

# The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek

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‘Love one another as I have loved you.’”**

## Sunday 1 August

Public Mass and live-stream

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15; Ps 77; Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24; John 6: 24-35

930am Church open

10am Janusz Szura (Spec Int)

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

## Monday 2 August

Live - stream Mass

### Feria in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:4-15; Ps 80; Matthew 14:13-21

940am Rosary

10am Konrad Zwierski RIP

## Tuesday 3 August

Live - stream Mass

### Feria in Ordinary Time

Numbers 12:1-13; Ps 50; Matthew 14:22-36

940am Rosary

10am Dr Joseph RIP

## Wednesday 4 August

No live - stream today

### Memorial of St John Vianney, Patron saint of Parish Priests

Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Ps 105; Matthew 15:21-28

## Thursday 5 August

Live - stream Mass

### Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary

Numbers 20:1-13, Ps 94; Matthew 16:13-23

940am Rosary

10am Special Intention (P & B McG)

## Friday 6 August

Live - stream Mass

First Friday

### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 96; Matthew 17:1-9

940am Rosary

10am For you, the People of the Parish

## Saturday 7 August

No live - stream today

### Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Ps 17; Matthew 17:14-20

10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

## Sunday 8 August

Public Mass and live-stream

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ps 33; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

930am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

## Parish Priest

St Mary’s Catholic Academy,  
Painsley Catholic College, Cheadle  
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## Please pray for the sick

Edward Walmsley, Chris Rea, Rosemary Emery, Kathryn Higginbotham, Brian Dale, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, David Wright, Janusz Szura and those who are in self-isolation and have been diagnosed with Covid-19. Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the person who is unwell needs to be given.

## The Pope’s Prayer Intention for August

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

## Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for Fr John Burns, those who have died recently and due to Covid-19. Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the next of kin needs to be given.

## Anniversaries

Agnes Lucy Mary Tunstall, Eileen Gilhooly, Edith Annie Kirby, Sabrina Mary Palmer, James Chell, Mrs Goodwin, Joseph Maczka, Ellen Stafford, Mary Gertrude Berrisford, Michelle Morris, Bronislaw Siwec, Joshua Bailey, Peter Cooper, George Kimber, Winifred Moss, Francis Deaville, Leslie Haddon, Cyril Sheldon, Amelia Hughes, Philip Artesvor, Sarah Thornton, Margaret Rose Woolliscroft, Ingeburg Beetham, Jean Adrien Finn, Frederick Russell Jackson, Joseph Joyce, John (Jack) McLoughlin, Katherine Muir, Vincent Harold Heath, John Leigh Nadin, Margaret Rushton, Kate Challinor, Salomea Wasilewska

Dear friends,

This year, for five weekends in the summer, the Church gives us Sunday Mass readings from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus identifies himself as the "Bread of Life" which leads some people to call these Sundays "The Bread of Life Sundays." If you can, please do join the live-stream Rosary and Benediction at 4pm on Sundays over these weekends. Benediction is a long standing devotion to Christ's sacramental presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Please do join the live-stream either as individuals or families, it demonstrates and affirms our Catholic belief in Jesus, the Bread of Life.

#### Parish Mission Statement

**Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ's command,  
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This Mission Statement taken from Christ's words of encouragement to the disciples at the Last Supper (John 15: 12) is an imperative which summarises his mission and wish for the Church today. In practice, our Mission Statement identifies and defines us as a Parish: this is how we live and are known. It is the vision for our evangelisation, formation, worship and social outreach.

As a Catholic Community we are a Synod. "Synod" means "to walk together." Let's walk together, loving each other as Christ loves. We will not always agree, we not all we able to walk at the same speed, but the most important act is walking together, sharing the same vision: having care and consideration for each other as Christ does.

#### Repairs to the church and the grounds

If you have passed the church during the week, you will have seen the transformation taking place with the clearing of some of the stone work. The repairs to the car park are almost complete; it is my hope that it will be possible for a partial opening of the car park soon. The masonry repairs will continue next week.

I am asking if you could help with cleaning the church next Friday, 6 August, at 5pm for a short time. If you can help, please let me know.

#### Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus

As a caring and considerate parish, I want everyone to know that they are welcome to be at 10am Mass on Sunday morning. I want to reassure everyone that we shall continue with the now well established routines which are keeping people safe and stopping the spread of the virus.

**At Sunday Mass** - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and use of face coverings.

**Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation** - will continue – weather permitting – in the presbytery car park. Please bring a face covering.

**Baptisms and Weddings** – please be in contact with me.

**Funerals** – unfortunately, it is not possible to celebrate Christian Funerals in church at the present time.

#### Bibles for St Mary's Academy

Thank you for your kind hearted response to the appeal for Bibles for St Mary's Academy. We can buy 60 copies of the Catholic Children's Bible published by St Mary's Press. It is a great resource which helps the children to learn about the Bible with illustrations, child friendly introductions to each book of the bible and the different styles of Biblical writing, and it has suggestions for applying the written word of the Bible to everyday life. It is my hope that the children have an appreciation for all the aspects of their Catholic faith and that they will be familiar with the Bible as the revealed word of God. St Jerome, the fourth century priest and biblical scholar said, "Knowledge of the Bible is knowledge of Christ."

#### Leek Food Bank

Thank you for generous response for donations to the food bank. I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to take the items to the food bank.

#### Dates for your diary

Faith for Families is almost complete for this year. We look forward to the formal occasions when we can welcome to our parish family those who have been preparing to be received into Full Communion with the Church and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bible Book Club is now on a summer holiday. It will be back in the autumn. If you would like to join, please let me know.

Sunday 15 August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Calling all 200 Club members! Have you made your subscription for this year?** If you want to renew, please send a cheque made payable to: "BRCDTR St Mary, Leek". One number for 12 months is £12. The more subscribers, the bigger the winnings! Please send your cheques to Fr Martin. The last draw took place on Sunday 25 July and the winners have been informed!

#### At Facebook Mass we can't have a collection

Thank you to those who have used the "Donate" button on the Parish Website. If you would like to donate by standing order, please send an email to me at the Parish Office at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk).

Last Sunday's collection    Gift Aid £113.00    Non Gift Aid £100.10    Donations £280.00    Total    £493.10

Thank you for your kind generosity!

#### The Year of St Joseph

During this yearlong celebration, Pope Francis wants us to adopt St Joseph's way of loving with a parent's heart. This is a prayer which Pope Francis has recited for over forty years:

**Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power make the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.**



Have a great week. With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin

