

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 12 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Malachi 3: 19-20; Ps 97; 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12; Luke 21: 5-19
6pm Martyn Wilkes RIP

Sunday 13 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am Michael Stafford RIP
Remembrance Sunday, Act of Remembrance after Mass
4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 14 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

Feria in Ordinary Time
Apocalypse 1: 1-4, 2: 1-5; Ps 1; Luke 18: 35-43
9.40am Rosary 10am Barbara Duffin RIP

Tuesday 15 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

Feria in Ordinary Time
Apocalypse 3: 1-6, 14-22; Ps 14; Luke 19: 1-10
9.40am Rosary 10am Barbara Frith RIP

Wednesday 16 November
Public liturgy

Feria in Ordinary Time
Apocalypse 4: 1-11; Ps 150; Luke 19: 11-28
9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)

Thursday 17 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary, married woman, widowed, religious sister
Apocalypse 5: 1-10; Ps 149; Luke 19: 41-44
9.40am Rosary 10am Martyn Wilkes RIP

Friday 18 November
Public liturgy at School

Feria in Ordinary Time
Apocalypse 10: 8-11; Ps 49; Luke 19: 45-48
1.30pm Mass will be at St Mary’s Academy. Parents and parishioners are welcome.

Saturday 19 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, World Youth Day
2 Samuel 5: 1-3; Ps 121; Colossians 1: 12-20; Luke 23: 35-43
6pm Intentions of Teresa (GC)

Sunday 20 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am Joe Clarke RIP
4pm Rosary and Benediction

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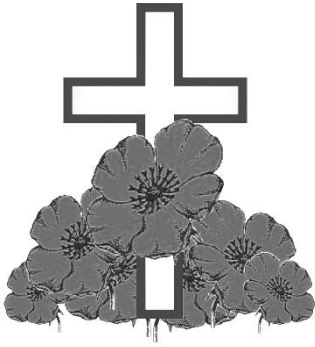
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Hospital Chaplaincy

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for November: For children who suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Please pray for the sick: 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.

Anniversaries: George Lawrence Machin; Josephine Thorley; Cyril Decruz; Pauline Vera Warrilow; Davies; David Glyn Cole; George William (Bill) Wheatley; Ethel Mary Campbell; Michael Gould Campbell; Florence Reilly; Joseph Leslie Trafford; Barbara Frith; Halina Janina Keeling; Margaret Fowler; Irene Wroblewska; Sister Maria Cox I.B.V.M.; Magdeline Harris; Kathleen Trafford; Mary Broadhurst; Jan (John) Schonau; Mary Hannah Goodall; Wanda Niebieska; Kathleen Moran; Joseph Newbon; Stuart Sigley; Josef Gondzynski; Edward Reginald Wesley Healy



Dear friends, the Parish Visitation was an uplifting occasion for everyone! It was an affirmation of your kind-hearted support and an encouragement to others to make a return to Sunday Mass after the extra ordinary period caused by the pandemic.

The Archbishop's visit was the boost we have all needed during these uncertain times. We will continue to build on the success of last weekend.

I would encourage parishioners who haven't been to church for a while to consider returning; you will be welcome! We look forward to welcoming you!

A Message from Archbishop Bernard following the Parish Visitation

Dear Fr Martin and Parishioners of St Mary's, Leek

I wish to thank you all for the wonderful Parish Visitation which took place over the weekend of the 5/6 November. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with so many individual parishioners as well as representatives of the different organisations that enable your parish mission to be so fruitful. I thank all those who met with me on Saturday morning and afternoon and for the valuable insights you gave me into the many fruitful ways in which you are already making the four themes of evangelisation, formation, liturgy and worship, and social outreach a reality within and beyond your parish.

I thank Mrs Turner and the staff from St Mary's Catholic Academy for our discussion on Catholic education and the wonderful contribution that it makes to the wellbeing of families in Leek and the surrounding communities. I was particularly delighted to celebrate Saturday's family Mass and to meet with the large number of families and young people who took part in this celebration (even when it must have been tempting to join in the bonfire parties elsewhere!). It was good to meet a wide range of parishioners at Mass on Sunday morning and I thank all the altar servers and the fine music group for enhancing the parish liturgy so successfully.

My final word of thanks is to Fr Martin, not only for his pastoral care and liturgical guidance for the parish community but also for enabling so many initiatives to be taken on the basis of our common baptismal calling. Thank you for the evident support that you offer to Fr Martin and for your readiness to respond whenever he says "I need your help".

*With my prayers and kindest wishes.
Yours devotedly in Christ*

+ Bernard

✠ Bernard Longley
Archbishop of Birmingham

I need your help, friends! Let's be responsible for our part of the vineyard. Let's nurture it. Let's make it grow so that it will produce good fruit. I believe that we can reverse the trend. Let's be bold. Let's show that we want God in our lives. I want to encourage you to these actions:

- Let's return to Mass - I want to invite those who have not been to Mass since the beginning of the pandemic; those whose children will be receiving First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation next year: let's support the children in the best way by bringing them to Mass!
- Let's return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Let's set aside 5 minutes every day to pray.
- Let's share our time, talent and treasure.

Edge at Alton Could you be an occasional volunteer? Can you offer to be a 'pair of hands' at our sessions with young people from your parish and across the Staffordshire Moorlands? We promise you a few hours of faith and fun with about 15 (but this number is growing!) fabulous young people who are so keen to be able to meet and know themselves, one another and Christ better. Please contact us by emailing: edgeatalton@gmail.com

Christmas Raffle Tickets will be available soon. Can you take some tickets and sell them to your neighbours please?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confession is celebrated on Saturday from 10am – 1030am. If you want to make an alternative arrangement, please do call Fr Martin at the presbytery.

Youth Day Weekend 19-20 November, 2022 The amazing students at Painsley Catholic College will join us for 6pm Mass on Saturday 19 November, leading music and singing and writing and reading the Bidding Prayers.

Dates for your diary		
Monday 14 November	Bible Book Club on Zoom at 6.30pm	Thursday 24 November SVP Meeting after Mass
Saturday 19 November	6pm Mass with music by students from Painsley School	Thursday 24 November 5pm Parish Council
Monday 21 November	7pm Mass for Deceased relatives, friends and benefactors	Sunday 27 November Sunday Social and 200 Club after Mass
		12.30pm Blessing of the crib, Market Square

A message from CAFOD Thank you to all parishioners at St Mary's for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £221.55 which we received in October. Thank you so much for being there for our global family.

Second Collection Next weekend there is a Second Collection for the Catholic Youth Service.

Collection Gift Aid £97.14 Non Gift Aid £130.07 Total £227.21 Second Collection Johnson Association - £187.35

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