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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 September <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, <i>Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; Ps 50; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-32</i> 6pm Family Mass for Education Sunday, Fr Tommy Cockburn RIP
Sunday 11 September <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	10am Sheila Siddell RIP 4pm Rosary and Benediction
Monday 12 September <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	Feria in Ordinary Time <i>1 Corinthians 11: 17-26, 33; Ps 39; Luke 7: 1-10</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Fr McDermott Int
Tuesday 13 September <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i> Please note change of time	Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church <i>1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27-31; Ps 99 Luke 7: 11-17</i> 8.30am Eilish and Baldev Int
Wednesday 14 September <i>Public liturgy</i>	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross <i>Philippians 2: 6-11; Ps 77; John 3: 13-17</i> 9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)
Thursday 15 September <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i> Please note change of time	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows <i>1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Ps 117; Luke 2: 33-35</i> 6pm Mass for the repose of the soul of HM Queen Elizabeth II
Friday 16 September	Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs <i>1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Ps 16; Luke 8: 1-3</i> 1.30pm Mass will be at St Mary’s Academy, parents and parishioners may attend.
Saturday 17 September <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Amos 8: 4-7; Ps 112; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke 16: 1-13</i> 6pm Vigil Mass for Sunday, Christy Lambe RIP
Sunday 18 September <i>Public liturgy and live-stream</i>	10am Josephine Delicata 4pm Rosary and Benediction

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The Pope’s Prayer Intention for September: For the abolition of the death penalty. *We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person may be legally abolished in every country.*

Please pray for the sick: Pam Webb, Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, 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.

Pray for the Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of David Wright and Fr Paul Devaney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The arrangements for David’s Funeral are: Reception and Vigil on Wednesday 21 September at 5pm and Funeral Mass on Thursday 22 September at 10am.

Anniversaries: Antoni Fenn; Winifred Mary Grayson; Elizabeth Sheila Gallagher; Elizabeth Carding; Paula Maughan I.B.V.M.; Wladyslaw Trusz; James Henry Collier; John Clulow; Bernard Traynor; Michael Kenneth Riordan; Ilse Elisabeth Joyce; Michael Higgins; Victor Kuchta; Eileen Mary Halpin; Brian Hambleton; Sylvia Brereton;



Dear friends, this weekend, the Church in England and Wales, observes Education Day. The mission of Catholic Education in England and Wales has a great tradition with a robust understanding of an essential partnership which is the foundation of the Catholic Education of our children and young people: the partnership of Parish – School – Home of the children and young people.

As we begin this new term, I am asking for your help. Following the last extra-ordinary years, our parish, like every parish around the world, is rebuilding. I am asking for your help as we move forward into what may be an equally challenging period during the Autumn and Winter months. It is now that the essential partnership of Catholic Education is needed more than ever!

In addition, there are challenges facing the Church around the world and in our parish: initially, the sharp decline of people attending Mass in church; and, the decline of clergy: in less than five years there will be less than half of the number of priests in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We can play our part by encouraging people to be at Mass and to pray for both an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and for all priests.

Please do send a message of support and reassurance of prayers to both Mrs Turner, the Principal at St Mary's, and Mrs Waugh, the Principal at Painsley Catholic College.

Thursday 15 September 4pm Meeting with parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023

I would like to meet with the parents of those children in our parish who will receive the Sacraments next year. The meeting will take place in church. The children can be present also! I look forward to seeing you.

Parish Visitation The parishes of the North Staffordshire Deanery will be visited in the coming months. I am asking for your support at the opening meeting of the Visitation which will take place at Holy Trinity church, Newcastle, on Thursday 22 September at 7pm. It is important to have a good representation at this meeting. If you can go and offer places in your car, please sign the list at the back church.

On Thursday, 8 September 2022, Buckingham Palace announced that HM The Queen has died.

Prayer for the repose of the soul of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Almighty God,
You are the author and sustainer of all human life;
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,
whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these
lands
may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life
promised to all those born again
in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.

Prayer for HM King Charles III

O God, to whom every human power is subject,
Grant to your servant His Majesty the King
wisdom in the exercise of his high office,
so that, always revering to you and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve
for the people entrusted to his care
the freedom that comes from unity and peace.

Mass for the repose of the soul of HM Queen Elizabeth II will be on Thursday 16 September at 6pm

Alton Castle – Youth Work Zoom Meeting 22 September Kenelm Youth Trust would like to invite you to an event. It's the zoom launch to a new virtual youth leaders initiative called 'Gathered'. It's an exciting initiative that aims to bring together youth ministers, youth leaders, and anyone involved in ministry together, to give resources, bring awareness of events for our young people and for us, offer training and a space to grow together (and so much more). To sign up, go to <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/gathered-network.html> and complete the form

24 – 25 September Second Collection for Father Hudson's Care This year's annual parish collection for Father Hudson's Care is on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September. The envelopes mean they can claim 25% Gift Aid on qualifying gifts at no additional cost to parishioners.

Tuesday 18 October: Deanery Station Mass We have been asked to host this Mass and are inviting parishioners from the neighbouring parishes. If you can help with stewarding and or tea and coffee after Mass, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Sunday 13 November: Remembrance Sunday Poppy display Following the great success of last year's display of knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday, we are going to repeat the project this year with the hope a bigger and better and brighter display in the Avenue. If you can knit some bright red poppies following the same pattern as last year, please let us know by sending a message to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Sunday Social We shall hold these on the following Sundays after 10am Mass. If you can help with setting up and clearing afterwards, please let us know at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk - Sunday 23 October, Sunday 27 November + 200 Club, Sunday 18 December + 200 Club

World Youth Day, 2023 The Kenelm Youth Trust are offering an exciting opportunity for young people aged 16-30 years to experience the Universal Church in Lisbon at the beginning of the school summer holidays next year. They have a limited number of places available for their pilgrimage group which will be participating in a full formation programme over the next 12 months as well as travelling together to Portugal at the end of July 2023, spending a week hosted by a Portuguese parish and then experiencing the full World Youth Day weeklong programme in Lisbon with the thousands of other young international pilgrims. This culminates with an open air prayer vigil and Papal Mass. Full details can be found via an information pack on the Kenelm website: <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/wyd-lisbon-2023.html>. It would be wonderful to have some young people from North Staffs among the pilgrims! Should you require any further support please contact anna.howard@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Let's be dynamic Catholics, let us:

- Be at Mass every Sunday: Sunday Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6pm and Sunday morning at 10am
- Go to Confession once a month: Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday 10am – 1030am or by making an appointment.
- Praying for 5 minutes every day
- Sharing our time and talent and treasure.

Can you help? The next parish Sweep and Clean is on Saturday 17 September at 10.45am. Please let Fr. Martin know if you can help.

Being safe in church While there are no legal restrictions in place, we want to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. So we ask that:

- Use the hand sanitizer as you arrive at and leave the church.
- Please consider wearing a face covering while in church, as an act of charity to those who remain vulnerable or return home to vulnerable relatives.
- A number of benches still have cordons for those who wish to keep a physical distance and the church will be ventilated.

Dates for your diary

Monday 12 September	SVP Meeting after 10am Mass, Bible Book Club on Zoom 6.30pm
Thursday 22 September	7pm Deanery Visitation – Opening Meeting at Holy Trinity, Newcastle.
Friday 7 October	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Tuesday 18 October	7pm Deanery Station Mass at St Mary's

Holy Days of Obligation

Tuesday 1 November All Saints' Day

Second Collections

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service

17/18 September	Catholic Evangelisation		
24/25 September	Fr Hudson's: The social care agency	23/24 October	Missio
5/6 November	Johnson Associates for sick and retired priests		
19/20 November	Catholic Youth Services	3/4 December	Poor Parishes

Collection

Non Gift Aid £61.45 Gift Aid £ 137.50 Total £ 198.95 Standing Orders August £1261.50

With prayers and best wishes for you and your family. Fr Martin