

## 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

19th April 2026

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

Sat	18th April	6:30pm	Mass - Sarah Kilgannon
Sun	19th April	11:00am	Mass - Parishioners
Mon	20th April	9:30am	Mass - Sheila Kane - Anniversary Mass
Tue	21st April	9:30am	Mass - Students and Staff of Schools
Wed	22nd April	9:30am	Mass - Vocations to the Priesthood
Thurs	23rd April	10:00am	St Raphael's Mass - Gerry Cummins (Anniversary)
Fri	24th April	9:30am	Mass - Pat Hemming - (RIP Anniversary)
Sat	25th April	6:30pm	Mass - Bernice Woodward
Sun	26th April	11:00am	Mass - Thomas Edwards (Anniversary)

### This Coming Week

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

**Thurs:** Over 60s Bingo **Fri:** SVP Meeting

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** burns this week for Patrick Carey and family

**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 Loughlin, Peter Shelmerdine, Bernice Woodward, Patricia Glynn, Margaret Goddard, Margaret Burke, June Lomas and all our recently deceased and offer prayers for their families.

**CONFESSION:** Confession this week will be on Saturday 5:00 - 6:15pm

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

**MONEY MATTERS:** The collection total for 5th April was £1,210.00 and 12th April was £568.53. Thankyou very much for your generosity.

**COUNTERS:** Stephen and Pauline

**Gift Aid** - If your circumstances have changed, e.g. you no longer pay tax, or if a box was put out for you but you now give by standing order, or you would like to start using gift aid envelopes, then please phone the office to leave contact details.

## PARISH NOTICE

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In this week's readings we learn how we get to recognise the Lord post resurrection – in the breaking of Bread! We are closest to Him in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are more like Him in the thanksgiving of that most wonderful feast which is a mirror of the eternal High Feast in Heaven. Let us like the disciples on the road to Emmaus open our hearts and our minds to the beauty and presence of Christ!

**First Holy Communion** - Please keep in your prayers all our children and their families from our 3 schools who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion, the dates are - St Raphael - 9th May, St Peter - 16th May and St James - 20th June.

**Confirmation Meeting** - The next Confirmation meetings is at **6.30pm on Tuesday 21st April at St Marys.**

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026** - The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) along with a link to the new online booking system.

**Missio Red Boxes** - It is once again time to empty the Red Boxes. I will be paying in all monies at the beginning of May. Could holders of Red Boxes please bring them into church and leave them in the Sacristy before the end of April. There is a supply of empty boxes at the back of church. **Please fill in your name and address on the label on the bottom of the box you are leaving. This is especially important if you gift aid.**

**Job Opportunities—Youth Mission Team** - Two vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a **Programme Coordinator** and **Youth Mission Team Member**. Further details regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) **Closing date Friday 29 April 2026.**

**Uniformed Church Parade and Coffee Morning -This Sunday 26th April at 11am Mass** our uniformed groups will parade their flags, receive the Division Standard flag into church and help with the prayers and readings during the Mass. There will be a Coffee Morning after Mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.  
**Weekly Offering Envelopes and Gift Aid** - New Offering Envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church. The boxes are arranged in alphabetical order. Please only take your own envelopes.

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

**Greystones** - need men's jogging bottoms and toiletries, Please leave at the back of Church clearly marked for Greystones. Thank you.