

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 20 November **SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:** *World Youth Day*
Daniel 7: 13-14, Ps 92, Apocalypse 1: 5-8, John 18: 33-37
Public Mass and live - stream 2pm Church open
230pm Anthony (Tony) Delicata RIP

Sunday 21 November
Public Mass and live - stream 10am For you, the People of the Parish
4pm *Live- stream: Rosary and Benediction*

Monday 22 November **Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**
Live - stream Mass *Daniel 1: 1-6, 8-20; Dan 3; Luke 21: 1-4*
10am Leanne Allen

Tuesday 23 November **Memorial of St Clement I, Martyr, Pope 88 to 99AD**
Public Mass and live – stream *Daniel 2: 31-45; Dan 3; Luke 21: 5-11*
930am Church open 10am Kathleen Greenwood RIP

Wednesday 24 November **Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Vietnamese Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**
No Mass today *Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dan 3; Luke 21: 12-19*
4pm Reception and Vigil of John Broun into the church

Thursday 25 November **Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria**
Due to restrictions, places are limited at this Funeral *Daniel 6: 12-28; Dan 3; Luke 21: 20-28*
930am Church open 10am Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of John Broun

Friday 26 November **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Live – stream today *Daniel 7: 2-14; Dan 3; Luke 21: 29-33*
Mass will be celebrated at St Mary’s Academy.

Saturday 27 November 10am to 1030am Confessions, will be celebrated in the church.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Public Mass and live - stream *Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Ps 24, 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4: 2, Luke 21: 25-28*
2pm Church open
230pm Marion Hawkins RIP

Sunday 28 November
Public Mass and live - stream 10am For you, the People of the Parish
4pm *Live- stream: Rosary and Benediction*

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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 November – People who Suffer from Depression We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Please pray for Faithful Departed We pray for the repose of the soul of John Broun, Marion Hawkins and 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

James Moss, Sister Bonaventure Quirke I.B.V.M., Talitha Rose Leigh (Tally), Patricia Loys Miners, Francis Evans, Alma Betty Millicent Healy, Florence Moss, Irena Grzegorzek, John Mountford, John Joyce, Gertrude Mary Donnelly, Donald Kirkby Brough, Mary Agnes Burgess, Mary Magdalene May, Edward Salt, Father Charles Eagle (PP 1924-1936), Tadeucz Bodgafurk, Beatrice Mary Robinson, Patricia Anne Upton, Patrick Doherty, Elizabeth Steele, Amy Chilcott, Evelyn Kwiatkowski

Dear friends, **this weekend the Church celebrates Christ the King.** It marks the final Sunday of the current Church Year; the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. The purpose of this celebration is draw our hearts and minds to acknowledge Christ in a society which often forgets or denies his authority and his values. This celebration was introduced in 1925 by Pope Pius XI following World War I when communism, secularism and atheism were on the rise. In today's Gospel reading, Christ courageously gives his testimony to Pontius Pilate and gives us courage to acknowledge Christ in the situations of our lives.

This year, Pope Francis has asked us to observe World Youth Day on this celebration of Christ the King. Usually, World Youth Day is celebrated in a large international gathering. For us, I have invited the children who have recently been Confirmed or received their First Holy Communion to be at Mass in church.



Two huge THANK YOUs First, to the 13 knitters who produced over 1000 poppies, the children in school for their presentation and those who helped to set up the display for Remembrance Sunday last weekend. And, to everyone who helped as stewards, organisers and singers at Thursday's Mass for those who have died during the pandemic; it was a great occasion when we welcomed eight families to church. I am incredibly grateful to you for your kind hearted support. You are doing an amazing job!

Pope Francis wants us to be a Synodal Parish The Pope wants us to walk together, focused on Christ and knowing that we are valued members of the Church each capable of making a contribution to its life and mission. Every parish in the Church is being asked to take part in this two-year process. Very soon I will give you a questionnaire to complete. There are no right or wrong answers. You can complete it individually or with family and friends. The purpose is that everyone knows you are a valued member of the Church and our parish.

Repairs to the church The repairs have restarted. During the week, masonry repairs have been taking place. On Monday, scaffolding will be put up to reach the rose window over the choir loft. This will take some time to set up and once established it will affect the light in the church. The works will continue into the new year and will make demands on us all, but they will ensure that our beautiful church is secure for a good number of years.

Step 4 of the Government's response to Coronavirus The current high number of infections in our postcode area, the number of vulnerable people attending Mass and the number of people who attend Mass and return home to vulnerable relatives, have deemed it necessary to continue with the cautious approach which is already in place.

- **At Mass** - we continue with NHS Track and Trace; sanitising hands; social distancing; and, use of face coverings. The Bishops of England and Wales continue to ask us to use these measures to keep everyone safe and prevent the spread of the virus.
- **Confession – the Sacrament of Reconciliation** - in the church narthex. 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.
- **Ventilation in church** Please keep in mind that ventilation is a proven way of reducing the spread of the virus. During all public Masses, the main door of the church and the internal doors will remain open. Please bring a coat!
- **Vaccines** If you are 12 -15 or over 50 you are eligible to receive either the first vaccine dose or a booster dose. Your doctor will be pleased to help you.
- **Volunteers** I am incredibly grateful to all our cleaners and stewards. They have kept the church open during this period. If you can help – even in a small way – it will be greatly appreciated. Please be in contact with me at stmary.leek@rcaob.org.uk
- **Are you hesitant about coming back to Sunday Mass?** Please know that you are most welcome to come to Mass on Tuesday at 10am.

The Season of Advent The Church's New Year season will begin next weekend. At the back of the Church there is an additional newsletter and Walk with Me prayer books and calendars.

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 church narthex or be in contact with Fr Martin directly.
- **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?

Dates for your diary

Monday 22 November	630pm Bible Book Club
Sunday 28 November	3pm In the Market Square – The Blessing of the Crib
	At All Saints Church – 630pm Advent Carols – please take your face covering.
Saturday 4 December	230pm Family Mass

Second Collections

Saturday 27 / Sunday 28 November	SVP
Saturday 4 / Sunday 5 December	Christmas flowers

Edge@Alton Will meet on Sunday 21 November at the Soli Centre in Alton from 3:30pm - 5:15pm. Young people from school year's 6,7 and 8 are invited to come along for fun, faith and friendship as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the first World Youth Sunday together. There is a small charge of £2 payable on the day to cover expenses. Please email edgeatulton@gmail.com for further information or to book a place at the session.

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.

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