

Stalybridge Missionary Area

Serving the Parishes of St Peter and Raphael,
Saint James the Great
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Sunday 15th November 2026 – 33rd Sunday in O.T.

Saturday 14th November First Mass of Sunday	**16:00-16:45 Saint Peter**	**Confessions**
Sunday 15th November ***33rd Sunday in O.T.***	**17:00 Saint Peter**	**Deceased families of Fliss & John Holland**
	09:00 Saint James	**Parishioners**
	10:30 Saint Peter	**Gennaro & Antoniette Sarno**
Monday 16th November Ferial	**9:30 – Saint Peter**	David Buckley
Tuesday 17th November Ferial	**No Mass**	
Wednesday 18th November The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul	9:15 – St Peter's School Mass – Year 6	
Thursday 19th November	10:00 - St Raphael's Class Mass – Y4	
Friday 20th November Ferial	9:30 Saint Peter	**All our deceased**
Saturday 21st November First Mass of Sunday	**16:00-16:45 Saint Peter**	**Confessions**
	17:00 Saint Peter	**Tom McCormack – Anniversary**
Sunday 22nd November ***33rd Sunday in O.T.***	**09:00 Saint James**	**Parishioners**
	10:30 Saint Peter	**Dimitro & Antonia Mazuruk**

Father Owen writes,

Hello and welcome to this week's newsletter.

Hello and welcome. In this week's scriptures we are given our talents in order to be responsible stewards and to grow as the master hopes we will grow. But, of course, the choice is ours. Will we take the opportunities or will we be lazy and not even try.

READING	EXTRACT	REFERENCE
1st Reading	She works with willing hands.	Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm	Blessed are all who fear the Lord.	Ps 128 (127)
2nd Reading	Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.	1Thessalonians 5: 1-6
Gospel	You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master..	Mt 25: 14-30

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday - Choir (10am) & (1pm) Prayer Group
Thursday - Over 60s Bingo
Sunday – 3:00PM Service of Light

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. **Thank you to all who have already contacted us, It is still not too late to sign up and we are still receiving requests, so newsletters will begin to be emailed from next weekend, 14th/15th November.**

PARISH AGM: Thank you to all who were able to attend. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 3rd December at 7:00pm** to discuss fund raising for our Parish.

PARISH CENSUS: It has been some time since we updated our census records for our 2 Parishes. From the weekend of 8th November there will be census forms at the back of both Churches, please take as many as you need and if you know anyone who isn't at Mass can you take one for them as well. **We need these forms back by 4th December 2026.**

MESSAGE REGARDING YOUR CHURCH DONATIONS

At this time in the year the parish has to place an order for Offertory Envelopes. The cost of envelopes, and delivery is charged to the parish. As we are trying to save money we would ask you to consider whether you might make your offering by standing order, as this does not add cost to the parish. Also some of you might have already decided to stop using the envelopes, others might want to start using the envelopes, so as to Gift Aid your offering. Whichever of these three, you can contact me via the Parish Office, and I can then pass on the relevant information. The order has to be placed within the next 2 weeks. Alf Heath

MARY'S MEALS - CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS: Rob White will be speaking at all Masses this weekend and selling the Mary's Meals Christmas Gift Cards again. Please consider supporting this wonderful activity where we can help to fee more children who are staving in the world. Many thanks

Mary's Meals can turn your old foreign coins and notes into meals for hungry children. We can also take British coins and notes that are no longer legal tender.
Please place them in the box at the back of church. It costs only 10p to provide a meal for a child, so any coins however small are most welcome. Thank you, Rob White

UCM THANK YOU'S The UCM would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to those members who participated in the Gorse Hall Sponsored Walk in September and also to Parishioners who sponsored the walkers. We now have the total raised - £1518.00, of which £710.00 has been gift aided, in aid of our chosen Charity, Willow Wood.

COFFEE MORNING AND CRAFT STALL/TOMBOLA – 25th OCTOBER: In spite of the inclement weather on the day, this was very well supported and raised £254.00 in aid of Willow Wood. Thank You.

SALE OF DIARY DATES: Thank you again so much for your support of this annual fundraiser. The draw will take place next Wednesday at the UCM Meeting and the winners will be announced and published in the bulletin

CHOCOLATE STALL PREVIEW: There will be a stall at both Masses this weekend displaying chocolates and biscuits that will be on sale at the Christmas Fair. Orders can be placed at the preview and do not need to be paid for until the day of the Fair.

POUND SUNDAY: There will be a collection after both Masses this weekend. Any donations received will go towards the funds for the Christmas Fair. Thank you once again for your support and generosity.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We are hoping to bring the Children's liturgy back either on the First or Second Sunday of advent to the 10:30 Mass. If you would like any more information or if you would like to help out with this then please contact Jess on the following number: 07541673640.

BRASS CONCERT FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 7:30PM: Our annual brass Christmas concert will take place again this year, please see the poster at the back of church of how to get your tickets. Tickets are available from the office, via the QR code on the poster or by email, where we can add your name to a list and you can pay on the night. We look forward to seeing you there.

ST JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH BUILDING FUND: Can you please note that the first of our optional Church building fund collections to assist with the building work needed at St James Church will take place **this Sunday 15th November**, Thank you

MISSIO RED BOXES: It is once again time to empty the Red Boxes. I will be paying in all monies at the beginning of December. Could holders of Red Boxes please bring them into church and leave them in the Sacristy before the end of November. 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

CHRISTMAS FAIR 28 NOVEMBER 11.00 AM - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE: Volunteers needed please. Help is needed on the Friday evening and on the day of the Fair. Details of jobs involved are on the Christmas Fair notice at the back of church - if you feel you can help, please add your name to the list. As usual we need your help and support for the Fair. If you missed the distribution of carrier bags and the flyer detailing items needed, these can be picked up at the back of church. Thank you for your continued support **- only 2 weeks to go now, please bring your donations to Church as soon as possible.**

CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA: Thanks to all who have contributed to the chocolate stall. The stall will make much more than usual, You are all amazing and so kind. Many thanks, Stella

CONFIRMATION 2027: Next year preparation classes for and the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation be celebrated here at St Peters on Friday 18th June at 7:00pm. If you have a child year 8 or above or you know someone who wishes to receive Confirmation, then please contact the office at St Peters as soon as possible so we can get you a registration form and the dates for the preparation course to happen.

PARISH APPEAL SISTERS OF ST MICHAEL: Thank you for all those who contributed and continue to contribute, we will have the totals to you shortly.

FOOD BANK: Thank you for your continuing generosity in donation for the foodbank. All dry, canned, packaged food and toiletries gratefully accepted and appreciated.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK: Pauline, Stephen & Tricia

SANCTUARY LAMP - ST PETERS & ST RAPHAEL this week is lit in memory of William Murray.

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

WE WELCOME: This weekend we welcome Kitty, Jemea and Jemimah who have entered the family of God via the sacrament of Baptism.

WE REMEMBER: Yvonne Hilda Darraugh

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

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

Ss Peter & Raphael	Saint James the Great
1st November- £607.48 8th November - £600.17	1st November - £78.90 8th November - £ 80.82

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