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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 18 July, 2021

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

Sunday 18 July

Public Mass and live-stream

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Ps 22; Ephesians 2: 13-18; Mark 6: 30-34

930am Church open

10am Kevin Oliver RIP

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

Monday 19 July

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Exodus 14: 5-18; Ex 15; Matthew 12: 38-42

940am Rosary

10am Rose Clarke RIP (F&M)

Tuesday 20 July

Live - stream Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Exodus 14: 21-15: 1; Ex 15; Matthew 12: 46-50

940am Rosary

10am Maurizio and Teresa Bonaccorsi RIP

Wednesday 21 July

No live - stream today

Feria in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15; Ps 77; Matthew 13: 1-9

Thursday 22 July

Live - stream Mass

Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3: 1-4; Ps 62; John 20: 1-2, 11-18

940am Rosary

10am For you, the People of the Parish

Friday 23 July

Live - stream Mass

Day of Prayer for Europe

Feast of St Bridget, One of the six Patron Saints of Europe

Galatians 2: 19-20; Ps 33; John 15: 1-8

940am Rosary

10am Patricia Friel RIP

Saturday 24 July

No live - stream today

Memorial of St Sharbel Makhluf, Monk

Exodus 24: 3-8; Ps 49; Matthew 13: 24-30

10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

Sunday 25 July

Public Mass and live-stream

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 4: 42-44; Ps 144; Ephesians 4: 1-6; John 6: 1-15

930am Church open

10am Fr John Burns RIP

4pm Live-stream: Rosary and Benediction

Confessions: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be celebrated in the Presbytery car park. Please wear a face covering!

Baptisms and Weddings

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, it is not possible to celebrate Funerals in our church at present.

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 July

passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and

Please pray for Faithful Departed

We pray for Fr John Burns, those who have died recently and due to Covid-19.

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Anniversaries

Sr Mercella Deegan IBM 18/7/1925

Mary Lydia Bridgett 22/7/2003

Lilian Frances Harasimow 23/7/2005

Margaret Pulham 24/7/2001

Zbigniew Turek 21/7/1995

Kathleen Mary Salt 22/7/2004

Stefan Salak 24/7/1990

Marion Hawkins 24/7/2006

Maria Britton 21/7/2017

Amelia Klara Chudyk 22/7/2017

Mary Washington 24/7/1990

Lancelot (Lance) William Gell 24/7/2007

Josephine Margaret Wright 21/7/2016

Dear friends, **Fr John Burns RIP** During the week, we received the sad news of the death of Fr John Burns who was Parish Priest in Leek from 1990 – 1996. He was a remarkable priest and I remember visiting him when he was Parish Priest in Hethe, Oxfordshire. He was ordained a priest on 19 July 1953. Initially, he was at Sacred Heart, Tunstall, before appointments to St Mary's, Warwick; Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge; here at Leek; and, latterly at Hethe before his retirement in 2014. Let's remember him in our prayers.



Alan, the Parish Administrator This week we said farewell to Alan, the parish administrator. He has sent a letter and has asked me to share it with you:

Dear Parishioners of St Mary's,
 Today is my final day as Parish administrator, a job which I have held since November 2018. I have had the pleasure to get to know a lot of you and it has been a privilege to compile the newsletter for you in that time. I hope that I didn't make too many mistakes? I have learned a lot from Fr Martin and from simply witnessing the faith and devotion of the parishioners that I have met and got to know. This made my job very easy, as it allowed me to serve the parish and all the volunteers in some small way. I would like to take this opportunity to send you all my thanks and very best wishes for the future, especially as we head, albeit slowly, towards a return to life as we knew it not too long ago!
 Alan

Marist Mission Appeal Today, we would have been hosting Brother John, a Marist Missionary based in Hull. Unfortunately, he is unable to be with us today. He asked me to share with you with the following about the work which is supported by your generous donations in today's appeal.

The founders of the Marists or the Society of Mary were priests from the diocese of Lyon, France. They believed that they were called to do "the Work of Mary" in imitation of her as the Lord's first and greatest disciple.

The first Marist mission was the Pacific Islands in 1836. Among this first group of missionaries was Fr Peter Chanel. His mission was initially a great success until one of the local tribal leaders grew hostile to the mission and began persecuting the missionaries. Fr Peter Chanel died for the faith on 28 April, 1841 and was Canonised in 1954 and today is recognised as the Protomartyr and Patron Saint of Oceania.

Today the Marists work in South America, Africa and Oceania and their apostolates include: educating street children in the Philippines and Senegal; running agricultural schools in the Pacific Islands; the formation of priests in Fiji, Brazil, Cameroon and the Philippines; and, support for Burmese refugees especially with healthcare and education.

Calling all Grandparents and <<Senior>> Parishioners! Next Sunday, 25 July will be the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. In his message for the day, Pope Francis writes to you with these words of encouragement: "Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others ... I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do so today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build ..."

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus At the time of printing, I have not received any updates for churches. I am keen that we, as a parish community, continue to show care and consideration to one another. As a reassurance to all those who come to Mass in church on Sunday morning, I consider it to be prudent and wise to continue as we have been and not to make any alterations to the routines which have been in place for a good number of months. So we continue with one public Mass on Sunday at 10am; NHS Track and Trace; sanitizing hands on entry and exit, use of face coverings for all in church, and good standard of cleaning after Mass.

I do encourage everyone to receive a vaccination when invited to do so. I would also encourage regular home testing. I have received both doses of the vaccine and I conduct two lateral flow tests each week as good citizenship and for personal reassurance.

Bibles for St Mary's Academy Your kind hearted response has been amazing! At present, we are able to buy a good number of Bibles for the children to use at school. Do you know and could you approach any small businesses which may wish to sponsor the purchase of these Bibles? Donations can be made by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to "BRC DTR St Mary's, Leek". Please mark the envelope Bibles for St Mary's and deliver to the presbytery.

Leek Food Bank Your generous response last weekend was amazing! During the week, a number items were taken to the Food Bank. There remains an urgent need for a number of items. *Donations can be left in the basket at the back of church on Sundays only.* Let's concentrate on collecting the following items: UHT milk cartons Savoury rice Pasta in sauce

Dates for your diary

Monday 19 July 630pm Faith for Families **Thursday 22 July** 630pm Bible Book Club
Sunday 25 July World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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: "BRC DTR St Mary, Leek". One number for 12 months is £12. The more subscribers, the bigger the winnings! Please send your cheques to Fr Martin. The last draw took place on Sunday 27 June and the winners have been informed!

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.

Thank you for your kind generosity!

Standing orders for June £1211.50

4 July	Gift Aid £125.00	Non Gift Aid £61.57	Total	£186.57	
11 July	Gift Aid £126.25	Non Gift Aid £106.30	Total	£232.55	Thank you for kind generosity!

From today's Gospel reading: "Jesus took pity on the people because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length." (Mk 6: 34)

Let's do all we can to stay safe and keep well. With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin