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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 1 November 2020

All the listings below are live-streamed on the parish Facebook page

Sunday 1 November

Public Mass & live - stream
All Saints' Day

Monday 2 November

Live - stream Mass
All Souls' Day

Tuesday 3 November

Live - stream Mass

Wednesday 4 November

No live - stream today

Thursday 5 November

Live - stream Mass
Please note change of time

Friday 6 November

Live - stream Mass
First Friday

Saturday 7 November

Sunday 8 November

Public Mass & live - stream
Remembrance Day

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YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 23; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12
935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish
4pm Rosary and Benediction

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

2 Maccabees 12:43-45; Ps 102; John 6:37-40

910am Rosary 930am Holy Souls

Memorial of St Martin de Porres, Dominican lay brother

Philippians 2: 5-11; Ps 21; Luke 14: 15-24

910am Rosary 930am John O'Neil RIP

Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Archbishop and nephew of Pope Pius IV

Philippians 2: 12-18; Ps 26; Luke 14: 25-33

Feria in Ordinary Time

Philippians 3: 3-8; Ps 104; Luke 15: 1-10

4pm Rose Clarke RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1; Ps 121; Luke 16: 1-8

910am Rosary 930am Margaret Reilly Ints

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 6: 12-16; Ps 62; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13

205pm Church open

230pm Early Vigil Mass: First Holy Communion Mass: Anthony Delicata RIP

935am Church open

10am Rose Clarke RIP

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Confessions / Sacrament of Reconciliation I will have an update on this soon.

Arranging a Wedding – Congratulations on your engagement! It is possible to make arrangements for weddings. At present, only 15 people can attend a Wedding. Please contact Fr Martin for more details.

Arranging a Baptism – Congratulations on the birth of your child! It is possible to arrange your child's baptism. At present, only 6 people can attend a Baptism. Please contact Fr Martin for more details.

Funerals at St Mary's – unfortunately, at present, it is not possible to hold Funerals in church.

Please pray for the sick Joan Floyd, Edward Walmsley, Chris Rea, Audrey Pointon, Rosemary Emery, Kathryn Higginbotham, Brian Dale, Norman Syddall, Sheila Syddall, Andrew Clifford, David Wright and those who are in self-isolation and have been diagnosed with Covid-19. Due to the 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 November We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind

Going into hospital For a Chaplain at the University Hospital North Midlands, please ask a member of the ward staff or call 01782 676400 Ext 76400. For a Chaplain at the Macclesfield District General Hospital, please call 01625 663386

Please pray for Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Clarke and those who have died due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Gertrude Mitchell 11/1939 Arthur Blakeman 11/1967 William Machin 11/1978 Joseph Paulukiewiz 11/1978 George Lawrence 11/1979
Florence Mellor 11/1979 Dawson Earley 11/1981 Austin Taylor 11/1982 Mr Gordon 11/1982 Mary Heath 11/1982 Josephine Thorley 11/1982
Sarah Ellen Fetzer 11/1983 Leon Gandolfo 11/1984 Daisy Shaw 11/1984 Ralph Sneyd 11/1984 Graham Fowler 11/1998
Jan Panek 1/11/1995 Wladyslaw Maciuszek 1/11/1995 William Thomas Higgins 2/11/1990 William Arthur Birch 2/11/2008
John Leese 2/11/2011 Helen Anna Weaver 2/11/2018 Rose Ellen Greenwood 3/11/1980 Frederick Goodfellow 3/11/2004
Charles Patrick Malkin 3/11/2016 James Edward O'Rourke 4/11/2004 Nancy Moss 4/11/2005 Mary Deenda (Enda) Matthews 4/11/2011
Joseph Lankiewicz 5/11/1985 Czeclan Rydzkowski 5/11/2000 William Edward Harrison 5/11/2001 Mary Ellen Jones 6/11/1993
Annie Gibson 6/11/2001 Helga Mountford 6/11/2018 Margery Violet Agnes Briggs 7/11/1996 George Keates 7/11/2000

Dear friends, today the Church celebrates All the Saints: all those disciples of Christ from every time and place who have followed him. We acknowledge both the official Saints of the Church and the Saints we know: the Saints from our parish, neighbourhood, and our own families and circle of friends who have given to us a good example of following Christ in the circumstances of their own lives.

On Monday, the Church has the annual Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed or as it is own, All Souls' Day. The Church takes this day and the act of praying for the repose of the souls of the Faithful Departed so seriously that the whole day is taken up with this act of mercy.

This Tuesday will be the Memorial of St Martin de Porres, my patron saint. He was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a former Peruvian slave. He was exemplary in both his love of God and love of neighbour. He was a lay brother of the Dominican monastery and had several roles including barber, physician and friend to the hundreds of people who were in search of food and clothing. He had great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady. He also had a Franciscan-like care for creation. He is the patron saint of social justice.

Faith for Families – the new group will begin on Monday evening. Please pray for God's blessing of this year's group.

200 Club – during the week, the 200 Club draw took place for the months March to October. The winners will be contacted in the coming days. New members are *ALWAYS* welcome: the more members, the bigger the prizes! Subscriptions run from January – December. Membership is £1 per month. Please send subscriptions, by cheque only, – existing and new members – to Fr Martin at the presbytery.

Saturday 7 November 230pm Early Vigil Mass for First Holy Communion. Next Saturday's Early Vigil Mass will be for those children from our St Mary's Catholic Academy who were not able to make their First Holy Communion earlier this year. Please be aware that places will be limited and any available places in church will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers everyday this week.

Look after yourself and each other! When we are part of a team each person is valued and everyone values each other. Let's keep that good example and act of witness.

- Keep in contact with your relatives and friends: call someone every day.
- Keep in contact with those who live alone, and not just the elderly: priests are encouraged to call another priest every day.
- Keep in touch through the Parish Facebook page
- Keep up with your daily prayers and routine
- Keep up with hobbies and pastimes
- Keep joining online Mass

The smallest gestures are most often the most appreciated and can make a world of difference. Let's remain untied and resolute. You are doing great!

Mass at St Mary's Things will be different for a while. Here are some of the things you need to know about Mass and the new guidelines with which we *all* have to comply.

- There is a one-way system in force along the avenue; maintain social distance.
- The church will open at **935am. Next Saturdays at 205pm.**
- The maximum capacity in church is **58 people**; this includes a team of 10 volunteers.
- Sanitise your hands when entering the church.
- Please follow the stewards' instructions – there is a one-way system in church.
- There will be no access to toilets, choir loft, sacristy, Confessional.
- The use of face coverings is mandatory in all places of worship.
- The face covering is unlooped to receive Holy Communion.
- While at Mass, worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are attending church with ie please maintain a social distance with anyone outside your household.
- During Mass: there is no Holy Water; there will be no singing; no votive candles; there will be no physical sign of peace; at Holy Communion, follow the stewards' instructions.
- The collection will take place at the end of Mass.
- Sanitise your hands when leaving the church.
- All parish groups are suspended until further notice.

Collecting contact details of those who come to church for NHS Track and Trace For the safety of all who attend Mass, the Government has advised that a contact 'phone number be kept for everyone who comes to Mass, for a period of 21 days. That information will be destroyed after 21 days. It will be made available to NHS Track and Trace if they contact the parish to request that information. It will only be made available to any third party if that is required by law. If you come to Mass as a family only one contact number will be needed. The legal basis on which the parish will hold this information is your consent. If you do not wish to provide your phone number for these purposes, you will still be able to attend Mass. We also have the QR code which can be used by those who have downloaded the NHS Track and Trace app.

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together: Can you help with the reopening of the church? This will only be possible with *your* help! If you can help as a steward or cleaner, please let me know! Send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer Please pray for our parish that we will continue to be a place where we meet Christ in the Sacraments and each other. I ask you to use this prayer:

God our Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon the people of this parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service so that your love may grow among us, and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Online events this week

Sunday 1 November	4pm	Rosary and Benediction
		Children's Liturgy and Family Prayer, please go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqE8a9NG8Z0
Monday 2 November	7pm	Faith for Families
Thursday 5 November	230pm	Bible Book Club
Saturday 7 November	230pm	Early Vigil Mass: First Holy Communion for some of the children

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 7 November	230pm	Early Vigil Mass: church opens at 205pm; Mass for First Holy Communion
Saturday 21 November	9am	"Socially Distant" Sweep and Clean

Are you an APF Collector? please send a cheque in regards to collections direct to *Missio*, 23 Eccleston Square, LONDON SW1V 1NU. Please mark your cheque with "B131."

At Facebook Mass we can't have a collection Many thanks to all those who have started to donate by or increase their standing orders. 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.

Thank you for kind generosity!

If you shop online, it is possible to donate to the parish through the Easy Fundraising initiative. A number of online stores including Amazon contribute to a named charity for each online purchase. Thank you to those who have started to do this.

Keep well and stay safe, Fr Martin

