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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 14 March 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

ST JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, PRAY FOR US!

Sunday 14 March

Public Mass and live-stream
Dementia Prayer Week

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23; Ps 136; Ephesians 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21
935am Church open

10am Kathleen Greenwood RIP
4pm **Live-stream** – Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Monday 15 March

Live - stream Mass
Dementia Prayer Week

Lent feria

Isaiah 65: 17-21; Ps 29; John 4: 43-54
940am Rosary 10am Margaret Rushton RIP

Tuesday 16 March

Live - stream Mass
Dementia Prayer Week

Lent feria

Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12; Ps 45; John 5: 1-3, 5-16
940am Rosary 10am Moira Scully (F&M)

Wednesday 17 March

No live - stream today

Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron Saint of Ireland

Jeremiah 1: 4-9; Ps 116; Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

Thursday 18 March

Live - stream Mass
Dementia Prayer Week

Lent feria

Exodus 32: 7-14; Ps 105; John 5: 31-47
940am Rosary 10am Rose Clarke RIP (SB)

Friday 19 March

Live - stream Mass
Dementia Prayer Week

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH: Online Mass with St Mary's Academy

2 Samuel 7: 4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 88; Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24
940am Rosary 10am For you, the People of the Parish
4pm **Live-stream** - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 20 March

No live - stream today

Lent feria

Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Ps 7; John 7: 40-52

Sunday 21 March

Public Mass and live-stream

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Ps 50; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-33
935am Church open
10am For you, the People of the Parish
4pm **Live-stream** – Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Confessions: Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament, please be in contact with Fr Martin directly. Confession will be celebrated in the presbytery car park at a social distance. Please bring a face covering.

Weddings and Baptisms – If you are looking to arrange either a Wedding or a Baptism, please be in contact with Fr Martin.

Funerals at St Mary's – Unfortunately, at present, it is not possible to hold Funerals in 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 the sick Edward Walmsley, Chris Rea, Rosemary Emery, 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 March

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God

Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Ollie Kemp and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Stefan Kowalczyk 14/3/1996	Vera Mary Piggott 14/3/2002	Sidney Francis Hurst 14/3/2011	Sister Anne Antonia Mckee I.B.V.M. 15/3/1922
Elsie Nash 15/3/2001	Alice Coyle Cooper 15/3/2007	Jane Munday 16/3/1969	Evelyn Carding 16/3/1977
Joan Doreen Shufflebotham 16/3/2005	John Goodfellow 16/3/2012	Martin James Moran 17/3/1949	Elsie Moran 17/3/1954
Marie Theresa Balay 17/3/1996	John Brindley 17/3/2006	Audrey Oulsnam 17/3/2009	Sister Scholastica Davies I.B.V.M. 18/3/1904
Margaret Ann Ryan I.B.V.M 18/3/1997	Sister Veronica Bill 18/3/2005	Frederick Vincent Wood 18/3/2008	Halina Turek 18/3/2017
Jane Manuel 19/3/1907	George Cockburn 19/3/1980	Margaret Berrisford 19/3/2004	Antonia Davies 19/3/2016
Kathleen Proctor 19/3/2018	Thomas Joyce 20/3/1967	Rose Elizabeth Cockburn 20/3/1998	Lilian Mellor 20/3/2002 Joe Cox 20/3/2005

Dear friends, **Let's focus on Holy Week and Easter.** Whether we you are able to be in church or you will be joining us online for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations, it will be great to have your support! These celebrations are the highpoint of the Christian calendar and are the focus of our observance of Lent. Let's remain united and resolute during the final few weeks of this season of God's grace. I hope to confirm the times of the Holy Week Liturgies in the next few days.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession. In recent weeks a good number of people have been to Confession. It is for everyone's safety that this Sacrament is celebrated in the presbytery car park. If you wish to go to Confession, please be in contact with me directly to make an arrangement.

The Season of Lent continues and let's remain positive! Keep going! Please do not be discouraged if you give up or you are finding the Lenten discipline a struggle this year. Every day is a new start and a fresh resolution can be made. Don't let discouragement stop you.

Be positive! Lent is about a new start in your relationship with Christ and your faith is meant to bring joy and completeness. Your faith is not meant to be a challenge or an endurance test. Belief in God is supposed to be something we are both proud of and are willing to tell others about. Here's a reminder of the three actions of Lent:

Prayer – if you already have a routine of daily prayer, keep going! For Lent, pray for 5 minutes every day.

Fasting – if you have given up chocolate or some other food make a prayer of the sacrifice

Charity – let's try this. When we work together, great things happen! If every parishioner puts aside £1 for each day of Lent that would be £40. If 20 parishioners did this together that would raise £800! If 50 parishioners did this together that would raise £1000! If 100 parishioners gave £40 for Lent that would raise £4000! If we donate this to the Parish SVP Group it can continue to support families and those living alone during this extraordinary time with all the demands it is making. There have been more donations during the week. Thank you for your kindness.

Archbishop Bernard invites you to share your experience of faith during the pandemic. The Archbishop has launched an online survey asking you, the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, about your experience of faith during this extraordinary period. Your response will help him to discover the effects of the pandemic has had on both parishioners and their parishes. Please visit https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/covid-19-survey-form/#gf_12

The Year of St Joseph. During this yearlong celebration, Pope Francis wants us to adopt St Joseph's way of loving with a parent's heart. We have started to have weekday Mass live-streamed from the St Joseph's chapel in our church. The Seven Sundays of St Joseph, that is the seven Sundays before St Joseph's day. On each of these Sundays, let us use the Prayer of Pope Francis:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Online events this week

Sunday 14 March

Colour and Shape Children's Liturgy and Family Prayer video available on YouTube

Monday 15 March

630pm Faith for Families

Dates for your diary – CAN YOU HELP?

Monday 29 March

430pm Church cleaning for Easter – please be in contact with Sue. If you can help, even for a short time, I will be very grateful.

Tuesday 30 March

230pm Sweep and Clean for Easter – With the planned change to lockdown restrictions, I am asking for help from 5 volunteers with a tidy-up of the car park, avenue and garden ahead of Easter. If you are able to help, please send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together: Can you help? I am very grateful to those who have offered to help over the next few weeks. Can you help? 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

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.

200 Club – A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has sent their subscriptions Congratulations to all the winners for November and December, 2020, and January and February, 2021. All the winners have been contacted. I am very grateful to everyone who has either renewed their subscription or taken a new subscription for the 200 Club. The next – socially distant – draw will take place in a few weeks after Sunday Mass.

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.

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.

Sunday Collection Gift Aid £132.00

Loose cash £93.24

Total £ 225.84 Thank you for your kind generosity!

In today's second reading, we hear one of the most important verses in the Bible:

"God loved the world with so much love that he was generous with his mercy" (Ephesians 2:4)

With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin

