

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 13 November **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Remembrance Day, World Day of the Poor**
Daniel 12: 1-3, Ps 15, Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 Mark 13: 24-32
Public Mass and live - stream 2pm Church open
230pm For you, the People of the Parish

Sunday 14 November
Public Mass and live - stream 10am Barbara Frith RIP
4pm Live- stream: Rosary and Benediction

Monday 15 November **St Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**
Live - stream Mass 1 Maccabees 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Ps 118; Luke 18: 35-43
10am Mickey Cannon

Tuesday 16 November **Memorial of St Margaret of Scotland, co-founder of Dunfermline Abbey**
Public Mass and live – stream 2 Maccabees 6: 18-31, Ps 3; Luke 19: 1-10
930am Church open 10am Rosemary Emery RIP (CF)

Wednesday 17 November **Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary 1207-1231**
No Mass today 2 Maccabees 7: 1, 20-31, Ps 16; Luke 19: 11-28

Thursday 18 November **Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul, Apostles**
Public Mass and live – stream Acts 28: 11-16; 30-31; Ps 97; Matthew 14: 22-33
630pm Church open 7pm Mass for those who died during the Pandemic

Friday 19 November **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Live – stream today 1 Maccabees 4: 36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29; Luke 19: 45-48
Mass will be celebrated at St Mary’s Academy.

Saturday 20 November 10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the church.
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: World Youth Day
Daniel 7: 13-14, Ps 92, Apocalypse 1: 5-8, John 18: 33-37
Public Mass and live - stream 2pm Church open
230pm Anthony (Tony) Delicata RIP

Sunday 21 November
Public Mass and live - stream 10am For you, the People of the Parish
4pm Live- stream: Rosary and Benediction

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Please pray for the sick Chris Rea, 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 November – People who Suffer from Depression We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Please pray for Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of John Broun and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19. *Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the next of kin needs to be given.*

Anniversaries

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, Frances Hambleton, Malcolm Kidd, Frederick James Malkin, Eileen Edith Hoof, Carol Sheldon

Dear friends, "Love one another as I have loved you." Let's continue to be a caring and considerate parish community.



Last week, with our Parish Health and Safety Representative, I undertook a review of the Covid Risk Assessment. The current high number of infections in our postcode area, the number of vulnerable people attending Mass and the number of people who attend Mass and return home to vulnerable relatives, have deemed it necessary to continue with the cautious approach which is already in place. The only adjustment which has been made is for the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession which will be celebrated in the narthex area of the church and will require those coming to wear a face covering and maintain social distance.

Ventilation in church Please keep in mind that ventilation is a proven way of reducing the spread of the virus. During all public Masses, the main door of the church and the internal doors will remain open. Please bring a coat!

Vaccines If you are 12 -15 or over 50 you are eligible to receive either the first vaccine dose or a booster dose. Your doctor will be pleased to help you.

Volunteers I am incredibly grateful to all our cleaners and stewards. They have kept the church open during this period. If you can help – even in a small way – it will be greatly appreciated. Please be in contact with me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Are you hesitant about coming back to Sunday Mass? Please know that you are most welcome to come to Mass on Tuesday at 10am.

Repairs to the church The repairs will recommence on Monday 15 November. There have been a number of administrative and practical difficulties in recent weeks which have been a big distraction. The works will continue into the new year will make demands on us all, but they will ensure that our beautiful church is secure for a good number of years.

The Synod for a Synodal Church Last month Pope Francis opened the Synod on Synodality that is "walking together." This is the Pope's bold vision for the whole Church and our parish: we walk together in faith. In this Synod, Pope Francis wants to know what you think about the Church and what it means for you to be part of our parish. This process is part of a larger vision for both the present and the future, and the Pope wants us to engage with this. Very soon I will give a questionnaire for you to complete. There are no right or wrong answers. You can complete it individually or with family and friends. The purpose is that you know you are a valued member of the Church and our parish.

November at St Mary's: November is the month of the Holy Souls, and we have the following planned:

Thursday 18 November 7pm Mass for the Repose of the Souls of those who died during the Pandemic. My invitation is to those families whose relatives have died during the last 19 months and whose Funerals could not take place in church due to the restrictions. I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to be cleaners and stewards on this occasion. If YOU can help, please let me or Sue know.

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 November I would like to invite the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion or received the Sacrament of Confirmation to one of the weekend Masses; the children will be welcome to wear their dresses and smart clothes. That weekend will mark the celebration of Christ the King. This year, Pope Francis wants the whole Church around the world to mark World Youth Day. It will be great to see the children and young people of our parish!

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus Let's continue to show both personal and social responsibility while we are in church, showing that we "Love one another as Christ loves us", by keeping to the mitigations which are in place:

- **At Mass** - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and, use of face coverings. The Bishops of England and Wales continue to ask us to use these measures to keep everyone safe and prevent the spread of the virus.
- **Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation** - in the church narthex. Bring a face covering.
- **Baptisms and Weddings** – please be in contact with Fr Martin.
- **The celebration of Christian Funerals** We shall have a gradual and phased reintroduction with the following routines:

NHS Track and Trace	Use of hand sanitizer	Social distancing	Use of face coverings
Limit of 50 people	A team of volunteer cleaners and stewards		The organ cannot be used and no singing

Unfortunately, the Polish Mass and face to face parish meetings remain suspended.

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 1030am in the church narthex or be in contact with Fr Martin directly.
- **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?

Dates for your diary

Monday 15 November 630pm Bible Book Club
Thursday 18 November 7pm Mass for the repose of the souls of those who have died during the Coronavirus Pandemic
Saturday 20 / Sunday 21 November World Youth Day.
Sunday 28 November 3pm In the Market Square – The Blessing of the Crib
At All Saints Church – 630pm Advent Carols – please take your face covering.

Second Collections Saturday 27 / Sunday 28 November SVP

200 Club I will be in contact with the winner and runner up of last weekend's draw.

Edge@Alton Will meet on Sunday 21 November at the Soli Centre in Alton from 3:30pm - 5:15pm. Young people from school year's 6,7 and 8 are invited to come along for fun, faith and friendship as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the first World Youth Sunday together. There is a small charge of £2 payable on the day to cover expenses. Please email edgeatalton@gmail.com for further information or to book a place at the session.

Are you a former leader of a Catholic school? The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to recruit inspectors to our Catholic Schools. For more information contact Ben McArdle at b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk

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.

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