

The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek

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**“Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ’s command,
‘Love one another as I have loved you’.**

Saturday 10 June	SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD (Corpus Christi) <i>Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16, Ps 147, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58</i> 11am Mass for the children making their First Holy Communion 6pm Joan Greenwood RIP 10am Mary McGowan RIP
Sunday 11 June	
Monday 12 June	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>2 Corinthians 1:1-17; Ps 33; Matthew 5:1-12</i> 940am Rosary 10am Mass: Michael Wheatley RIP / Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 13 June	Memorial of St Anthony of Padua <i>2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Ps 118; Matthew 5:13-16</i> Please note change of time 830am Mass: Kevin Oliver RIP / Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 14 June	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Ps 98; Matthew 5:17-19</i> 940am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 15 June	DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE <i>2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1; Ps 84; Matthew 5:20-26</i> 940am Rosary 10am Mass: For you, the people of the parish / Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the Day 7pm Holy Hour and Benediction
Friday 16 June	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS <i>Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Ps 102; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30</i> 940am Rosary 10am Mass: Donor’s Intention / Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 17 June	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Day for Life <i>Exodus 19:2-6, Ps 99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8</i> 6pm Family Mass: Eric Arthur Duffin RIP
Sunday 18 June	10am Sue and Tony Ellis RIP 4pm Rosary and Benediction

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The Pope’s Prayer Intention for June For the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life Can you set aside one day each month to pray for Vocations? If so, could you sign the list at the back of church, please.

Please pray for the sick John Balay, Jenny Kirkham, Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, Janusz Szura.

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.

Please pray for the Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the souls of Canon John Gunn and Fr Anthony Davies.

Anniversaires for this week: Michael Joseph Carroll, Winifred (Winni) Morrow, Nellie Sweetmore, Sr M Cecilia Turtle IBVM, Christine Salt, Maciej Duduc, Valerie Clulow, Margaret Moss, Edward Percy Carding, James Martin Callinam, Kevin Gerard Oliver, Michael Wheatley, Anna Sawko, Veronica Elizabeth Renshaw, Michael (Mick) Stafford, Ada McKay, Diane Marie Ward, Edith Barry, Michael William Harris, Alfred Bernard Trafford, Mary Gower

Dear friends, today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, formerly known as Corpus Christi. This celebration acknowledges Christ's sacramental presence in the Blessed Sacrament and the pre-eminence of the celebration of the Mass, the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Let's continue to make an act of witness to this important part of our faith by continuing to be at Sunday Mass and receiving Holy Communion with care and devotion.

First Holy Communion This weekend several children from St Mary's Academy will make their First Holy Communion. Let's continue to encourage them and their families by our prayers and our being at Mass every Sunday.

Re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers As part of our celebration this weekend, our parish Eucharistic Ministers will be re-commissioned during Mass. The role of the Eucharistic Ministers is a sign of our co-responsibility in our parish by assisting with the administration of Holy Communion during Mass, taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, and showing our belief in Christ's real Sacramental presence.

The Spiritans: Mission appeal, April, 2023 During April, Fr Martin, a priest from the Congregation of the Holy Spirit or the Spiritans made an appeal here. I have received a letter of thanks. It reads, "On behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), may I offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for your Parish's kind generosity in response to our Mission Appeal that place recently at your parish. The £733.74 we have received will greatly increase our ability to bring Christ to the poorest and most neglected, responding to their cries for help ... We continue to be faithful to work among the social and cultural outcasts and victims of war, violence and natural disasters and are grateful to your prayers and support for our missionaries at home and overseas."

Reassigned Mass intentions The Mass intentions which would have been celebrated in church during this week will be reassigned to new days in the coming weeks.

Thursday 15 June Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood Let's pray to the Lord of the Harvest that he will send labourers to the harvest. After Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be twenty minute time slots for people to sign up to. At 7pm, there will be a Holy Hour with parishioners from parishes across the deanery coming to pray for an increase in Vocations.

Friday 16 June Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus recognizes Jesus' great love for us. The devotion began in the 1670s, when Jesus appeared multiple times to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun in France. Through these visions, he told her how he wished to be honoured with the symbol of his heart, asking for the faithful to make amends for any wrongdoing they had done, frequently take Communion as promoted by the custom of the First Fridays, and observe the Holy Hour. In 1856, the devotion was added to the church calendar by Pope Pius IX. The purpose of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is to focus our hearts on receiving and returning his love with gratitude — with all of our heart, soul, and strength — that he may be glorified.

Archbishop Bernard needs your help with the Diocesan Vision Archbishop Bernard's vision for our diocese is, "Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service to God and neighbour." The Archbishop wants to invite you to be part of the unfolding of his vision in three local meetings which will take place with parishioners from the parishes across our North Staffordshire Deanery at St Teresa's, Trent Vale. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 28 June at St Teresa's. The theme of this meeting will be, "My Commitment and Pray with Me". Two people have already offered to represent us. It doesn't mean that no one else can; it is a case of the more people from our parish at the meeting, the better!

Sunday 2 July 2023 Annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford If you would like to join the annual pilgrimage to Hednesford on 2 July, the fare for the coach will be £17 per person. Please take your own packed lunch and a chair for the open-air Mass. There is a list at the back of the church. Please sign up with a £5 deposit per person in an envelope and handed to Fr Martin or one of the stewards at the back of church.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 15 June Day of Prayer for Vocations
Thursday 22 June 4pm Parish Council Meeting at Painsley Catholic College
Saturday 24 June 11am Sweep and clean; 6pm Mass with Painsley students and families

Saturday 1 July 11am Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation
Friday 14 July 4pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting

The Great Big Green Week Saturday 10 - Sunday 18 June The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Check out the events being organised or organise your own! For more information see the website: <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

Holy Days of Obligation

Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, Martyrs
Wednesday 28 June 2pm Early Vigil Mass in church
Thursday 29 June 7pm Mass in church

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday 14 August 2pm Early Vigil Mass
Tuesday 15 August 7pm Mass in church

All Saints: Tuesday 31 October & Wednesday 1 November

Second collections

Next weekend 17 -18 June Day for Life

1 – 2 July Peter's Pence
8 – 9 July Sea Sunday, the Apostleship of the Sea
Total £210.66 Standing Orders for May, 2023

Collection for last weekend Gift Aid £98.00 Non Gift Aid £103.66
£1,181.50p Thank you for kind generosity!

Have a good week! With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin