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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 18 April 2021

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

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

Sunday 18 April

Public Mass and live-stream

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 John 2: 1-5; Luke 24: 35-48

930am Church open

10am Joan Greenwood RIP

4pm Live-stream – Rosary and Benediction

Monday 19 April

Live - stream Mass

Easter Feria

Acts 6: 8-15; Ps 118; John 6: 22-29

940am Rosary 10am For Priests (FP)

Tuesday 20 April

Live - stream Mass

Easter Feria

Acts 7: 51-8:1; Ps 30; John 6: 30-35

940am Rosary 10am Joe and Audrey Pointon RIP

Wednesday 21 April

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Anslem, Bishop, the Father of Scholastic Theology:

“Faith seeks understanding”

Acts 8: 1-8; Ps 66; John 6: 35-40

Thursday 22 April

Live-stream Mass

Easter Feria

Acts 8: 26-40; Ps 65; John 6: 44-51

940am Rosary 10am Dec'd Priests of St Mary's Parish

Friday 23 April

Live - stream Mass

SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON SAINT OF ENGLAND: Online School Mass

Apocalypse 12: 10-12; Ps 125; Romans 8:35, 37-39; John 15: 18-21

940am Rosary 10am Special Intention (S&PB)

Saturday 24 April

No live - stream today

Easter Feria

Acts 9: 31-42; Ps 115; John 6: 60-69

Sunday 25 April

Public Mass and live-stream

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 4: 8-12; Ps 117; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18

930am Church open

10am Margaret Delicata

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 April

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even democracies in crisis.

Please pray for Faithful Departed

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

Anniversaries

Euhenia Elkowicz (Gienia) 18/4/2003

Charles Thorley 20/4/1980

Margaret Winifred Salt 24/4/1998

Dorothy May Sheldon 18/4/2006

Jack Morris Shufflebotham 20/4/1998

Susan Frances Ellis 24/4/2019

Dorothy Rose Forrester 18/4/2012

Margaret Edith Hoyland 20/4/1999

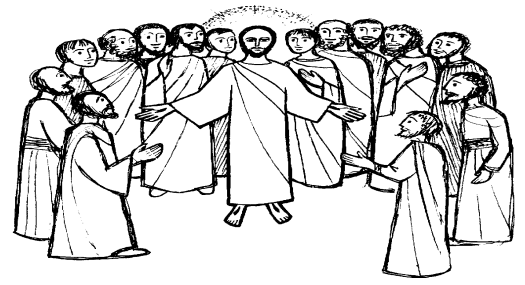
Hannah Pernice 19/4/1984

Lucy Moon 22/4/1994

Dear friends, we continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection on the Third Sunday of Easter. Today's Gospel reading is taken from Luke 24 which highlights the Risen Lord's presence in midst of his people and his call to us for a united and collaborative effort in our parish mission.

Thank you for your daily support of the online Rosary and weekday Mass. For me, it is a great support and reassurance to know that you are joining from home or work. One of the recent online Masses had over 1600 viewers: that's a brilliant congregation!

We have now implemented the 1metre plus social distance in church and it is possible to have over 100 people in church based on couples and families being at Mass. If you haven't been to church, please do come. We have to follow all the Government and Church regulations to ensure that everyone is safe. It will be great to see you back in church!



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 Parish SVP Group Great things happen when we work together! And a great thing has happened! Together as a parish we have raised over £1000 for our Parish SVP Group to support the lonely, isolated and elderly members of our parish with regular meals on wheels deliveries. Let's keep up this brilliant act of solidarity and support for each other. The SVP Group has asked me to pass on their thanks and gratitude to you for your generous support.

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:

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.

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers! I would be grateful for those Eucharistic Ministers who would take Holy Communion to parishioners at home to be in contact by telephone with the people that they visit. Many thanks!

Dates for your diary **Monday 19 April, 2021** 630pm Faith for Families

Thursday 22 April, 2021 230pm Bible Book Club

Tuesday 27 April, 2021 230pm Sweep and Clean – if you can help, please send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Sunday 2 May, 2021 10am Family Mass with children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 13 May, 2021 **Ascension Thursday** **6pm Mass in church and online.**

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

Ascension Thursday: Thursday 13 May, 2021 6pm Mass in church and online. If you can help with the stewarding and cleaning, please be in contact with Sue. I am very grateful to those who have already volunteered their help. Let's give a bold demonstration of our Catholic faith by celebrating this most important celebration together!

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 are a non UK tax payer and make regular donations, thank you! If you are a UK tax payer and already make regular donations through the gift aid scheme, then thank you!

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. We are about to start the new tax year in April so the timing is perfect. It is a simple thing to start. The information requested is minimal. We do not ask for any earnings or tax details. The data we do ask is private and confidential. 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

We are preparing for the next 200 Club Draw. If you have a number and haven't renewed your subscription, please do! Please make subscriptions by cheque only. Make cheques payable to "BRC DTR 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.

Sunday's collection: Gift Aid £135.00 Non Gift Aid £364.00 Total £499.00. Thank you for your kind generosity!

Fr Philip Newbold, Walk for Water – Fr Philip has been in contact to ask me to pass on his thanks to you for supporting his sponsored walk during Lent for the CAFOD Walk for Water campaign. With your amazing support, he has raised £3953!

New virtual Bethsaida training course

The Kenelm Youth Trust shall be running a virtual training course for those interested in or already involved in parish youth ministry beginning this Monday 19 April. Bethsaida is a dynamic series of 6 sessions, run in the evening, and which cover all aspects of creating and organising groups for young people in an engaging and safe way, particularly in response to current needs and conditions. An informative, inspiring, dynamic and prayerful course. To register your interest, or to find out more please email: anna.howard@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

St Chad's House, Leek

This Tuesday 20 April, 2021 Outside and limited to 6 people from 1130am – 1220pm Coffee, Cake & Chat and a second sitting from 1230pm – 130pm for Bring a Buttie. Booking is essential & places are limited so please phone to book a place tel 382483 or send an email to stchadleek@gmail.com

From today's Gospel reading, Jesus reassures the Apostles, "Peace be with you! ...

Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?" (Lk 24: 36, 38)

With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin