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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 13 September 2020 YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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

Sunday 13 September

Public Mass & live - stream
Education Day

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28: 7; Ps 102; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35

9.45am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 14 September

Live - stream Mass

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Philippians 2: 6-11; Ps 77; John 3: 13-17

9.10am Rosary 9.30am Dr Joseph RIP

Tuesday 15 September

Live-stream Mass

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Hebrews 5: 7-9; Ps 30; Luke 2: 33-35

9.10am Rosary 9.30am Mary Courtney

Wednesday 16 September

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Cornelius, Pope, and St Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Corinthians 12: 31-13: 13; Ps 32; Luke 7: 31-35

Thursday 17 September

Live - stream Mass

Please note change of time

Feria in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Ps 117; Luke 7: 36-50

4.30pm Nancy and Don Brough

Friday 18 September

Live - stream Mass

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

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Ps 16; Luke 8: 1-3

9.10am Rosary 9.30am Special Intention

Saturday 19 September

Please note

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

1 Corinthians 15: 35-37, 42-49; Ps 55; Luke 8: 4-15

Weather permitting 10am -10.30am Confessions - in the presbytery car park

Inclement weather 10am Mass

Sunday 20 September

Public Mass & live - stream
Home Mission Day

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55: 6-9; Ps 144; Philippians 1: 20-24, 27; Matthew 20: 1-6

9.45am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Arranging a Wedding

Congratulations on your engagement! It is now possible to make arrangements for a simple Marriage with no more than 30 people present and all current guidance being followed. Please be in contact with Fr Martin.

Arranging a Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your child! It is now possible to celebrate a simple Baptism with no more than 30 people present and all current guidance being followed. Baptism is celebrated at 11.30am on Sunday. Parents should collect a form from Fr Martin after Sunday Mass.

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

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 September

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Please pray for the repose of the Faithful Departed

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

Anniversaries

Sister Paula Maughan I.B.V.M. 13/9/1956
John Clulow 14/9/2006
Ilse Elisabeth Joyce 15/9/2017
Eileen Mary Halpin 16/9/1997
Greville Edward Brittain 18/9/1998
Ada Frances Worthington 19/9/2008

Wladyslaw Trusz 13/9/2012
Bernard Traynor 15/9/1995
Michael Higgins 16/9/1967
Brian Hambleton 17/9/1997
Michael George Rushton 19/9/1984

James Henry Collier 13/9/2017
Michael Kenneth Riordan 15/9/1998
Victor Kuchta 16/9/1992
Sylvia Brereton 17/9/2006
Zita Mary Frith 19/9/1991



Dear friends, this Sunday the Catholic Church in England and Wales observes Education Day. It is an occasion to acknowledge the significant mission of Catholic Schools in our parishes and local communities. Catholic Schools have been established to support Catholic parents in their responsibility for the academic, physical, spiritual, moral and religious education of their children in accordance with the teachings of the Church. Catholic Education endeavours to make the person of Jesus Christ known and loved, and to place Him and the teachings of the Catholic Church at the centre of the educational enterprise. Over the last few months our Catholic Schools have been beacons of hope for the families they support. Please do continue to support both St Mary's Academy and Painsley Catholic College in Cheadle: pray for our Catholic Schools every day; "like" them on Facebook; send an email or a card to assure them of your support. The staff, children and Governors of our schools will greatly appreciate it.

We are still keeping the Season of Creation The Archdiocese of Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission Assembly which will be online this year with four Zoom meetings beginning at 7.30 pm, on Monday 28 September, Wednesday 30 September, Friday 2 October and Sunday 4 October. The meetings will be recorded so

you will still be able to watch later if that particular time is inconvenient. If you want to join the online assembly please go to: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/justice-and-peace-assembly-2020>. For your personal interest, there are some excellent resources at the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation> and <https://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/>

Thank you! Thank you for keeping in contact with me either by phone or email. I do appreciate your concern for me at this time. It is very reassuring to know that I have your support.

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 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.
- 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - "Confessions in the Car Park" The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available next Saturday, **weather permitting**, in the presbytery car park from 10am – 10.30am. If the weather is inclement, I will live-stream Mass at 10am.

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

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. Your help is enabling us to have Mass every Sunday morning.

Thank you to the amazing SVP and KSC for continuing their essential telephone apostolates by keeping in contact and befriending the lonely and isolated by telephone. It is great!

Thank you for the generous donations of essential items of PPE and cleaning materials.

Thank you to those who came during the week to help at the Socially Distant Sweep and Clean.

Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer As we work together during this extraordinary time, I invite you to pray this prayer at home in your families, individually, and at Weekday 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.

This week's Online events Thursday 17 September 230pm Bible Book Club – we continue our mini-series, reading the Book of Psalms. If you would like to join, please send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Children's Liturgy I am pleased to let you know that the online Children's Liturgy video is back. Here is the YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7QInLlftU>

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 October. 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

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. A standing order is a safe method of donating: you designate the day and amount the donation is made; a Direct Debit works differently. 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.

Last Sunday's collection: Gift Aid £443.00 Loose cash £65.35 Donation £150.00 **Total £658.35** Thank you for your kind generosity! 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.

Let's remain united and resolute! Keep well and stay safe, Fr Martin