

St James the Great in St. Anselm's Local Missionary Area

The First Sunday of Lent

26th February 2023

ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:

Parish Priest : Fr Philip Atkinson
Permanent Deacon : Deacon Antony Zidan
St. Peter & St. Raphael's Parish,
Off Castle Hall Close,
Stalybridge,
SK15 2ED

Telephone: 0161 338 2575

Email: stpetersstalybridge@btinternet.com

Parish Office Hours ; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8.45am –12:45pm.

MASS INTENTION FOR THIS SUNDAY is for the Parishioners of St James Hattersley.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember the sick and housebound in your daily prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please keep in your prayers all our recently deceased and their families at this sad time of loss. Please keep in your prayers George Smith, Jack Bamford and Sheila Logan who are recently deceased.

MONEY MATTERS: Recent collection totals for the weeks 29/01 - £73.00 05/02 - £56.00, 12/02 - £93.00 and 19/02 - £64.50. Bank payments received from to 30/12 to 30/01 total £165.00. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH NOTICES

The First Sunday of Lent

This weekend we come to the first Sunday of Lent and with it celebrate the first Sunday Mass of this holy season. We pray that each one of us may be inspired in our life of faith, prayer and discipleship.

First Sacramental Programme - If you have a child/children who do not attend our two parish schools, in year 3 or over and would like them to make their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion in 2023, please contact the office leaving your name and contact telephone number so that a member of our First Sacramental Team can contact you with details.

The Church Synod - A few months ago Parishioners were asked to give their thoughts and ideas about the Church Synod which is being called by Pope Francis. This worldwide consultation is still taking place but our Diocese has sent us further information which allows us to reflect on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. The Diocesan Information sheet then goes on to say: - In submissions to the Synodal Process, many people expressed a desire for formation in eg Scripture, spirituality and, specifically, the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. To meet these requests, the Department for Evangelisation is offering an introduction to the Council, together with a presentation of two of its major Documents: Dei Verbum (on Revelation) and Lumen Gentium (on the Church). The aim is simply to give an overview of both documents, and enough insight into their content and ongoing importance to courage people to read the texts for themselves, copies of both of which are available at the CTS or on the Vatican website. If you are interested to know more than please have a word with Father Philip.

The Earthquake in Turkey and Syria - We offer our prayers for all the victims of this terrible earthquake and offer our support to those who are involved in the relief effort. The Diocese has sent us details of how some Parishioners might like to give to the appeal. The CAFOD appeal can be found on <https://cafod.org.uk/caritas://www.caritas.org/>