

## St Peter & St Raphael, Stalybridge

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

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### Second Sunday of Lent

1st March 2026

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

Sat	28th February	6:30pm	Mass - John & Elaine Birch - Wedding Anniversary - Thanksgiving
Sun	1st March	11:00am	Mass - Parishioners
Mon	2nd March	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Teresa Gunning - Funeral Mass</b>
Tue	3rd March	9:30am	Mass - Peter Walker
Wed	4th March		No Mass
Thurs	5th March		No Mass
Fri	6th March		No Mass
Sat	7th March	6:30pm	Mass - For those beginning Confirmation Preparation
Sun	8th March	11:00am	Mass - Parishioners

#### This Coming Week

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

**Thurs -** Over 60s Bingo **Fri - 2pm** World day of Prayer

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** burned last week for William Murray and this week burns for Michael Maher.

**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 Father Owen

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** we keep in our prayers, Patricia Goldsworthy, Mary Carter, Luisa Greenhalgh, Brian Welsh, Peter Walker, Teresa Mary Gunning all our recently deceased and offer prayers for their families.

**FUNERALS THIS WEEK:** Monday, Teresa Gunning

**CONFESSION:** No Confessions this week from 5:00pm to 6:15pm.

**BAPTISM:** This week we welcome into our Parish Family Ronnie Michael Twigs who will be baptised here this weekend.

**MONEY MATTERS:** The collection total for 15/2 was £547.80 and 22/2 was £556.90 Thankyou for your generosity.

**COUNTERS:** Peter

## PARISH NOTICE

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In this week's scriptures we have the Transfiguration – the way that paradise is meant to be. Eternal light, perfection and our truest selves. For the second time we hear the voice of God on how loved we all are and what the acceptance of the love means – perfection!

### Prayers for First Holy Communion Children - St Peter's and St Raphael's Schools -

As all of our children have now been enrolled and have begun their preparations to receive their First Sacraments, ALL Parishioners are asked to keep these young people and their families in their prayers.

**Confirmation** - Registration for Confirmation, for those in Year 8 and above, has begun. Please pick up a consent form from the back of our churches and speak to Fr Owen. The programme will start on Tuesday 3rd March at 6:30pm in St Mary's Church.

**Mother's Day Pamper Hamper** -The 3rd World Group will be selling tickets after each Mass for the coming four weekends. Tickets £1; winner to be drawn on Mother's Day.

### World day of Prayer - Friday 6th March at 2:00pm here at St Peter's Church -

Refreshments in the Parish Hall following the service - Everybody is very welcome.

**UCM chosen Charity for 2026 is Willow Wood Hospice** - Willow Wood are currently on a mission to collect 8,000 Cadbury's Creme Eggs to say a huge thank you to the amazing youngsters from schools, nurseries and children's groups throughout Tameside who will take part in this year's sponsored Easter Bunny Hop. Last year this event raised an amazing £50,000 for the Hospice.

The UCM are supporting this event and are asking their members and all parishioners for donations of Cadbury Creme Eggs; every single egg will make a difference. There is a box at the back of Church for any donations which will be there until 10 March. As always, thank you so much for your support.

**UCM (Next Meeting)**—The next meeting is on **Wednesday 11th March** but please note there will be no Mass that day, just a meeting. Thank you

**Date for your Diary** - The next Uniformed Group Mass and Coffee morning is Sunday 15th March at 11am Mass.

**Sanctuary Lamp** - If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn for a particular intention then please contact the office. There is a donation of £5.00.

**Church Open** - We are going to open wide our doors of St Peters every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This is to allow people the opportunity to come in for some private prayer between 10:00am and 1:00pm. It is nice to come and spend time in the peaceful presence of Christ in our very busy lives. **Please note the Church will not be open whilst Father Owen is away from the Parish from 4th-11th March.**