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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 12 July 2020  
YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

Sunday 12 July

Sea Sunday

Public Mass & live stream

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55: 10-11; Ps 64; Romans 8: 18-23; Matthew 13: 1-23

9.45am Church open

10am Michael Stafford RIP – Mass followed by church cleaning

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 13 July

Live stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 1: 10-17; Ps 49; Matthew 10: 34-11:1

9.10am Rosary 9.30am Marguerita Clarke

Tuesday 14 July

Live stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 7: 1-9; Ps 47; Matthew 11: 20-24

9.10am Rosary 9.30am For you, the People of the Parish

Wednesday 15 July

No live-stream today

Memorial of St Bonaventure

Isaiah 10: 5-7, 13-16; Ps 93; Matthew 11: 25-27

Thursday 16 July

Live stream Mass

Memorial of Our Lady of Mt Carmel: Mass of Thanksgiving at the end of the School Year

Isaiah 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 101; Matthew 11: 28-30

9.10am Rosary 9.30am Celebrant's Intention

Friday 17 July

Live stream Mass

Memorial of Blessed John Sugar and Robert Grissold

Isaiah 38: 1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38; Matthew 12: 1-8

9.10am Rosary 9.30am Celebrant's Intention

Saturday 18 July

Please note:

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Micah 2: 1-5; Ps 98; Matthew 12: 14-21

**Weather permitting** – 10am Sacrament of Reconciliation – "Confession in the Car Park"

**Inclement weather** 9.40am Rosary 10am Celebrant's Intention

Sunday 19 July

Public Mass & live stream

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Ps 85; Romans 8: 26-27; Matthew 13: 24-43 (Mt 13: 24-30)

9.45am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish - Mass followed by church cleaning

4pm Rosary and Benediction

The Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Matrimony - Please be in contact with the Parish Office.

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** Joan Floyd, Edward Walmsley, Chris Rea, Audrey Pointon, Rosemary Emery, Kathryn Higginbotham, Brian Dale, Norman Syddall, Sheila Syddall, Andrew Clifford, 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 July

We pray that today's families maybe accompanied with love, respect and guidance

Please pray for the repose of the Faithful Departed

Covid-19.

We remember in our prayers at this time those who have died due to

Anniversaries

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 Sister M Winifred I.B.V.M. 16/7/1901 Nellie McKay 16/7/1994

Roland Astles 16/7/1996

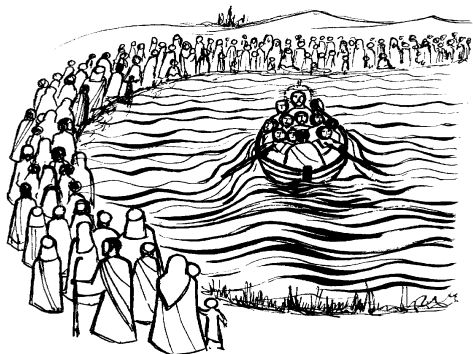
John Evans Ackroyd 17/7/1993

Edwin Barnes 17/7/1995 Hannah Mary Travis 17/7/1997

Gladys May Saum 17/7/2007

Ashley Stuart Webb 17/7/2010

Sister Mercella Deegan I.B.V.M. 18/7/1925 Carol Ann Drew 11/7/2014



Dear parishioners,

**WE'RE OPEN! ... almost.** Following the successful meeting with volunteer cleaners and stewards, this Sunday's Mass will be both live-streamed and – for this weekend only – our teams of volunteers will be in church for a trial run of all the guidance which we have to follow. Next Sunday's Mass on 19 July will be open but there is a maximum capacity of 40 including 10 volunteers.

**Public Mass in church on Sundays only** I am pleased to let you know that from this Sunday, 12 July, public Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's church at 10am; there will be no Saturday evening Masses at 430pm in Polish or at 6pm. The Sunday Obligation remains suspended; please do not feel that you have to be at church for Mass. Mass will be live-streamed on the Parish Facebook page.

Here are some things to know about Mass and the new rules with which we have to comply.

- There is a one-way system in force along the avenue; maintain social distance.
- The church will open at 9.45am.
- The maximum capacity in church is 40; 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.
- Use of face covering is compulsory at Mass if social distancing less than 2 metres.
- 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.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation – “Confession in the Car Park”**

I am pleased to announce that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available next Saturday, 18 July, *weather permitting*, in the presbytery car park from 10am – 10.45am. If the weather is inclement, I will live-stream Mass at 10am.

- Please **DO NOT** park on the presbytery car park.
- Please wait by the presbytery gate – maintain social distancing.
- Penitent and priest will sit at right angles.
- If you wish, you may wear a face covering.

**THANK YOU!**

I am very grateful to you for your generous response to the purchase of essential items of PPE and cleaning materials required for the cleaning and reopening of the church. It is a great way of showing your devotion for our beautiful church and the desire to gather for the celebration of Mass which is the greatest act of worship which we can offer to God and to show our respect to the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.

**St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together**

**Our Parish Working Together for the reopening of the church** I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to be stewards and cleaners for the phased reopening of the church. A huge *THANK YOU* to all those who came on Thursday to help clean the church. Over the next few weeks I want to see how things go. If there are to be more public Masses, more people will be needed to help with being stewards and cleaners; this is part of the Guidance we have been given: after each public Mass, the church is to be thoroughly cleaned.

If you are a “younger” parishioner and if you are willing to help initially on Sundays either as a steward or as a cleaner, please send an email to me at the Parish Office, giving your name, telephone number, and role. The email address is [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk) This information will be forwarded to our Parish Co-ordinator.

**Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer**

As we work together during this extraordinary time, I would like to suggest that we also pray together for our Parish. I invite you to pray this prayer at home in your families, individually, and at Mass, we will use it as the conclusion to the Bidding Prayers.

**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.**

**To the SVP and the KSC: A big THANK YOU!!** I would like to thank the wonderful SVP and KSC for their telephone apostolates! It is great to know that you are keeping up your mission to befriend the elderly and isolated during this extraordinary time.

<b>Online events</b>	<b>Monday 13 July</b>	7pm Faith for Families	<b>Thursday 16 July</b>	230pm Bible Book Club
	<b>Saturday 18 July</b>	4pm Afternoon tea - If you wish to join, please send an email to me at <a href="mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk">stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk</a>		

**At Facebook Mass we can't have a collection** A big thank you to all those who have started to or increased their standing orders. It keeps us afloat and is especially important since the lockdown may continue for a while. If you can contribute, please do. On the parish website [www.stmaryleek.org.uk](http://www.stmaryleek.org.uk) there is a donate button. If you would prefer to donate by standing order, please send an email to the parish office at [stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk)

**Children's Liturgy at home** I am delighted to let you know about these online resources for Children's Liturgy. We can recommend to you to you the following link to Children's Liturgy video for use on Sundays to help your children participate at Sunday Mass during the present lockdown. The videos are available on Facebook and YouTube. Here are the links:

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdJNyn5xOrOB5634uplhcQg>

With best wishes,  
Fr Martin