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## Parish Newsletter for Sunday 11 October 2020

## YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

### Sunday 11 October

Public Mass & live - stream  
Prisons Week

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 25: 6-10; Ps 22; Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-14

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

### Monday 12 October

Live - stream Mass

### Feria in Ordinary Time

Galatians 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 112; Luke 11: 29-32

910am Rosary 930am Bridie Maher Ints

### Tuesday 13 October

Live - stream Mass

### Memorial of St Edward the Confessor: Patron Saint of Leek

Galatians 5: 1-6; Ps 118; Luke 11: 37-41

910am Rosary 930am Holy Souls (FP)

### Wednesday 14 October

No live - stream today

### Memorial of St Callistus 1, Pope, Martyr

Galatians 5: 18-25; Ps 1; Luke 11: 42-46

### Thursday 15 October

Live - stream Mass

### Memorial of St Teresa of Avila, reformer of the Carmelite Order

Ephesians 1: 1-10; Ps 97; Luke 11: 47-54

910am Rosary 930am Special Intention (JA)

### Friday 16 October

Live - stream Mass

### Feria in Ordinary Time: Online Mass with St Mary's Academy

Ephesians 1: 11-14; Ps 32; Luke 12: 1-7

910am Rosary 930am Dec'd members of the Bird & Cockburn families

### Saturday 17 October

No live-stream

### Memorial of St Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch

Ephesians 1: 15-23; Ps 8; Luke 12: 8-12

### Sunday 18 October

Public Mass & live - stream  
World Mission Day

### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; Ps 95; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5; Matthew 22: 15-21

935am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

### Confessions / Sacrament of Reconciliation

I will have more news about 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 October** We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

**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 remember in our prayers at this time those who have died due to Covid-19.

### Anniversaries

Anthony Joyce 11/10/2010

Jozef Gorski 12/10/2001

Thomas William Collier 14/10/1973

Sr Margaret Mary I.B.V.M. 15/10/1898

Eric Hampson 16/10/1997

Tadeusz (Teddy) Laskowski 17/10/2004

Konrad Wladyslaw Zwierski 11/10/2011

Lilian (Lily) Mabel Walmesley 12/10/2016

Rosemary Lawson 14/10/1996

Doris Mary Hand 15/10/2019

John Thomas Malkin 16/10/1997

Michael Patrick Joseph Duffy 11/10/2018

Pauline Ann Milward 13/10/2018

Phyllis Stafford 14/10/1997

Wanda Tichosz 16/10/1992

Ethel Plant 17/10/1991



Dear friends, let's continue to keep Sunday special! The obligation to participate at Sunday Mass remains suspended, but let's do all we can to keep God at the centre of Sunday. As Catholics we consider Sunday to be the Lord's Day: a day of rest and recreation; a weekly Easter to celebrate Christ's resurrection and give our best, we used to speak of the "Sunday Best"; a day of the Church: every Mass celebrated on Sunday is the same all around the world, we are part of one huge act of worship echoing around the world, and it is important for us as disciples of Christ to show that we are in union and fellowship with one another.

Here are some online resources which you may find helpful either personally or for your family to keep Sunday as the Lord's Day:

**Kenelm Youth Trust** based nearby at Alton Castle now has a number of online events for children, teenagers and young adults including an online Sunday Youth Mass. Please visit: <http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/virtual-ministry.html>

**Colour and Shape Family Prayer Video** This is available on YouTube, here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7QInLlftU>

**iPray with the Gospel** Is a free app developed by a priest of Opus Dei who is a school chaplain. There are daily reflections on the Mass readings and a collection of traditional prayers.

**Scripture Online** is a five-week Scripture course for young adults, 18-15, prepared by Jesuit Young Adult Ministries with Brian Purfield. To attend email [yam@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:yam@jesuit.org.uk)

I would encourage you to talk about faith at home! Parents and grandparents, talk with your children about how your Catholic faith grew and developed when you were younger. Ask the children who attend St Mary's to tell you about the online Masses we have every Friday: each pupil has their own Mass Book from which they follow and take part in the Mass. Get photos and videos of your First Holy Communion and Confirmation, talk about which Confirmation name and the Sponsor you chose and why. If you had the chance to take part in the May Procession or a Blessed Sacrament Procession talk about the roles of those taking part. Let's do all we can to encourage the young people of our parish to want to take part in the life of faith; there is so much in the world discouraging belief in God, let's do all we can not to discourage our young people!

**Maintenance update** - This week contractors have been invited to tender costs for the restoration of the altar, tabernacle and lectern. Contractors have also been invited to tender costs for roofing and stonework to weatherproof the church.

**SVP appeal** - The Parish SVP Conference would like to thank all who gave a donation towards their recent appeal for food. The SVP has been able to arrange delivery of meals to 15 parishioners and also donate food parcels to 5 families. Thank you for your kind generosity.

**APF** - important for APF Collectors - please send a cheque in regards to collections direct to *Missia*.

**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. On first Saturdays at 1205pm.**
- 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](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk).

**"Super-6, Socially Distant, Sweep and Clean"** Can you help on Saturday 17 October from 9am? If you can, please send an email to me at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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.**

**Faith for Families** Do you or someone you know want to learn more about Catholicism? Do you want to become a member of the Catholic Church? Faith for Families is for you! I am planning to begin a new course on Monday evenings from the beginning of November. If you would like to take part in this year's programme - online - please be in contact with me - please send an email to me at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk)

**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](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk).

Last Sunday's collection      Gift Aid £67.00      Loose cash £116.55      Donation £101.00      **Total      £284.55**

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,  
With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin**