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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 11 July, 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: ST JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, PRAY FOR US!

Sunday 11 July

Public Mass and live-stream

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sea Sunday: Day of Prayer for Europe

Amos 7: 12-15; Ps 84; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 7-13

930am Church open

10am Christopher Rogers RIP

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

Monday 12 July

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Ps 123; Matthew 10: 34-11:1

940am Rosary

10am Rose Clarke RIP (JC)

Tuesday 13 July

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Exodus 2: 1-15; Ps 68; Matthew 11: 20-24

940am Rosary

10am For priests (FP)

Wednesday 14 July

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Camillus de Lellis, Priest, founder of the Order of Hospitallers

Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12; Ps 102; Matthew 11: 25-27

Thursday 15 July

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Bonaventure, Doctor of the Church, the Seraphic Doctor

Exodus 3: 13-20; Ps 104; Matthew 11: 28-30

940am Rosary

10am Liam Quinn RIP

Friday 16 July

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Online School Mass

Exodus 11: 10-12: 14; Ps 115; Matthew 12: 1-8

94am Rosary

10am Elizabeth Fox RIP

Saturday 17 July

No live - stream today

Memorial of Blessed John Sugar, Priest and Robert Grissold, Layman, Martyrs

Exodus 12: 37-42; Ps 135; Matthew 12: 14-21

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

Sunday 18 July

Public Mass and live-stream

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Ps 22; Ephesians 2: 13-18; Mark 6: 30-34

930am Church open

10am Kevin Oliver RIP

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

Confessions: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be celebrated in the Presbytery car park. Please wear a face covering!

Baptisms and Weddings

If you are looking to arrange either a Wedding or a Baptism, please be in contact with Fr Martin.

Funerals at St Mary's

Unfortunately, it is not possible to celebrate Funerals in our church at present.

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 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 July

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and

passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Please pray for Faithful Departed

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

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Anniversaries

Wladyslaw (George) Dziurdzik 11/7/2003

Carol Ann Drew 11/7/2014

Mrs Hill 12/7/1986

Harold Bridgett 13/7/1989

Hilda Mary Johnson 13/7/1991

Christopher Walmsley 14/7/1985

Barry Leek 14/7/1992

Thomas Mooney 14/7/2004

Jean Mary Pitt 14/7/2016

Mary Agnes Morgan 15/7/1990

Marjorie Healey 15/7/2003

Jozef Perucki 15/7/2009

Sr M Winifred 16/7/1901

Nellie McKay 16/7/1994

Roland Astles 16/7/1996

John Evans Ackroyd 17/7/1993

Edwin Barnes 17/7/1995

Hannah Mary Travis 17/7/1997

Gladys May Saum 17/7/2007

Ashley Stuart Webb 17/7/2010



Dear friends, **Calling all Grandparents and <<Senior>> Parishioners!** Sunday 25 July will be the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. In his message for the day, Pope Francis writes to you: " ... I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided ... The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship."

Alan, the Parish Administrator

After nearly three years, Alan will be leaving us this week. I would like to thank him for his great sense of humour and the good company he has brought to the administrative work which takes place. We wish him well for the future and extend our best wishes to his wife, Susan.

Repairs to the church and car park

The works to repair the church and the grounds have begun. The car park will not be accessible during this time; it will be necessary to find alternative parking.

St Mary's Parish Council

During the week I was joined by 5 parishioners for a Mini-Parish Council. We began with a discussion of the priorities for our parish over the next 18 months including: the preparation of the children to receive and celebrate the Sacraments; fundraising; the repairs to the church and restoration of the sanctuary. We started to write a mission statement which identifies and defines our parish. We shall be reconvening to complete our Parish Mission Statement.

Bibles for St Mary's Academy

Your response has been amazing! At present, we are able to buy 40 Bibles for the children to use at school. Could we raise some more money to purchase 50 copies for the start of the new school year in September? Do you know and could you approach any small businesses which may wish to sponsor the purchase of these Bibles? Donations can be made by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to "BRCDTR St Mary's, Leek". Please mark the envelope Bibles for St Mary's and deliver to the presbytery.

Mission Appeal for the Marists

Every year the Archdiocese of Birmingham invites a Missionary community to make an appeal in each of its parishes. This year we are supporting the Marists.

The Marists or Society of Mary was established in nineteenth century France and received the commission to evangelise the Pacific Islands. Their mission was put under the Patronage of Our Lady with the title, "The work of Mary." Among the first group of French Missionaries was Fr Peter Chanel a young priest from Belley, Ain, in eastern France. His mission was initially a great success until one of the local tribal leaders grew hostile to the mission and began persecuting the missionaries. Fr Peter Chanel died for the faith on 28 April, 1841 and was Canonised in 1954 and today is recognised as the Protomartyr and Patron Saint of Oceania. Today the work of the Marists includes training priests, helping street children in the Philippines, organising agricultural schools on the Pacific Islands, and supporting Burmese refugees in Thailand. For more information visit: www.maristeurope.eu/en

Brother John from the Marists was intending to be here on Sunday 18 July to make the appeal. However, that is now not possible. There will be a retiring collection for Marists after Mass next Sunday, 18 July. If you wish to make a donation by cheque, please make it payable to: **Society of Mary (Marist Fathers) C. I. O. Mission Account**

Leek Food Bank

I would like to thank the four volunteers willing to take donations to the Food Bank. There is an urgent need for a number of items. *Donations can be left in the basket at the back of church on Sundays only.* Let's concentrate on collecting the following items:

UHT milk cartons

Savoury rice

Pasta in sauce

Our Parish Working Together: *Can you help with the opening of the church?*

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: *Can you pray for our parish? Please pray for our parish. Let's use the prayer suggested by Archbishop Bernard:*

Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path. Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.

Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen.

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. During this yearlong celebration, let us use the Prayer of Pope Francis at the end of weekday Mass:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Dates for your diary

Monday 12 July 630pm Faith for Families

Sunday 18 July Mission appeal for the Marists

Thursday 15 July

Sunday 25 July

630pm Bible Book Club

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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 27 June 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. Thank you for your kind generosity!

Edge@Alton

Join us for fun, faith and friendship - time to challenge, chat and create! New-comers are always welcome. The final meeting of this school year is Sunday 18 July with crazy games and challenges! New members are always welcome from school years 6,7 and 8. Come along for fun, faith and friendship! 3:45pm - 5:15pm at the Soli Centre, Alton. £2 payable on the day, but please book ahead by either emailing: edgeatalton@gmail.com or via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/153724252377>

Let's do all we can to stay safe and keep well. With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin