

**The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek**  
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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 17 June**      10am    Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Day for Life**  
*Exodus 19:2-6, Ps 99, Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8*  
6pm      Family Mass Mr Eric Arthur Duffin RIP

**Sunday 18 June**      10am    Mass Sue and Tony Ellis RIP  
4pm      Rosary and Benediction

**Monday 19 June**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
*2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Ps 97; Matthew 5:38-42*  
940am    Rosary 10am    Mass: Michael Wheatley RIP

**Tuesday 20 June**      **Memorial of St Alban, protomartyr of England**  
*2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Ps 145; Matthew 5:43-48*  
940am    Rosary 10am    Mass Donor’s Intention

**Wednesday 21 June**      **Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious**  
*2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Ps 111; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18*  
940am    Rosary 10am    Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

**Thursday 22 June**      **Feast of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, martyrs**  
*2 Maccabees 6:18, 21, 24-31; Ps 30; Matthew 24:4-13*  
940am    Rosary 10am    Mass For you, the People of the Parish

**Friday 23 June**      **Feria in Ordinary Time**  
*2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Ps 33; Matthew 6:19-23*  
130pm    Mass in School Marie Hulme 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Saturday 24 June**      10am    Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33*  
6pm      Mass with students from Painsley Catholic College: Rose Wollard RIP

**Sunday 25 June**      10am    Mass Janusz Szura - Zweierski  
4pm      Rosary and Benediction

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**The Pope’s Prayer Intention for June**      **For the abolition of torture.** We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**      Can you set aside one day each month to pray for Vocations? If so, could you sign the list at the back of church, please.

**Please pray for the sick** John Balay, Jenny Kirkham, Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, Janusz Szura.  
*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.*

**Please pray for the Faithful Departed**      We pray for the repose of the souls of Canon John Gunn and Fr Anthony Davies.

**Anniversaries for this week:** Alfred Bernard Trafford, Mary Gower, Paul Vigrass, Mary Beardmore, Mary Higgins, Kenneth Wilfred Mascurine, Jack Salt, Zygmunt Zaborowski, Ursula Thorley, George Edward Moran, Basil Dykes, Frederick Jackson

Dear friends, I am incredibly grateful to you for your support, messages, cards, prayers and food deliveries over the last few weeks. Thank you for making sure that the church was open and everything was in good order for the Sunday Masses and Eucharistic Services. This shows that we are truly a co-responsible parish! Thank you!

**Reassigned Mass intentions** The Mass intentions which would have been celebrated in church during this week will be reassigned to new days in the coming weeks.

**The parish pilgrimage to Knock** Four weeks ago, a group of ten travelled to the west of Ireland shrine. We had an uplifting time and the weather was superb. In August, 1879, a group of 22 parishioners in the remote parish witnessed an apparition of Our Lady, St Joseph, St John and the Lamb of God at the gable wall of their church. It was a blessing during a period of both social and political uncertainty for Ireland with added pressures caused by the potato famine. For those first witnesses and for pilgrims today, the shrine of Knock offers a message of hope: God is always close to his people. Today the shrine of Knock is both a Marian and a Eucharistic Shrine. During our trip we also visited the Fr Peyton Rosary centre at the Ox Mountains, the National Museum of Ireland, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, the National Famine Memorial and the town of Westport.

**Next Saturday, 24 June 6pm Mass with students from Painsley Catholic College and their families** As part of our Synodal priorities to reach out and encourage the young people who are students at Painsley Catholic College, next Saturday's Mass is for you! Young people will read and prepare the Bidding Prayers for next Saturday's Mass. If you are a student at Painsley or your child is, it will be great to see you! You will be most welcome!

**Ordinary Time: Ordinary Sundays** The season of Ordinary Time is the longest in the Church's liturgical calendar. There is a period of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent, and a second longer period following Pentecost and up to the end of November.

For us, Sunday is our weekly Holy Day. It is the weekly Easter when we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection and we gather together as the People of God to celebrate Mass which is the source and summit of our Christian living.

This year, the Church reads from Matthew's Gospel. Custom tells us that the author was Matthew the tax collector; we read about Jesus calling him in chapter 9 of the Gospel (Matthew 9:9)

One of the recurring themes of Matthew's Gospel is the closeness of Jesus. At the beginning of the Gospel, in the call of St Joseph, the angel tells St Joseph that Jesus will be known as Emmanuel, a name which means God is with us (see Matthew 1: 23). Jesus tells his disciples that even if there are two or three gathered in his name, he will be with them (see Matthew 18:20); and, at his Ascension, Jesus encourages the disciples that he is with them always (see Matthew 28:20)

**Archbishop Bernard needs your help with the Diocesan Vision** Archbishop Bernard's vision for our diocese is, "Our Vision is to be a Catholic Diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service to God and neighbour." The Archbishop wants to invite you to be part of the unfolding of his vision in three local meetings which will take place with parishioners from the parishes across our North Staffordshire Deanery at St Teresa's, Trent Vale. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 28 June at St Teresa's. The theme of this meeting will be, "My Commitment and Pray with Me". Two people have already offered to represent us. It doesn't mean that no one else can; it is a case of the more people from our parish at the meeting, the better!

**Sunday 2 July 2023 Annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford** If you would like to join the annual pilgrimage to Hednesford on 2 July, the fare for the coach will be £17 per person. Please take your own packed lunch and a chair for the open-air Mass. There is a list at the back of the church. Please sign up with a £5 deposit per person in an envelope and handed to Fr Martin or one of the stewards at the back of church.

**Leek Club Day 2023** The annual Leek Club Day will take place on Saturday 8 July. The organisers are looking for your help to with this year's celebration. There are a number of ways to help. Soon there will be a list for volunteers.

**Kenlem Youth Trust for the Archdiocese of Birmingham Summer Camp 7 – 13 August, 2023** The Summer Camp is for all young people aged year 7 - year 13. The camp week involves a range of exciting activities including a day at Alton Towers with its brand new roller coaster - 'The Curse of Alton Manor'. There is also messy games, a day trip to a secret venue, our camp live band, night prayer and daily Mass all with the Alton Castle Mission Team.

All young people will have a Summer Camp small group leader for the week to accompany them and enable young people to mix and make lots of new friends. The camp being based at Alton Castle, also means we will be making great use of the activities on site including biking, archery, and survival. Alongside this, summer camp provides spaces and times for prayer, adoration and for young Catholics to connect and gather together. For more information please visit: [kenlemyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp.html](http://kenlemyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp.html)

#### Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 19 June</b>	6.30pm Bible Book Club
<b>Thursday 22 June</b>	After Mass SVP Meeting                      4pm Parish Council Meeting at Painsley Catholic College
<b>Saturday 24 June</b>	11am Sweep and clean; 6pm Mass with Painsley students and families
<b>Saturday 1 July</b>	11am Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation
<b>Friday 14 July</b>	4pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting

#### Holy Days of Obligation

**Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, Martyrs**  
Wednesday 28 June 2pm Early Vigil Mass in church  
Thursday 29 June 7pm Mass in church

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Monday 14 August                      2pm Early Vigil Mass  
Tuesday 15 August                      7pm Mass in church

**All Saints:** Tuesday 31 October & Wednesday 1 November

#### Second collections

This weekend	17 -18 June	Day for Life	8 – 9 July	Sea Sunday, the Apostleship of the Sea
	1 – 2 July	Peter's Pence		

**Collection for last weekend** Gift Aid £111.00 Non Gift Aid £142.12                      £253.12 Thank you for kind generosity!

*Have a good week! With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin*