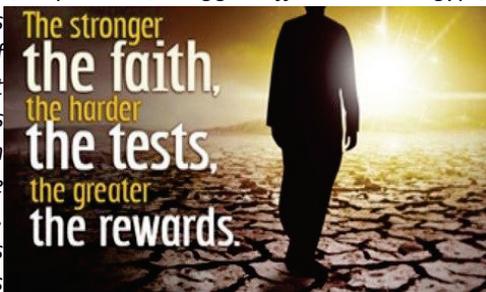


St Peter church, Southmoor Rd, Baguley, South Manchester M23 1HP (near Wythenshawe Hospital and Manchester airport, both accessible by public transport). Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £10). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright for further details (siobhanbc@gmail.com / tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761138947).

Ponder Over.....The prophetic call and the fear of rejection. *Moses tried to convince God that he didn't speak well enough, and Jeremiah complained to God that he was too young. The prophets trembled at the trials ahead of them – and with good reason. Israel had a long history of rejecting prophets (2 Chr 36:16; Jer 2:30; Amos 2:12; Matt 23:37; Luke 13:34; 1 Thes 2:15; Heb 11:32ff.). Jeremiah was threatened with death several times, thrown into an empty, muddy cistern, imprisoned, dragged off to exile in Egypt, and, perhaps, most painful of all, was forced to watch the destruction of Jerusalem because its inhabitants would not listen to his message. At least twice in his lifetime, the prophet Elijah spoke the truth of God to King Ahab of Israel concerning the King's promotion of idolatry. As a result, Elijah was forced to flee into the wilderness where he suffered great privation (1 Kgs 16:29--17:3 and 1 Kgs 18:16--19:4). Today's first reading prepares us to hear the Gospel, Luke 4:21-30, where Jesus, early in his mission, faces stiff opposition and compares himself to the prophets who had come before him. In both the first reading and the gospel, Jeremiah and Jesus are presented as God's prophets (prophets in Greek means mouthpiece), chosen, consecrated and sent to their brothers and sisters as emissaries of the Word of God. The prophet Jeremiah (600-550 BC) never held back in describing the persecution he suffered. Here in the first sentences of his book, Jeremiah describes how God called him, bolstered up his Faith and courage and predicted the opposition he would endure. Speaking to Jeremiah, God makes four assertions: "I formed you" (as a potter forms clay), "I knew you" (referring to the intimate relationship between God and Jeremiah), "I dedicated you" (consecrating Jeremiah to do God's work), and "I appointed you" (to a mission as His prophet to Israel). At the start of Jeremiah's ministry, Yahweh warns the young prophet not to be intimidated by those to whom he prophesies (Jer 1:4-5, 17-19). "They will fight against you," Yahweh warns, "but will not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you." During his lifetime, Jeremiah was considered a total failure, but in later times he has been recognized as one of Israel's greatest prophets. Jeremiah is a wonderful example of "the triumph of failure." The deepest level of worshiping God is praising God in spite of the pain, thanking God during trials, trusting Him when tempted, and loving Him when He seems so distant and far away.*



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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2019
(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 4)

This Sunday - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Anita Thompson & Alan Noble - Sick)

Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)

Monday - Mass 9.30am (Refugees, especially children)

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Padraig Mulchrone): St. Agatha

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Ray Duffy): St. Paul Miki & Companions

Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Margaret Manson)

**Friday – Mass 9.30am (Alan Morris): Day of Special Prayer for
Victims of Trafficking**

Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (Eamon Oldham)

Next Sunday – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Margaret Manson)

Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.15am

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tuesday 10.00am – 11.00am, Thursday
6.00pm – 8.00pm**

CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY : 11.00 – 11.45am and on request

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ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently especially Margaret Manson, John Morris, Moira Bradshaw, Brian Dunning. Also please pray for those who are ill or housebound including, Jo Power, Ann Brown, Betty Roberts, Norah Stuart, Kathleen Bennett, Joseph Conway, Amy Duke, Sue Green, Geoffrey Roberts, Geoff Milton, Timothy Wild, Francis Hayes, Ann Marie Heald, Katie Hogan, Eilis Longley-Brown, Joan Nulty, Neil Monaghan, Justin Williams, and Jo Clark.

(Please advise Fr. Thomas of any changes to this list in order that it may be kept up to date).

FR THOMAS HOME VISITS, ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, DEATH, etc. – please contact at the presbytery on 632 4388.

COFFEE will be served today by Friends of the Holy Land , next Sunday by Our Lady of Pity Mums.

RECENT DEATHS. If anyone has a friend or relative who has died in the last year please give names to Fr Tom.

SICK: A reminder to let you know it is really important that if anyone you know is ill, and particularly those who might be going into one of our hospitals, to please inform Father Thomas as soon as possible.

SUNDAY LUNCH. The Social Committee are looking to start serving Sunday Lunch once a month in the Parish centre, open to all parishioners. It would be good to sit down and enjoy a meal together and get to know each other. The first one is planned for 17th march at 12.45, depending on response. A donation will be requested to cover costs. Booking essential for planning the cooking. To book phone Phil Collins on 632 4825 or give your name to Fr Tom or John Fegan. Lifts can be arranged if requested when booking.

JUMBLE SALE 23rd FEBRUARY IN THE PARISH CENTRE. The Pro-Life Group have planned this event but need more helpers. If you could spare any time to help between 10am and 4pm on that day please contact Rosemary Baker on 632 1448

CHURCH HALL KEY HOLDERS – The recently installed lock on the church hall door had to be replaced. The new lock requires a code. If you haven't already got the code, please contact Kim or Simon on 6323837.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: The annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held today. Your help is needed to build up the Fund to meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. Special Envelopes are available for you to use. A

Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order , cheque, and Gift Aiding to the Fund. Bishop Mark sends his sincere gratitude for your continued support for this worthy cause.

STATUES, previously at the back of the church, are now at the front. Many thanks to Winnie Marsden (for their restoration) and John Battersby (who made the plinths).

SUNDAY OFFERING 27th January: £506.37

DIOCESAN NEWS

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12 noon in St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, Chester, CH2 1SA on Saturday, 9th February, 2019. All married couples and their families are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th) and wish to attend the Mass, please let your Parish Priest know (by the 27th January) and you will receive a special letter of invitation.

A PARISH YOUTH LEADERS TRAINING DAY ideal for Parish Youth Leaders, Clergy, Staff with a care for Catholicity and Young Adults with an interest in Youth Ministry. Twilight training – Saturday 9th February at St Hugh & St John, Timperely 10am – 2.30pm. To book, please e-mail youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org to book your place.

CARITAS SHREWSBURY – TWO VACANCIES FOR FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS - (Wythenshawe and Shropshire) Part-time vacancies – contact www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk (Job Vacancies) or 01516521281

CCRS. THE NEXT MODULE – The second session is on Saturday 19th February 2019. Registration forms and details are on the website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs .

CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL CHAPLIANCY seeks to appoint an assistant chaplain. See poster for details

DARWIN AND THE INVISIBLE GARDENER: A lecture on the impact of Darwin's work on beliefs about divine action, and how this impact shapes our understanding of science and faith today. Monday 18th February, 2019 19:00 at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls. Free entry: See the poster for details

A PRAYERFUL REFLECTION ON "THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST" is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') being held on Sat 16 February 2019. Fr Michael Coughlan will lead the day (9.30am to 4.30pm) Venue is Sacred Heart and