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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 17 January 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

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

Sunday 17 January

Public Mass and live-stream
 Peace Day

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19; Ps 39; 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20; John 1: 35-42
 935am Church open
 10am Janusz Szura (Spec Int)
 4pm **Live-stream** - Rosary and Benediction

Monday 18 January

Octave of Christian Unity
 Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Hebrews 5: 1-10; Ps 109; Mark 2: 18-22
 940am Rosary 10am For you, the People of the Parish

Tuesday 19 January

Octave of Christian Unity
 Live - stream Mass

Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop

Romans 6: 17-19, 20-23; Ps 106; John 10: 11-15
 940am Rosary 10am Rose Clarke RIP

Wednesday 20 January

Day of St Joseph
 Octave of Christian Unity
 No Live-stream today

Memorial of St Sebastian, Martyr, Patron Saint of the Catholic War Veterans of the USA

Hebrews 7: 1-3, 15-17; Ps 109; Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday 21 January

Octave of Christian Unity
 Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

Hebrews 7: 25-8:6; Ps 39; Mark 3: 7-12
 940am Rosary 10am Harold & Mable Kelsall and family

Friday 22 January

Octave of Christian Unity
 Live - stream Mass

Memorial of St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr, protomartyr of Spain

Hebrews 8: 6-13; Ps 84; Mark 3: 13-19
 940am Rosary 10am Nancy and Don Brough

Saturday 23 January

Octave of Christian Unity
 No live-stream today

Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

Hebrews 9: 2-3, 11-14; Ps 46; Mark 3: 20-21

Sunday 24 January

Sunday of the Word of God
 Octave of Christian Unity
 Public Mass and live-stream

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Ps 24; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20
 935am Church open
 10am For you, the People of the Parish
 4pm **Live-stream** - Rosary and Benediction

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 Joan Floyd, Edward Walmsley, Chris Rea, Audrey Pointon, 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 January May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all

Please pray for Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of Shelia Syddall, Fr Pat Joyce and those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

Anniversaries

Paul Birch 17/1/1962
 Kathleen Greenwood 17/1/2017
 Mary Goodfellow 19/1/1988
 Henry Swietek 20/1/2002
 Alice Winifred Duffy 22/1/2008

Alice Watson 17/1/1976
 Edith Hambleton 18/1/1984
 Alexandra Duffy 20/1/1977
 Josef Jeremi 21/1/2003
 Claire Skerritt Stevens 23/1/2013
 Daniel Joseph Horgan 17/1/1979
 Vincent William Beetham 18/1/1999
 Teresa Gallagher 20/1/1980
 Zofia Dziurdzik 21/1/2014

Jadwiga (Jane) Drabott 17/1/2004
 Peter Noel Meharg 18/1/2004
 Rose Palin 20/1/1986
 Lily Cope 22/1/2002
 Lilian Clowes 23/1/2015

Dear friends, the Season of Lent will begin on Wednesday 17 February, Ash Wednesday. The word, "Lent" is an old English word for spring and that is a great way of appreciating this season of the Church's calendar: Lent is a season of growth, new beginning, as well as preparation for the ceremonies of Holy Week.

This year, let's have a positive, life-giving vision of the three traditional acts of Lent: prayer, fasting and charity. Did you know that it is easier to start a new habit than give up an old and bad habit?

Prayer – if you already have a routine of daily prayer, keep going! For Lent, pray for 5 minutes every day. You may wish to use this method:

- Find a time and place that will suit you and your daily routine, and begin by making the Sign of the Cross.
- Thank God – for your home, family and a blessing received
- Tell God – about someone who is unwell, someone alone, the chaos caused by the virus
- Ask God – to help you become the best version of yourself; ask him for the grace you need
- Complete your time of prayer with an Our Father and a Hail Mary.

Fasting – consider what you are going to "give-up" for Lent before Ash Wednesday. Don't just give up some food or some action, make a prayer out of the giving up. You could say, "Lord, I have chosen to give up chocolate or alcohol or arguing with my spouse or being uncharitable for this Lent and I make it a prayer for ...

- ... an end to the pandemic and the healing of those people living with COVID 19
- ... more vocations to the priesthood
- ... that social injustice and inequality will be ended
- ... for those who live alone in our parish

Charity – let's try this. When we work together, great things happen!

If every parishioner put aside £1 for each day of Lent that would be £40.

If 20 parishioners did this together that would raise £800! If 50 parishioners did this together that would raise £1000! If 100 parishioners gave £40 for Lent that would raise £4000! If we donate this to the Parish SVP Group – imagine the difference that would make! That would be a great work of mercy which we are all part of.



Online events this week

Sunday	Colour and Shape Children's Liturgy and Family Prayer video available on YouTube
Monday	630pm Faith for Families – please note the new time!
Thursday	230pm Bible Book Club – if you would like to join, please send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Dates for your diary

18 – 25 January incl	Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sunday 24 January	Sunday of the Word of God
Saturday 6 February	1230pm Early Vigil Mass
Thursday 11 February	930am online Mass from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, with Archbishop Bernard for Vocations to

the Priesthood. Please visit www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Wednesday 17 February Ash Wednesday, the Season of Lent. More details next week about Mass.

Look after yourself and each other! When we are part of a team each person is valued and everyone values each other. Let's keep that good example and act of witness.

- Keep in contact with your relatives and friends: call someone every day.
- Keep in contact with those who live alone, and not just the elderly: priests are encouraged to call another priest every day.
- Keep in touch through the Parish Facebook page
- Keep up with your daily prayers and routine
- Keep up with hobbies and pastimes
- Keep joining online Mass
- **STAY POSITIVE:**

The smallest gestures are most often the most appreciated and can make a world of difference. Let's remain untied and resolute. You are doing great!

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together: Can you help? *There is a great need for more volunteer helpers to assist with the opening of the church on Sunday for Mass.* Can you help? This will only be possible with **your** help! 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 that we will continue to be a place where we meet Christ in the Sacraments and each other. I ask you to use this prayer:

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.

200 Club – A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has sent their Subscriptions. New members are *ALWAYS* welcome: the more members, the bigger the prizes! Subscriptions run from January – December. Membership is £1 per month. Please send subscriptions, by cheque only. Please make cheques payable to "BRCDTR St Mary's Leek" and send them to Fr Martin at the presbytery.

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.

If you shop online, it is possible to donate to the parish through the Easy Fundraising initiative. A number of online stores including Amazon contribute to a named charity for each online purchase. Thank you to those who have started to do this.

Collection 3 Jan 21	Gift Aid £88.00	Loose cash £40.41	200 Club £82.00	Total £122.41
Collection 10 Jan 21	Gift Aid 128.20	Loose cash £43.52	200 Club £240.00	Total £411.72

Thank you for your kind generosity!

From today's Second Reading:

"Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God" (1Cor 6:19)

With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin