & Carol Service

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

**Thurs:** Over 60s Bingo Sunday SVP Coffee morning

**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:**Anthony (Harry) Goddard and Angela Barrow

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

**BAPTISM:** We pray for our recently baptised.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Collection total 30/11-£533.70 Thanks for your generosity

**COUNTERS:** Peter

## PARISH NOTICE

### Second Sunday of Advent - (Page 85)

Our focus this week is on St John the Baptist who came to prepare the Way of the Lord.

**Annual Gift & Carol Service**-You are all invited to the Gift & Carol Service hosted by the Rainbows, Brownies & Guides on **Mon 8th Dec-7pm in Church**. Our opportunity to join together with some popular Carols, enjoy activities that the girls have prepared & also to donate a toy or gift for Christmas for babies, children and teenagers who are less fortunate than ourselves. We are supporting the Tameside Toy Appeal. Donations of new and un-wrapped toys/gifts for children aged 0-18 are needed. You are also invited to bring an item for the Food Bank which would be greatly appreciated. The Service is for **ALL**. The uniformed groups hope that you will be able to support them at this time of joy and giving and look forward to seeing you at **7 pm - 8th Dec**. The service will last for about an hour.

**Christmas Fair** - Thank you everyone for all your help and support in making the Christmas Fair such a huge success. The final total raised was £4,168.00 including donations of £80.00. It was an amazing day, starting early and finishing late and we cannot thank everyone enough; all the stall holders, everyone who donated goods, Mrs Ryan for the use of the hall, all School staff who were involved, the caretakers for helping us afterwards and Elaine Birch for masterminding the whole day and everyone who turned up to make it such a resounding success. It was a superb fundraiser but equally importantly a great community building day, bringing everyone together in such a fun way.

**SVP COFFEE MORNING - NEXT Sun 14th December** - 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 from this weekend **6th/7th 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 at 11 am Mass on Sunday 21st Dec.

**Save the Date - St John's Band Christmas Concert - Friday 19th December - 7:30pm** - Please see the poster on the Noticeboard for details. All very welcome.

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

**MARY'S MEALS** - 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.

**Christmas Flower Collection** - There will be a collection after Masses this weekend for flowers to decorate our beautiful Church in time for Christmas

**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.