

Stalybridge Missionary Area

Serving the Parishes of St Peter and Raphael,
Saint James the Great
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Sunday 18th October 2026 – 29th Sunday in O.T.

Saturday 17th October First Mass of Sunday	**17:00-18:15 Saint Peter**	**Confessions**
Sunday 18th October *29th Sunday in O.T.*	**18:30 Saint Peter**	**For All Missionaries in the Church**
	09:00 Saint James	**For All Missionaries in the Church**
	11:00 Saint Peter	**Parishioners**
Monday 19th October Ferial	9:30 – Saint Peter	For those suffering from mental health issues at this time.
Tuesday 20th October Ferial	No Mass	
Wednesday 21st October Ferial	9:00 – Saint Peter	For those who attend and who volunteer at Willow Wood
Thursday 22nd October Pope St John Paul II	10:00 - St Raphael's Class Mass	We pray for our Teachers
Friday 23rd October Ferial	9:30 Saint Peter	Priest's Intention
Saturday 24th October First Mass of Sunday	**17:00-18:15 Saint Peter**	**Confessions**
	18:30 Saint Peter	**Parishioners**
Sunday 25th October *30th Sunday in O.T.*	**09:00 Saint James**	**Michael Shiels – RIP First Anniversary**
	11:00 Saint Peter	**Pat & Theresa Murphy (ANV)**

Father Owen writes,
Hello and welcome to this week's newsletter.
This week we are introduced to the 'Golden Rule' as it is called. And it really is the foundation of everything it means to be Catholic. In fact it is a renewal of the Ten Commandments that were given in the Old Testament. The problem is this though – it has a sting in the tail. How can we ever love others if we do not love ourselves. Not in a selfish way, but rather in the same way that God Himself loves us. We are all His work of art – do we really want to destroy it??

READING	EXTRACT	REFERENCE
1st Reading	If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you	Exodus 22: 21-27
Psalm	I love you Lord, my strength.	Ps 18 (17)
2nd Reading	You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for His Son.	1Thessalonians 1: 5c-10
Gospel	You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.	Mt 22: 34-40

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday - Choir (10am) & (1pm) Prayer Group
Thursday - Over 60s Bingo
Friday – SVP Meeting (10am)

CUTTING COSTS: As a way to help us cut costs in the Parish we are offering you the opportunity to have the Newsletter emailed to you straight to your phone or device. This will mean that we print less and so save money. If you would like to be added on the email list, then please email us at the office and we will gladly do so.

PARISH AGM: Father Owen is inviting all Parishioners of St Peter and Raphael to a Parish AGM in St Peter's Parish Hall on **Friday 6th November at 7:00pm.** All Parishioners are invited to discuss the financial position of the Parish as well as ways forward in the running of the Parish. Please do come along!!

CLOCKS GO BACK: Please don't forget that next weekend 24th and 25th October the clocks go back an hour as British summer time ends and the cold sets in. Father Owen wouldn't want anyone to be late for Mass on Sunday (hint hint!)

PARISH APPEAL: This weekend, 17th and 18th October we will have Sister Benedicta with us on a Missionary Appeal for the Missionary Appeal of England and Wales. She will be speaking at all Masses and there will be a retiring collection as you leave the Church for them. She is a Sister of the Sisters of St Michael the Arch Angel and based at St Christopher's Presbytery on Lees Road in Ashton. Envelopes will be at the back of the Church to place your donation in. Thank you in advice, Father Owen.

UNIFORMED CHURCH PARADE &COFFEE MORNING
This Sunday **18th October at 11.00** Mass our uniformed groups will parade their flags 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.

ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: Two Foundation Governors spaces have arisen at St James the Great Primary School. If you have expertise in HR, Health and Safety or finance, please contact Father Owen or Mr Woolley at St James the Great to discuss. Thank you.

ST RAPHAEL'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: Two Foundation Governors spaces have arisen at St Raphael's Primary School. If you have expertise in HR or Health and Safety, please contact Father Owen or Mr Matthews at St Raphaels to discuss. Thank you.

PARISH HALLS CLEANER: *A vacancy has arisen for a Cleaner in the parish halls of Ss Peter & Raphael.* ***Hours****: 4 per week, spread over two sites (with a potential for more hours in the future).* ***Rate of pay:*** *£13.45 per hour. Interested parties should send a CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Further details can be obtained via the Diocese Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers/parish-hall-cleaner-stalybridge* ***Closing date:*** *20 October 2026.*

UCM FUNDRAISER: It's that time of year again when the UCM hold their annual fundraiser - the sale of Diary Dates, £1 a date. The dates will be available to buy from the back of church over the w/e of 17th/18th October and 24th/25th October. The prizes are - 1st prize £50 2nd £30 and 3rd £20 - so please remember to bring some cash with you next weekend and try to win one of these great cash prizes. Thank You for your support

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

UCM COFFEE MORNING, CRAFT STALL & TOMBOLA: Please join us for our Coffee Morning on **Sunday 25 October after 11.00 Mass.** There will be the added attraction of a Craft Stall and Tombola, all in aid of Willow Wood, our chosen Charity for this year. Books and jigsaws will also be on sale. Hope you can join us.

NEW MASS TIMES FROM 31ST OCT/1ST NOV:

Saturday Confessions at St Peters @ 4pm
Saturday Mass at St Peters @ 5pm

Sunday morn Mass - St James (unchanged) @ 9am
Sunday Morning Mass at St Peters @ 10.30am

CAFOD MESSAGE OF THANKS: *Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day!*
Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents.
To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou

RCIA: Registration meeting on Tuesday 27th October in the Presbytery meeting room at St Peters @ 7.00pm. Please email the Parish office to register your attendance.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If your child is not in a Catholic primary school and 7 years old, please email the Parish office at St Peters to register your child for a preparation course. The preparations begin in person in January. More information to follow.

VOLUNTEER SACRISANT NEEDED FOR ST PETERS: Especially for funerals and weddings – Training available, please contact the Parish Office.

CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA: Our Chocolate Tombola is changing - everyone's a winner! Every ticket will win a prize. The stallholders also have great plans for their presentation of the prizes but to make this possible, will need your help with early donations. Please donate chocolate of all shapes and sizes - bars, boxes, novelty treats as soon as possible. Donations can be left in the box at the back of church. Thank you for your support and generosity, which is very much appreciated.

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. Thankyou.

OPENING OUR CHURCH: We are going to open wide our doors of St Peters every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. This is to allow people the opportunity to come in for some private prayer between 8:30am and 1:00pm. It is nice to come and spend time in the peaceful presence of Christ in our very busy lives.

SANCTUARY LAMP - ST PETERS & ST RAPHAEL this week is lit for the Parishioners of St Peter and St Raphael.

SANCTUARY LAMP– ST JAMES THE GREAT this week is lit for the Burke family and the Parishioners of St James the Great.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK: Pauline, Stephen & Tricia

WE WELCOME: Welcome to Molly Lee AND Fiadh Kathlynn who join the family of God this weekend through the sacrament of Baptism at St James the Great Church.

WE REMEMBER: Angelina Baraniak

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS: Bank payments for St James from 3rd to 28th August totalled £170.00. Bank payments from 1-30th September for St Peter & St Raphael total £1,156.00 and from St James total £170.00.

Please see recent Mass collection totals below, thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Ss Peter & Raphael	Saint James the Great
4th Oct £687.36 11th Oct £413.20	4th Oct £75.19 11th 72.95

CONTACTS

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Our Church locations:	
St Peter's RC Church Off Castle Hall Close, Stalybridge SK15 2ED	**Saint James' RC Church** 40 Underwood Road, Hyde SK14 3DH **Contact Saint Peter's**

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