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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 September
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 8: 4-7; Ps 112; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke 16: 1-13

6pm Vigil Mass for Sunday, Christy Lambe RIP

Sunday 18 September
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am Josephine Delicata

Sacrament of Baptism after Mass

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 19 September
Public liturgy and live-stream

Feria in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 3: 27-34; Ps14; Luke 8: 16-18

9.40am Rosary 10am For you, the People of the Parish

Tuesday 20 September
Public liturgy and live-stream

Memorial of St Andrew Kim Taegön, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions, Martyrs

Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13; Ps118; Luke 8: 19-21

9.40am Rosary 10am Julie Rodney Kelly & Family Int.

Wednesday 21 September
Public liturgy

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13; Ps18; Matthew 9: 9-13

9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)

5pm Vigil and Reception for David Wright

Thursday 22 September
Public liturgy and live-stream

Feria in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11; Ps89; Luke 9: 7-9

10am Funeral Mass for David Wright

Friday 23 September

Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; Ps43; Luke 9: 18-22

1.30pm Mass will be at St Mary’s Academy, parents and parishioners may attend.

Saturday 24 September
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 6: 1, 4-7; Ps145; 1 Timothy 6: 11-16; Luke 16: 19-31

6pm Vigil Mass for Sunday, Christopher Rogers RIP

Sunday 25 September
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am Piotr Zwierski RIP

4pm Rosary and Benediction

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Parish Administrator
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The Pope’s Prayer Intention for September: For the abolition of the death penalty. *We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person may be legally abolished in every country.*

Please pray for the sick: Pam Webb, Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, 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.

Pray for the Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of David Wright and Fr Paul Devaney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The arrangements for David’s Funeral are: Reception and Vigil on Wednesday 21 September at 5pm and Funeral Mass on Thursday 22 September at 10am.

Anniversaries: Greville Edward Brittain; Michael George Rushton; Zita Mary Frith; Ada Frances Worthington; Sister Loyala Murray IBVM; Paul Heinz Wioblerski; Andrew St. John Bowyer; George William Hammond; Harriet Stubbs; Samuel Poultney; Alice Moss; Sister Philomena Ahern I.B.V.M.; Margaret Birch; Annie Grosvenor; Richard Anthony McCaldon; Eileen Owen; Thomas Gell; William Brian Smallwood; Anthony Ellis



Dear friends, this Sunday, the third Sunday of September, was until recently in England and Wales observed as Home Mission Sunday. From this weekend, it is to be known and observed as “Evangelii Gaudium Sunday”, literally the Joy of the Gospel Sunday. “Evangelii Gaudium” was the title of the first Papal document of Pope Francis and it begins in this way, “The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.” That is a positive and enthusiastic message! This gives us a great incentive to be part of the Church’s mission here in Leek and in our personal lives.

St Mary’s Calendar for 2023 I am delighted to announce that we have our very own calendar for 2023. The 2023 calendar includes some great photos of our church and will be a most fitting addition to your kitchens, home offices and as gifts to your relatives and friends. The calendars will be on sale after Mass priced just £5 – a very reasonable price for a quality product, with all money raised going to parish funds.

The Parish Visitation The opening meeting of the Parish Visitation will take place on Thursday, 22 September, at 7pm at Holy Trinity, Newcastle. Archbishop Bernard, Bishop Stephen and all the priests of the Deanery will be there. It is really

important that we have a good representation at this meeting. There may be some anxiety and concern ahead of the Visitation, but there is no need at all. We are part of Christ’s Church and the best response we can make as individuals and together is take up some responsibility and be part of the life and mission of our parish: supporting the celebration of Mass; committing to 5 minutes of prayer every day; and, sharing, time, talent and treasure: last year over 2000 hours of volunteering was recording in our parish. That is an amazing demonstration of responsibility. Over the weeks and months ahead, let’s pray for our parish. This prayer I share with you is used everyday at Weekday Mass and has a positive vision for us.

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.

Vacancy, Head of Safeguarding The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking a Head of Safeguarding. The post holder will manage the operations of the safeguarding team, who operate in accordance with the statutory framework and the Catholic Church’s safeguarding policies and procedures. Following a period of significant change and improvement, now is an exciting time for an experienced safeguarding professional to join this friendly and creative team to further develop and embed excellence in safeguarding practice. This will be a rewarding role for an experienced safeguarding professional. Closing date 3 October. To find out more, please go to www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs

Praying for the repose of the soul of HM Queen Elizabeth and for HM King Charles III. I share with you these prayers:

Almighty God,
You are the author and sustainer of all human life;
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,
whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these
lands may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life
promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and
power of your Spirit.

Prayer for HM King Charles III
O God, to whom every human power is subject,
Grant to your servant His Majesty the King
wisdom in the exercise of his high office,
so that, always revering to you and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve
for the people entrusted to his care
the freedom that comes from unity and peace.

Alton Castle – Youth Work Zoom Meeting 22 September Kenelm Youth Trust would like to invite you to an event. It’s the zoom launch to a new virtual youth leaders initiative called ‘Gathered’. It’s an exciting initiative that aims to bring together youth ministers, youth leaders, and anyone involved in ministry together, to give resources, bring awareness of events for our young people and for us, offer training and a space to grow together (and so much more). To sign up, go to <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/gathered-network.html> and complete the form

24 – 25 September Second Collection for Father Hudson’s Care This year’s annual parish collection for Father Hudson’s Care is on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September. The envelopes mean they can claim 25% Gift Aid on qualifying gifts at no additional cost to parishioners.

Tuesday 18 October: Deanery Station Mass We have been asked to host this Mass and are inviting parishioners from the neighbouring parishes. If you can help with stewarding and or tea and coffee after Mass, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Sunday 13 November: Remembrance Sunday Poppy display Following the great success of last year’s display of knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday, we are going to repeat the project this year with the hope a bigger and better and brighter display in the Avenue. If you can knit some bright red poppies following the same pattern as last year, please let us know by sending a message to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk. There are patterns available at the back of the church

Sunday Social We shall hold these on the following Sundays after 10am Mass. If you can help with setting up and clearing afterwards, please let us know at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk - Sunday 23 October, Sunday 27 November + 200 Club, Sunday 18 December + 200 Club

World Youth Day, 2023 The Kenelm Youth Trust are offering an exciting opportunity for young people aged 16-30 years to experience the Universal Church in Lisbon at the beginning of the school summer holidays next year. They have a limited number of places available for their pilgrimage group which will be participating in a full formation programme over the next 12 months as well as travelling together to Portugal at the end of July 2023, spending a week hosted by a Portuguese parish and then experiencing the full World Youth Day weekend programme in Lisbon with the thousands of other young international pilgrims. Full details can be found via an information pack on the Kenelm website: <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/wyd-lisbon-2023.html>. you require any further support please contact anna.howard@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Let’s be dynamic Catholics, let us:

- Be at Mass every Sunday: Sunday Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6pm and Sunday morning at 10am
- Go to Confession once a month: Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday 10am – 1030am or by making an appointment.
- Praying for 5 minutes every day
- Sharing our time and talent and treasure.

Being safe in church While there are no legal restrictions in place, we want to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. So we ask that:

- Use the hand sanitizer as you arrive at and leave the church.
- Please consider wearing a face covering while in church, as an act of charity to those who remain vulnerable or return home to vulnerable relatives.
- A number of benches still have cordons for those who wish to keep a physical distance and the church will be ventilated.

Dates for your diary
Monday 26 September Bible Book Club on Zoom 6.30pm
Friday 7 October CAFOD Family Fast Day
Tuesday 18 October 7pm Deanery Station Mass at St Mary’s

Holy Days of Obligation Tuesday 1 November All Saints’ Day
Second Collections This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Evangelisation
24/25 September Fr Hudson’s: The social care agency 23/24 October Missio
5/6 November Johnson Associates for sick and retired priests
19/20 November Catholic Youth Services 3/4 December Poor Parishes

Collection Non Gift Aid 145.39 Gift Aid £158.00 Total £303.39 Second Collection £127.85
With prayers and best wishes for you and your family. Fr Martin