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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 16 October
Public Mass and live-stream

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

530pm Church open
6pm Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation: Pam Finney RIP (J, F, M)
Isaiah 53:10-11; Ps 32; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45
10am For you, the People of the Parish
4pm *Live-stream*: Rosary and Benediction

Monday 18 October
Live-stream Mass

Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist, Patron Saint of Healthcare Workers

2 Timothy 4:10-17; Ps 144; Luke 10:1-9
10am Rose Clarke RIP

Tuesday 19 October
Public Mass and live – stream

Feria in Ordinary Time

Romans 5:12, 15, 17-21, Ps 39; Luke 12:35-38
930am Church open 10am For priests

Wednesday 20 October
No live-stream today

Feria in Ordinary Time

Romans 6:12-18, Ps 123; Luke 12:39-48

Thursday 21 October
Public Mass and live – stream

Feria in Ordinary Time: Online School Mass

Romans 6:19-23; Ps 1: Luke 12:49-53
930am Church open 10am Special Intention (HK)

Friday 22 October
Live – stream today

Memorial of St John Paul II, Pope

Romans 7: 18-25; Ps 118; Luke 12: 54-59
10am Rosemary Emery RIP (GC)

Saturday 23 October

10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Ps 125; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

Public Mass and live-stream

530pm Church open
6pm Holy Souls (HB)

Sunday 24 October
Public Mass and live-stream

10am Elizabeth Zwierska (Special Intention)
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 October - Missionary Disciples We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel

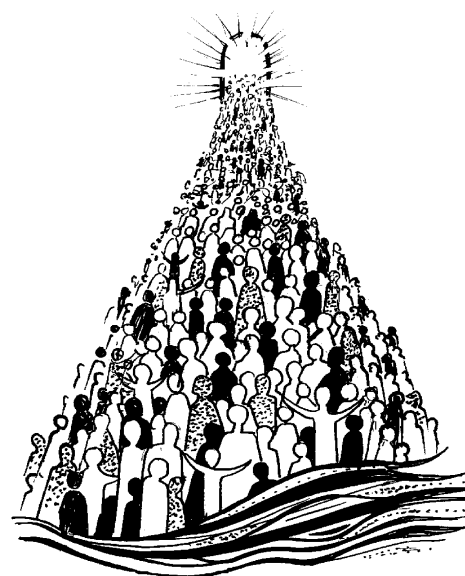
Please pray for Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie Pemberton and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19. *Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the next of kin needs to be given.*

Anniversaries

Ethel Plant, Tadeusz (Teddy) Laskowski, Sister Mary Angela Haslam I.B.V.M., Rose Clarke, Vere Florence Malkin, Hilda Matthews, Jozef Gorski, Winifred Cooper, Margaret Whittaker, Mary Teresa Westaway, Thomas Healey, Gerald Anthony Ball, Nora Joan Smith, Rose Robinson, Ellen Kathleen Woodcock, Cyril James Clulow, Beryl Alice Parr, Edward Hambleton, William Augustine Rhead, Stefan Wladyslaw Davies, Kathleen Green, Peter James Chell, Arthur Thomas Naden.

Dear friends, "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). How has your life been enriched by Christ's accepting and approving love in the last seven days? Have you reached out to someone with Christ's love this week?

The Synod for a Synodal Church Last Sunday at the Vatican, Pope Francis opened the Synod of Bishops. A Synod is not an Ecclesiastical Parliament, it is a process of the people of God walking together in mutual respect for one another following a common cause or vision. The cause and vision of this Synod is YOU, the valued members of the Church, the pilgrim people of God. The topic of this synod is to discover what it means to be the Church in Leek in the twenty-first century. For Pope Francis there are three components to this Synod: first there is **communion**, when we value each other as brothers and sisters in Christ who are co-responsible for the life and mission of the Church; next there is **participation**, how we can, in our own situations, share our time, talent and treasure with each other in ways which enrich one another; and finally, **mission**, reaching out to those who do not know God and to those who have been disappointed by the Church. It is both a historic and an ambitious project with far reaching consequences. This weekend the Archbishop has sent a Pastoral Letter which will read at Mass about this Synod process.



Change of time for Mass on Saturday I am very grateful to you for your feedback about the change of time of Mass on Saturday. With effect from Saturday 6 November, the Saturday Mass in anticipation of the Sunday Obligation will be celebrated at 230pm.

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

Tuesday 2 November 10am Mass for All Souls' Day

Sunday 14 November 10am Mass for Remembrance Sunday. We want to have an act of remembrance after Mass at our memorial in the Avenue. A number of people have been generous to volunteer to knit poppies which will form a display along the railings by the roll of honour. If you can help knit more poppies, please be in contact with Fr Martin at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk...

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.

Great things happen when we work together Can you write to a Member of the House of Lords to stop Baroness Meacher's "Assisted Suicide Bill 2021".

Leek Food Bank I am asking for help: can you deliver the donations left in church to the Leek Food Bank? If you can volunteer for this, be able to come to the Presbytery on Friday mornings at 11am, and join the small team already doing this, please contact me at the Presbytery or send an email to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus Let's be caring and considerate towards one another in church. Please keep in mind that the person sitting in front of you or on the same bench may be either be or have a vulnerable relative at home, so let's continue with a spirit of charity.

- **At Mass** - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and, use of face coverings.
- **Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation** - weather permitting in the presbytery car park. 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 presbytery car park.
- **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

Thursday 21 October 630pm Bible Book Club: John's Gospel and the Sacraments. If you would like to join the online Bible Book Club, please send an email to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk
Friday 29 October 3pm Sweep and Clean
Saturday 30 / Sunday 31 October Solemnity of All Saints
Saturday 6 November 230pm Family Mass in church – please note new time for Mass.
Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday

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.

Collection for 9 / 10 Oct Gift Aid £210.00 Non GA £190.75 Donation £200.00 Total £600.75

Christmas Day meal co-ordinator For the past four years (except 2020!) there has been a Christmas Day Meal event for people on their own living in the Leek area which has taken place at Trinity Church Hall in Derby Street. In order for the meal to continue a new volunteer co-ordinator is needed. If you are part of a church in Leek or from the wider community, an individual or part of an organisation or group and feel called to take on this challenge then please do give it some thought. The retiring co-ordinator is more than happy to chat over how the past four events have been organised and answer any questions and share resources. She can be contacted via St Edward's Church Office on 01538 388134.

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