

The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek
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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 2 October **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: “Mission Statement Sunday”**
Public Mass and live-stream *Genesis 2:18-24; Ps 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16*
5pm Church open
6pm Family Mass: Rose Clarke RIP

Sunday 3 October
Public Mass and live - stream 10am Janusz Szura (Special Intention)
4pm *Live- stream: Rosary and Benediction*

Monday 4 October **Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi**
Live - stream Mass *Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11; Jonah 2; Luke 10:25-37*
10am For you, the People of the Parish

Tuesday 5 October **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Public Mass and live – stream *Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 129; Luke 10:38-42*
930am Church open 10am Private Intention (GGC)

Wednesday 6 October **Feria in Ordinary Time**
No live - stream today *Jonah 4:1-11, Ps 85; Luke 11:1-4*

Thursday 7 October **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**
Public Mass and live – stream *Acts 1:12-14; Lk 1: Luke 1:26-38*
930am Church open 10am Christopher Rogers RIP

Friday 8 October **Feria in Ordinary Time**
No live – stream today Joel 1: 13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9; Luke 11: 15-26
Today’s Mass will be celebrated at St Mary’s Academy.

Saturday 9 October 10am to 10:30am Confessions, will be celebrated in the presbytery car park.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wisdom 7:7-11; Ps 89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30
Public Mass and live - stream 530pm Church open
6pm Mass with First Holy Communion: Special Intention (JA)

Sunday 10 October
Public Mass and live - stream 10am Christopher Rogers RIP
4pm *Live- stream: Rosary and Benediction*

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| Parish Priest St Mary’s Catholic Academy, Painsley Catholic College, Cheadle Safeguarding Rep | Fr Martin Pratt | tel 01538 382385 stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk |
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Please pray for the sick Chris Rea, 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 October - Missionary Disciples We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel

Please pray for Faithful Departed We pray for Rosemary Emery. We pray for those who have died recently and due to Covid-19. *Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the next of kin needs to be given.*

Anniversaries
Leonard Martin, Robert Prendergast, Patrick William Higgins, Mary Martina McGowan, Zbigniew (Bish) Lazowski, Charles Stuart Talks, Ann Van de Graaf, Ivy Catherine Woodings, Gordon Broadhurst, Ann Walmsley, Jonas Pretonis, Alan Boardman, Sister M de Sales Kelly I.B.V.M., Ellen Mary McDonough, Theresa Rushton, Roland Richardson, Patrick O’Donnell.



Dear friends, This weekend we observe Mission Statement Sunday. It is our vision to be a Catholic Parish being loved by Christ and loving like Christ just as it was his vision at the Last Supper when he said, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

To believe that we are loved, valued and respected by Christ means the world and can change our personal worlds. We have received that love frequently at Mass, at Confession, during a time of prayer and when we have shared our time and talent. Let's be aware that we are always loved, valued and respected by Christ; he never withdraws his love for us.

In response to Christ's love, we show how much it means to us personally when we extend Christian respect to each other. Having been enriched by Christ, let's enrich each other.

Receive Christ's respectful and dignified love. Show that deep rooted love to each other in ways which uphold and defend the belief that each person is a unique thought of God.

Today you will receive a Mission Statement card. Please keep it in a prominent place at home and pray for our parish every day.

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus We are a caring and considerate parish, I want to reassure everyone that we shall continue with the now well established routines which are keeping people safe and stopping the spread of the virus.

- **At Mass** - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and, use of face coverings.
- **Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation** - weather permitting in the presbytery car park. Bring a face covering.
- **Baptisms and Weddings** – please be in contact with Fr Martin.
- **The celebration of Christian Funerals** We shall have a gradual and phased reintroduction with the following routines:
NHS Track and Trace Use of hand sanitizer Social distancing Use of face coverings
Limit of 50 people A team of volunteer cleaners and stewards The organ cannot be used and no singing
- Unfortunately, the Polish Mass and face to face parish meetings remain suspended.

The Parish plan for the rest of the year:

- **Sunday Mass** Come back to Mass! Mass is the greatest act of worship which we can give to God. If you are feeling confident about being in church, please come along. It will be great to see you!
- **Monthly Confession!** It means the world to receive God's forgiveness and grace once each month to help become the best version of ourselves. Confessions are celebrated on Saturday morning between 10am and 1030am in the presbytery car park.
- **Pray for 5 minutes every day** Set some time aside each day to pray. Use your favourite prayer, read a favourite passage from the Bible or prayer; talk to God about your life and your family.
- **Share your time, talent and treasure** If you could help in our parish for an hour each week – it would make a world of difference! Could you help with our SVP Group? Do you have IT and / or typing skills? Can you help with Sweep & Clean and other maintenance jobs?

Can you support these events over the next few months?

- The Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion Masses. My thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help.
- Bible Book Club will restart on Thursday 14 October. We shall be reading St John's Gospel. If you would like to join, please let me know. Send an email to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk
- Sunday 14 November, 2021 will be Remembrance Sunday – we are planning to make a display of poppies for the Crucifix and memorial near the entrance to the church. Can you help with making knitted poppies? If you can help, please send an email to Fr Martin at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk

CAFOD's Climate Crisis appeal This weekend's second collection is supporting CAFOD's Season of Creation project. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impact of the climate crisis. CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home. You can donate on the CAFOD website or by using one of the CAFOD envelopes. Please collect your prayer card and flier from the back of the church.

Parish Administrator The Catholic Parish of St Mary, Leek, seeks to appoint a part-time Parish Administrator located at the Parish Office, Compton, Leek. 10 hours per week, Monday and Friday, paid at £10 per hour. For full details, please contact Fr Martin. Closing date for letters of application and current CV is Thursday 14 October, 2021. Applications to be sent to Fr Martin Pratt, St Mary's Presbytery, Compton, LEEK, ST13 5NH

Dates for your diary

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| Saturday 9 October | 6pm Mass and First Holy Communion – please be aware spaces will be limited. |
| Thursday 14 October | 630pm Bible Book Club: John's Gospel and the Sacraments. If you would like to join the online Bible Book Club, please send an email to stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk |
| Saturday 16 October | 6pm Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation – please be aware spaces will be limited. |
| Friday 29 October | 3pm Sweep and Clean |

Do you have a "Red Box"? At the moment, it is not possible for your Red Box to be collected or taken to church. You can send a cheque: make it payable to Mission Mill Hill and send it to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, LONDON SW1V 1NU

Kenelm Youth Trust Charity Gala on Saturday 16 October at 6pm For more details and booking please visit: <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/kenelm-gala-info.html>

John Bell at Trinity Church The hymn writer, broadcaster, author and member of the Iona Community will be speaking at Trinity Church, Derby Street, on Saturday 16 October at 230pm and 415pm. For more information, contact Trinity Church.

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.

Collection 25/26 Sept 21 Gift Aid £281.25 Non Gift Aid £110.42 Total £391.67

Last week's Second Collection for Fr Hudson's Care raised £224.45. Thank you for your kind hearted generosity.

Have a great week. With prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin