

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 11 September
Public Mass and live-stream

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Education Sunday

Isaiah 50: 5-9; Ps 114; James 2:14-18; Mark 8: 27-35

5pm Church open

6pm For you, the People of the Parish

Sunday 12 September
Public Mass and live - stream

10am Dr Joseph RIP

4pm Live- stream: Rosary and Benediction

Monday 13 September
Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Ps 27; Luke 7:1-10

10am For priests

Tuesday 14 September
Public Mass and live – stream

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9, Ps 77; John 3:13-17

930am Church open

10am Fr Tom Cockburn RIP

Wednesday 15 September
No live - stream today

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Timothy 3:14-16; Ps 110; John 19:25-27

Thursday 16 September
Public Mass and live – stream

Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Timothy 4:12-16; Ps 110; Luke 7:36-50

930am Church open

10am Elizabeth Fox RIP

Friday 17 September
No live – stream today

Feria in Ordinary Time

1 Timothy 6: 2-12; Ps 48; Luke 8:1-3

Today’s Mass will be celebrated at St Mary’s Academy.

Saturday 18 September

10am to 10:30am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Home Mission Day

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Ps 53; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Public Mass and live - stream

530pm Church open

6pm Charles Maxwell RIP

Sunday 19 September
Public Mass and live - stream

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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Appointment pending

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Gift Aid Co-ordinator
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Please pray for the sick

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 September We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

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Anniversaries

Elizabeth Carding. Sr. Paula Maughan IBVM., Wladyslaw Trusz, James Henry Collier, John Clulow, Bernard Traynor, Michael Kenneth Riordan, Ilse Elizabeth Joyce, Michael Higgins, Victor Kutcha, Eileen Mary Halpin, Brian Hambleton, Sylvia Brereton, Greville Edward Brittain

Dear friends, this weekend the Catholic Church in England and Wales observes Education Sunday. It is our opportunity to acknowledge the mission of Catholic Schools and Colleges in parishes and communities supporting parents and families in the education and faith development of their children.

For us, we can thank Mrs Turner and her staff at St Mary's Academy for the amazing work which they have done in the last eighteen months to keep the children and their families safe and connected to our parish community.

I believe that there are four foundations to Catholic Education: first, academic excellence: children are supported and encouraged to excel in their school work; next there is social cohesion: our school is recognised in the town as a beacon of hope for all; there is spiritual development: every day, every one at St Mary's attends a collective act of worship; and, there is Pastoral Care: we believe that each person is a unique thought of God and it is for this reason that we show care and consideration to each other.

Please do support our Catholic Schools: St Mary's Academy and Painsley Catholic College in Cheadle by sending a message of support to the Principal; like and follow the schools on social media; and, pray for the schools!



Welcome back! I have missed you! It is great to see people in church on these days with the numbers building up day by day. Unfortunately, the Polish Mass remains suspended.

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus We are a caring and considerate parish, 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 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 Fr Martin.

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

Parish Mission Statement: Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ's command, 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

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 are 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.

On the weekend 2 -3 October, we shall reflect more on our new Parish Mission Statement, "Mission Statement Sunday"!

The Parish plan for the rest of the year:

Sunday Mass Come back to Mass! Mass is the greatest act of worship which we can give to God. If you are feeling confident about being in church, please come along. It will be great to see you!

Monthly Confession! It means the world to receive God's forgiveness and grace once each month to help become the best version of ourselves. Confessions are celebrated on Saturday morning between 10am and 1030a in the presbytery car park.

Pray for 5 minutes every day Set some time aside each day to pray. Use your favourite prayer, read a favourite passage from the Bible or prayer; talk to God about your life and your family.

Share your time, talent and treasure If you could help in our parish for an hour each week – it would make a world of difference! Could you help with our SVP Group? Do you have IT and / or typing skills? Can you help with Sweep & Clean and other maintenance jobs?

Can you support these events over the next few months?

- The Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion Masses. We need help in church to make sure these occasions are safe. Please contact Fr Martin if you can help.
- Bible Book Club will restart soon. We shall be reading St John's Gospel. If you would like to join, please let me know. Send an email to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk
- Sunday 14 November, 2021 will be Remembrance Sunday – we are planning to make a display of poppies for a display near the Crucifix and memorial near the entrance to the church. Can you help with making knitted poppies? If you can help, please send an email to Fr Martin at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Season of Creation Wednesday, 1 September, marked the beginning of the Season of Creation. This is a month long season to raise our awareness of our roles as stewards of creation. On the parish website there is an additional newsletter which explains Pope Francis's letter on the care of our common home together with some practical steps that we can all take in caring for the environment.

September is SVP Awareness Month – the Society of St Vincent de Paul – Can you help with making telephone calls to some of our elderly and isolated parishioners? Can you make a donation to support the delivery of meals on wheels? If so, please contact Fr Martin at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Egde@Alton For our younger parishioners in school Years 6, 7, and 8 will restart on Sunday 19 September at the Soli Centre, Alton. For more information and booking, please contact egdeatalton@gmail.com

Second collections	25 – 26 September	The annual collection for Fr Hudson's care, the diocesan social care agency.
	2 – 3 October	Family Fast day collection, supporting CAFOD's Season of Creation project.

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 draw was made last weekend. Fr Martin will be in contact with the winners soon!

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. Standing Orders for August: £1251.50 Thank you for your kind generosity!

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