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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 19 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
2 Samuel 5: 1-3; Ps 121; Colossians 1: 12-20; Luke 23: 35-43
6pm Youth Sunday Mass, Intentions of Teresa (GC)

Sunday 20 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am Joe Clarke RIP
4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 21 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Apocalypse 14: 1-5; Ps 23; Luke 21: 1-4
7pm Mass for Deceased Relatives, Friends and Benefactors

Tuesday 22 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
Apocalypse 14: 14-19; Ps95; Luke 21: 5-11
9.40am Rosary 10am Holy Souls (HB)

Wednesday 23 November
Public liturgy

Feria in Ordinary Time
Apocalypse 15: 1-4; Ps97; Luke 21: 12-19
9.40am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (Eucharistic Service)

Thursday 24 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Apocalypse 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3, 9; Ps99; Luke 21: 20-28
9.40am Rosary 10am Maureen Evans RIP

Friday 25 November
Public liturgy at School

Feria in Ordinary Time
Apocalypse 20: 1-4, 11-21: 2; Ps 83; Luke 21: 29-33
1.30pm Mass will be at St Mary’s Academy. Parents and parishioners are welcome.

Saturday 26 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am to 10.30am Confessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 2: 1-5; Ps121; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 37-44
6pm Piotr Zwierski RIP

Sunday 27 November
Public liturgy and live-stream

10am For you, the People of the Parish
12.30pm Market Square, Leek: Blessing of the Crib
4pm Rosary and Benediction

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Parish Administrator
St Mary’s Catholic Academy
Painsley Catholic College, Cheadle
Safeguarding Rep

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The Pope’s Prayer Intention for November: For children who suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Please pray for the sick: 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 soul of Dorothy Frost. Dorothy’s Funeral Liturgy will take place on Thursday 8 December at 1130am, here at St Mary’s

Anniversaries: John Moss; Angela Bird; Annie Josephine Munday; Carmel Brookes; Josef Grzegorzec; Panteley (Peter) Skuba; John Gell; Angela Rose Bird; Lorraine Catherine Kaczorowski; Feliks Milaszkiwicz; Wilfred Charles (Bill) West; Joseph Ambrose Mernagh; Terence Alfred Bowyer; Christine Rose Davies; Mary Collier; Kathleen Anne Quirk; Stanislaw Naroloski



Dear friends, this Sunday the Church celebrates Christ the King. It is also observed as World Youth Day. As part of our Synodal Pathway, we identified reaching out to young people and their families as one of our top priorities. At Saturday evening's Mass, we welcome some of the amazing students from Painsley Catholic College who will be leading the music and singing as well as reading. Let's give them a warm welcome and encourage them to have a role in our parish.

The Season of Advent For Christians, Advent is New Year! Advent means "present". Christ is present. Christ is present in the Church, in our homes and in our lives. During this season, we prepare to celebrate Christmas and Christ being present among us. So, let's make the new resolution to live like Christ is present among us.

Let's encourage each other to ...

... **be at Mass** Saturday evening at 6pm and Sunday morning at 10am. For weekday Mass check the Parish Newsletter.

... **go to Confession** Saturday from 10am. If you can't make this, please contact Fr Martin at the presbytery.

... **pray for 5 minutes everyday** There are no rules about prayer. Set aside 5 minutes every day to be in God's presence.

- **The "Walk with Me" prayer books** are available in church – there is brief reflection for each day of Advent and Christmas. This year, the daily meditations are based on the Psalm at Mass.
- **Dynamic Catholic** has two Advent experiences this year to help you prepare for the Best Christmas Ever. Sign up and receive short, inspiring videos in your email inbox every day for free to help you focus on what makes Christmas important. www.dynamiccatholic.com
- **Bishop Robert Barron**, the Bishop of Winona-Rochester, USA, has a daily Bible Reflection based on the Mass readings. Sign up for free daily emails at www.wordonfire.org
- **The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney**, Australia, has launched a companion for the Sundays of Advent which can be downloaded free. Sign up at www.sydneycatholic.org

... **share your time, talent and treasure**

- Could you make a donation to help the parish SVP group reach out to lonely and isolated parishioners?
- Could you help the Leek Food Bank by donating one item of non-perishable food?
- Could you support CAFOD's World Gifts project? There are leaflets in church.
- Could you help with Sweep and Clean on Thursday 22 December after Mass?

A synodal parish in a synodal Church. Here is the next part of the article on **What is necessary for a good Confession?** The following are necessary for a good Confession: a diligent examination of conscience on sins committed since our last Confession; contrition, or repentance; confession, or the accusation of our sins before a priest; and the satisfaction, or penance, given by the confessor to the penitent to atone for the harm caused by our sins.

To examine our conscience, it helps to review the sins we have committed since our last confession in the light of the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, and the teachings of the Apostles.

Contrition consists of sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, because it offends God and other people; together with the resolution not to sin again.

IF EVER YOU FALL, MY SON, GO QUICKLY TO CONFESSION AND SEEK SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE. SHOW YOUR WOUND! – SO THAT IT GETS PROPERLY HEALED AND ALL POSSIBILITY OF INFECTION IS REMOVED, EVEN IF DOING THIS HURTS YOU AS MUCH AS HAVING AN OPERATION. THE FORGE, 192

Through the confession (or disclosure) of sins, man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church. All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret ... for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly.

Confession of all the sins we have committed shows true contrition and our desire for God's mercy. It is like a sick person showing his wound to the doctor so he can be healed.

Satisfaction or penance. Many sins wrong our neighbour. We must do what is possible in order to repair the harm (e.g., return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, pay compensation for injuries). Simple justice requires as much. But sin also injures and weakens the sinner himself, as well as his relationships with God and neighbour. Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused. Raised up from sin, the sinner must still recover his full spiritual health by doing something more to make amends for the sin: he must "make satisfaction for" or "expiate" his sins as instructed by the confessor. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1451, 1455, 1456, 1459)

The Archdiocese is recruiting for a new Director of Education Services The Archdiocese is seeking a visionary Director of Education Services to serve its 237 schools. Catholic Education is vital to the Archdiocese, which has placed young people and families at the heart of its vision. The schools will play a significant role in building even closer relationships and co-responsibility between parish, school and home. Applications end Monday 28 November. Visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs to find out more.

Edge at Alton Could you be an occasional volunteer? Can you offer to be an extra pair of hand at our sessions with young people from your parish and across the Staffordshire Moorlands? We promise you a few hours of faith and fun with about 15 (but this number is growing!) fabulous young people who are so keen to be able to meet and know themselves, one another and Christ better. Please contact us by emailing: edgeatalton@gmail.com

Christmas Raffle Raffle Tickets are available! We had a great response last weekend! We are raising money to repair the driveway to the presbytery. Can you take some tickets and sell them to your neighbours please? The draw will take place on Sunday 18 December.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 24 November	SVP Meeting after Mass 5pm Parish Council
Sunday 27 November	Sunday Social and 200 Club after Mass 12.30pm Blessing of the crib, Market Square
Thursday 22 December	Sweep and Clean after Mass

**Second Collection
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This weekend there will be a Second Collection for the **Catholic Youth Service**.
Gift Aid £114.00 Non-Gift Aid £89.11 Total £203.11
With prayers and best wishes for you and your family. Fr Martin