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Parish Newsletter for Sunday 19 July 2020
YEAR OF THE WORD: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

All the listings below are live-streamed on the parish Facebook page

Sunday 19 July

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Ps 85; Romans 8: 26-27; Matthew 13: 24-30

Public Mass & live stream

945am Church open

10am For you, the People of the Parish - Mass followed by church cleaning

4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 20 July

Feria in Ordinary Time

Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8; Ps 49; Matthew 12: 38-42

Live stream Mass

910am Rosary 930am Mary Szczotka RIP

Tuesday 21 July

Feria in Ordinary Time

Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps 84; Matthew 12: 46-50

Live stream Mass

910am Rosary 930am John James Allen RIP

Wednesday 22 July

Feast of St Mary Magdalene

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Ps 62; John 20: 1-2, 11-18

No live-stream today

Thursday 23 July

Feast of St Bridget, Patron of Europe

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

Day of Prayer for Europe

910am Rosary 930am Celebrant's Intention

Live stream Mass

Friday 24 July

Feria in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 3: 14-17; Jer 31; Matthew 13: 18-23

Live stream Mass

910am Rosary 930am Eric Mills RIP

Saturday 25 July

Feast of St James, Apostle

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Ps 125; Matthew 20: 20-28

Please note

Weather permitting 10am -1030am Confessions – in the presbytery car park

Inclement weather 940am Rosary 10am Mass Celebrant's Intention

Sunday 26 July

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12; Ps 118; Romans 8: 28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52

Public Mass & live stream

945am Church open

10am Ken and Ada Worthington

4pm Rosary and Benediction

The Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Matrimony - Please be in contact with the Parish Office.

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, Sheila Syddall, Andrew Clifford, David Wright and those who are in self-isolation and have been diagnosed with Covid-19.

Due to the 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

We pray that today's families maybe accompanied with love, respect and guidance

Please pray for the repose of the Faithful Departed

Covid-19.

We remember in our prayers at this time those who have died due to

Anniversaries

Zbigniew Turek 21/7/1995

Maria Britton 21/7/2017 Josephine Margaret Wright 21/7/2016 Mary Lydia Bridgett 22/7/2003

Kathleen Mary Salt 22/7/2004

Amelia Klara Chudyk 22/7/2017 Lilian Frances Harasimow 23/7/2005 Stefan Salak 24/7/1990

Mary Washington 24/7/1990

Margaret Pulham 24/7/2001 Marion Hawkins 24/7/2006

Lancelot (Lance) William Gell 24/7/2007

Muriel Heath 25/7/2006 Eric Mills 25/7/2007



Dear parishioners, **The church is open!** I am pleased to let you know that St Mary's will be open for Mass this Sunday morning; there will be no Saturday evening Masses until further notice. Weekday Masses will be available by the live-stream. Last weekend, the volunteers came to Mass and it was a great to welcome them to the church.

It is a very small, first step towards a regular pattern of Sunday Mass. The Sunday obligation remains suspended. I don't want anyone to be burdened by the thought that they are failing to fulfil this duty. You are not. Mass will continue to be live-streamed on the Parish Facebook page.

Mass at St Mary's

Things will be different for a while. Here are some of the things you need to know about Mass and the new guidelines with which we all have to comply.

- There is a one-way system in force along the avenue; maintain social distance.
- The church will open at 9.45am.
- The maximum capacity in church is 40; this includes a team of 10 volunteers.
- Sanitise your hands when entering the church.
- Please follow the stewards' instructions – there is a one-way system in church.
- There will be no access to toilets, choir loft, sacristy, Confessional.
- Use of face covering is compulsory at Mass if social distancing less than 2 metres.
- During Mass: there is no Holy Water; there will be no singing; no votive candles; there will be no physical sign of peace; at Holy Communion, follow the stewards' instructions.
- The collection will take place at the end of Mass.
- Sanitise your hands when leaving the church.
- All parish groups are suspended until further notice.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – "Confessions in the Car Park"

I am pleased to announce that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available this Saturday, 25 July, *weather permitting*, in the presbytery car park from 10am – 10.30am. If the weather is inclement, I will live-stream Mass at 10am.

- Please **DO NOT park** on the presbytery car park.
- Please wait by the presbytery gate – maintain social distancing.
- Penitent and priest will sit at right angles.
- If you wish, you may wear a face covering.

St Mary's: a parish Praying and Working together

Our Parish Working Together for the reopening of the church I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to be stewards and cleaners for the phased reopening of the church. If there are to be more public Masses, more people will be needed to help with being stewards and cleaners; this is part of the Guidance we have been given: after each public Mass, Baptism, Wedding and Funeral, the church is to be thoroughly cleaned. If you can help initially on Sundays either as a steward or as a cleaner, please send an email to me at the Parish Office, giving your name, telephone number, and role. The email address is stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk This information will be forwarded to our Parish Co-ordinator.

Our Parish Praying Together: a Parish Prayer

As we work together during this extraordinary time, I invite you to pray this prayer at home in your families, individually, and at Mass, we will use it as the conclusion to the Bidding Prayers.

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.

At Facebook Mass we can't have a collection

I would like to thank all those who have started to donate by or increase their standing orders. I would like to thank those who have donated via the "donate" button on the parish website. If you would like to donate by standing order, please send an email to the Parish Office at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk The envelopes for Gift Aid are now ready for collection at the back of the church. Thank you for your kind generosity!

THANK YOU!

I am very grateful to you for your generous response to the purchase of essential items of PPE and cleaning materials required for the cleaning and reopening of the church.

To the SVP and the KSC: A big THANK YOU!! I would like to thank the wonderful SVP and KSC for their telephone apostolates! It is great to know that you are keeping up your mission to befriend the elderly and isolated during this extraordinary time.

More good news! Church restoration project.

Last year, the first steps were taken to restore the High Altar which was removed during the 1990s. The original stones from the altar have been catalogued and plans have been prepared to rebuild the altar using the original stones, to create a tabernacle throne and gradine, and a new lectern. The carefully prepared plans aim at recapturing the original architect's intention to use the building to draw our attention towards the altar and tabernacle to focus on the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Since the Second Vatican Council during the 1960s, the priest celebrates Mass facing the congregation; the new altar has been designed with this in mind. The focus remains towards the altar and the tabernacle which will be accentuated by the reredos and the new gradine which will hold the 6 candlesticks and when appropriate, flowers. Together these will encourage our act of devotion towards the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament; the act of devotion we make is the genuflection. In this way, we acknowledge that the Lord is present truly, really and sacramentally present.

The carefully prepared plans have been submitted to the diocesan Historic Churches Committee and during the week the faculty was issued to conduct the work. Over the weeks and months ahead, this will be the focus for our work and prayer together with the continuing extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in at this time with the Coronavirus pandemic. Copies of the plans can be seen at the back of the church.

Online events **Monday 20 July** 7pm Faith for Families **Thursday 23 July** 230pm Bible Book Club
Saturday 18 July 4pm Afternoon tea - If you wish to join, please send an email to me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

Children's Liturgy at home I am delighted to let know about these online resources for Children's Liturgy. The videos are available on Facebook and YouTube. <https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdJNyn5xOrOB5634uplhCQg>

With best wishes, Fr Martin