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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 16 May 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

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

Sunday 16 May

Public Mass and live-stream

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, World Communications Day

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Ps 102; 1 John 4: 11-16; John 17: 11-19

930am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish

4pm Live-stream – Rosary and Benediction

Monday 17 May

Live - stream Mass

Easter Feria

Acts 19: 1-8; Ps 67; John 16: 29-33

940am Rosary 10am Dennis Wilkes RIP

Tuesday 18 May

Live - stream Mass

Easter Feria

Acts 20: 17-27; Ps 67; John 17: 1-11

940am Rosary 10am Fr Paul Hughes

Wednesday 19 May

No live - stream today

Easter Feria

Acts 20: 28-38; Ps 67; John 17: 11-19

Thursday 20 May

Live-stream Mass

Easter Feria

Acts 22-30; 23: 6-11; Ps 15; John 17: 20-26

940am Rosary 10am Private Intention (R, P) (JA)

Friday 21 May

Live - stream Mass

Easter Feria: Online School Mass

Acts 25: 13-21; Ps 102; John 21: 15-19

940am Rosary 10am For Priests (FP)

Saturday 22 May

No live - stream today

Easter Feria

Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Ps 10; John 21: 20-25

Sunday 23 May

Public Mass and live-stream

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST, Day of Prayer for the Church

Acts 2: 1-11; Ps 103; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

930am Church open

10am Gary Leggett RIP

4pm Live-stream – Rosary 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 May

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers

Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Kenneth Oliver 16/5/1990

Iwan Johny Terluk 16/5/1994

Agnes Smith 16/5/1995

George O'Brien 17/5/1998

Agnes Sullivan 17/5/2011

Hilda Whitehouse 17/5/2011

George Roby 18/5/1939

Gilbert Hambleton 19/5/1980

Leonard Michael Barker 19/5/2001

Steven Thomas Allen 19/5/2002

Elizabeth Smith 19/5/2008

William Robert Whitton 19/5/2011

William John Stevenson (Bill) 19/5/2017

John Moss 20/5/1958

Angela Bird 20/5/1988

Annie Josephine Munday 21/5/1989

Carmel Brookes 22/5/1987

Josef Grzegorzec 22/5/1990

Panteley (Peter) Skuba 22/5/2018

Dear friends, my sincere thanks to everyone who helped with Thursday evening's Mass for the Ascension of the Lord. It was a great demonstration of our deep rooted Catholic faith. Let's keep this standard of being witnesses for the Lord in our town.

We have entered the last week of the Easter Season and by custom this period is marked by the Pentecost Novena. As Our Lady and the Apostles prayed together in the Upper Room, so the Church around the world is united in prayer before the great festival of Pentecost. Let's remain united and resolute!

Thank you so much for joining me everyday for the live-stream Rosary and Mass. It is a great reassurance that you are joining from home or work.

Month of May: Marathon of prayer to Our Lady to end the pandemic It is a long standing tradition during the month of May to honour Our Lady. This year, Pope Francis has asked all Catholics and shrines of Our Lady to dedicate this month to a marathon of prayer for an end to the pandemic. Each day of this month there will be a focus on a different national shrine of Our Lady together with a prayer intention. As we pray together during this week, we will be united in prayer with the following shrines and these intentions:

May 16	The Basilica of St. Mary's Cathedral (Australia)	For all victims of violence and human trafficking
May 17	The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (U.S.A.)	For all world leaders and for all heads of international organizations
May 18	Our Lady of Lourdes (France)	For all doctors and nurses
May 19	The Shrine of Mother Mary's House (Turkey)	For all people at war and for world peace
May 20	The Shrine of Our Lady of Charity of Copper (Cuba)	For all pharmacists and health care personnel
May 21	The Shrine of Our Lady of Nagasaki (Japan)	For all social workers
May 22	The Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat (Spain)	For all volunteers
May 23	The Shrine of Our Lady of Cap (Canada)	For all law enforcement and military personnel and for all firefighters

The Parish SVP Group The SVP Group has asked me to convey their thanks for the incredibly generous response to the Lenten appeal. The Group has recently arranged the delivery of 80 meals and other support within our parish. Thank you for your kind hearted support!

Easter Duties The Church introduced the Easter Duties so that everyone could benefit from the Spiritual Blessings which can be obtained from being at Mass, going to Confession and receiving Holy Communion. In the Archdiocese of Birmingham the period for making the Easter Duties is from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday. Due to the pandemic and the restrictions, the obligation to make the Easter Duties is suspended.

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. During this yearlong, let us use the Prayer of Pope Francis at the end of weekday Mass:

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.

Dates for your diary

Monday 17 May, 2021 630pm Faith for Families

Thursday 20 May, 2021 230pm Bible Book Club – we have recently started to read the books of the Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament. If you would like to join us, please send an email to Fr Martin at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Sunday 6 June, 2021 10am Family Mass with children in Year 3 and Year 4 preparing for First Holy Communion

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together: *Can you help with the opening of the church?* 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. We use this prayer during weekday Mass:

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.

Can you Gift Aid your weekly donation to St Mary's church? Our church building is in great need of significant structural maintenance this year, this will be a financial stretch and as such all donations made to St Mary's are as always very much appreciated.

If you have not joined the scheme, then please think about signing up for this. The scheme allows the parish to claim on your behalf a further 25% of your donations from the UK HMRC. For every £1 you give it is worth £1.25 to us. You are eligible as long as you pay UK tax and that you pay at least the amount we expect to claim each year. You can donate by cash or cheque in a weekly envelope we will provide, this is a very flexible option. Alternatively sign up to a regular standing order which you can amend or stop through your bank if you so wish. Please ask Marie Lawton (Gift Aid Administrator) or Fr Martin for a form and Marie will answer any questions you may have.

200 Club **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: "BRCDTR St Mary, Leek". One number for 12 months is £12. The more subscribers, the bigger the winnings! Please send your cheques to Fr Martin.

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 Gift Aid £91.55 Non Gift Aid £300.20 Total £391.75 Thank you for your kind generosity!

Edge@Alton is a brand new youth hub This is for the young people of our parish and several other parishes in the Staffordshire Moorlands in school years 6,7 and 8. The launch of the first monthly meeting being (appropriately!) on Pentecost Sunday, 23 May, as an activity day at Alton Castle. This first session will cost £10, but subsequent meetings will be £2. Meeting dates and activities are also planned for June and July. Each session must be booked and places are limited to 15 at this time. Meetings will take place outside and adhere to all current COVID-19 guidelines and requirements. Further information will be available soon.

CAFOD's response in India As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Laudato Si' Week 16- 25 May Pope Francis's encyclical, Laudato Si' of 2015 focused our attention on the care of our common home. Laudato Si' Week 2021, will be the crowning event of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion. For more information visit: <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin

