

The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek

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Sunday 15 August

Public Mass and live-stream

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Ps 44; 1Corinthians 15: 20-26; Luke 1:39-56

9:30am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

Monday 16 August

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Judges 2:11-19; Ps 105; Matthew 19:16-22

9:40am Rosary

10am Fr John Burns RIP

Tuesday 17 August

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time.

Judges 6: 11-24; Ps 84; Matthew 19:23-30

9:40am Rosary

10am For priests (FP)

Wednesday 18 August

No live - stream today

Feria in Ordinary Time.

Judges 9:6-15; Ps 20; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday 19 August

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Judges 11:29-39; Ps 39; Matthew 22:1-14

9:40am Rosary

10am Lily Lynch RIP

Friday 20 August

Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church.

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Ps 145; Matthew 22:34-40

9:40am Rosary

10am Kevin Oliver RIP

Saturday 21 August

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Pius X, Pope

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 127; Matthew 23:1-12

10am to 10:30am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

Sunday 22 August

Public Mass and live-stream

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ps 33; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

9:30am Church open

10am Mr and Mrs Dzedzic

Parish Priest

St Mary’s Catholic Academy,
Painsley Catholic College, Cheadle
Safeguarding Rep

Fr Martin Pratt

Mrs G Turner

Mrs R Waugh

Appointment pending

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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 August

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for Fr John Burns, 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

Joseph William Emery, Elizabeth Ann Walwyn, Theresa Elizabeth Plant, Mary Ellen Allen, Josephine Bull, Sandra Winifred Clayton, Mary Thompson and Harry Sherrat

Dear friends, this Sunday, 15 August, the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: the belief that at the moment of her death, Our Lady was taken body and soul to heaven.

The first reading at Mass is the vivid description of Our Lady in the Book of the Apocalypse, "the woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, with the twelve stars on her head for a crown" (Apoc 12:1) which is beautifully represented in the central panel of the stained glass window above the altar.

Our Lady, St Mary is our hope! We look up to her and to the four scenes from her life depicted in the stained glass together with the two stone carvings beneath the window showing the Crucifixion of the Lord and the Day of Pentecost. These images together provide us with the incentive to continue to collaborate with God in the circumstances and experiences of our own lives at this time.



As Our Lady remained close to the Lord in his mission, she remains close to us.

Parish Mission Statement

**Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ's command,
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This Mission Statement taken from Christ's words of encouragement to the disciples at the Last Supper (John 15: 12) is an imperative which summarises his mission and wish for the Church today. In practice, our Mission Statement identifies and defines us as a Parish: this is how we live and are known. It is the vision for our evangelisation, formation, worship and social outreach.

As a Catholic Community we are a Synod. "Synod" means "to walk together." Let's walk together, loving each other as Christ loves. We will not always agree, we not all we able to walk at the same speed, but the most important act is walking together, sharing the same vision: having care and consideration for each other as Christ does.

Fr John Burns RIP

Fr John's Funeral will be held at the church of the Immaculate Conception, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxfordshire. The details are:

Sunday 15 August	5pm	Short vigil and Reception of the Body
Monday 16 August	1130am	Funeral Mass

Congratulations! I would like to congratulate all our young parishioners who have received results for their public examinations during the week. You have given a great account of themselves in the demanding circumstances caused by the pandemic. For those who have not achieved the results they would have wanted, don't let this define you. Poor results do not predict where your future will be. If this week has been an occasion of success: celebrate! And don't become complacent. If you have not done as well as you wanted, don't be afraid to ask for help. In any walk of life, there is no weakness in asking for help; it's sign of maturity and strength. Don't let today's results hold you back from making tomorrow's achievements. Keep up the work and remember: heads up and shoulders back!

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus

As a caring and considerate parish, I want everyone to know that they are welcome to be at 10am Mass on Sunday morning. I want to reassure everyone that we shall continue with the now well established routines which are keeping people safe and stopping the spread of the virus.

At Sunday Mass - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and use of face coverings.

Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation - will continue – weather permitting – in the presbytery car park. Please bring a face covering.

Baptisms and Weddings – please be in contact with me.

Funerals – unfortunately, it is not possible to celebrate Christian Funerals in church at the present time.

Let's restart Saturday evening Mass and Weekday Masses

Dear friends, I do need your help so that we can restart having more public Masses in church. It is my plan to restart the Saturday evening Mass at 6pm and Weekday Masses at 930am at the beginning of September; this will coincide with the conclusion of the majority of repairs to the church and the next review of the Covid Risk Assessment. There has been a great response, but I do need some more help to make sure that Saturday evening Mass will be safe. I need the help of 4 more people to help as stewards and cleaners so that Saturday evening's Vigil Mass can restart at the beginning of September. If you can help, please be in contact with me. Please send an email to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Dates for your diary

September This is SVP month. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

1 September – 4 October This is the "Season of Creation" beginning with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September. This season raises awareness of environmental issues. A summary of Pope Francis's encyclical letter, "Laudato Si'" will be available.

Thank you!

Brother John from the Marist Missionaries has written asking me to thank you for your generous donation to the Mission Appeal which took place last month.

Leek Food Bank

Thank you for generous response for donations to the food bank. I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to take the items to the food bank.

Calling all 200 Club members! Have you made your subscription for this year? If you want to renew, please send a cheque made payable to: "BRC DTR St Mary, Leek". One number for 12 months is £12. The more subscribers, the bigger the winnings! Please send your cheques to Fr Martin. The last draw took place on Sunday 25 July and the winners have been informed!

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. Standing Orders for July: £1289.50 Thank you for your support and generosity.

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